

July 8, 1938.

Mr. Joseph H. Bennett,
20 Richards Street,
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Mr. Bennett:

The writer has been away from his office much since the April meeting of the Rules and Research Basketball group when we met in Chicago. As Director of the Department of Physical Education and Basketball Coach I find that my winter months are strenuous and entail my staying on the job almost continuously.

After the basketball season is over I took a swing over the country attending physical education conventions. We had meetings at Minneapolis, Pittsburg, Kansas, and Atlanta. And then commencement came along, and I made a tour of the state giving commencement addresses. Then came our enrollment for the Summer Session.

I am only mentioning these facts to you to endeavor to partially apologize for my failure to answer your letter sooner.

Concerning your basket, I might say that our group was not opposed to your basket any more than a number of other baskets that were coming through for an O.K. Mr. Tower presented your claims and your basket, and explained fully the mechanism. The committee discussed the advisability of each member placing one of the baskets in the gymnasium as a sample and trying it out. The problem of expense, of course, arose. The committee did not want to purchase them and they thought it was unfair to ask the individuals making the baskets to supply them because it was possible that some of these baskets would not be approved.

I do not believe there is any chance of the basket being approved before the next meeting of the Rules body and the Research Committee, which occurs next April. Mr. Tower explained that you were working on a small budget and that it would not be possible for you to furnish these baskets.

The summer time would not be the best time to install a pair of the baskets in the gymnasium, but at the beginning of the fall if you would desire to send a pair for trial purposes on the condition that if they were not approved they would be returned to you, I would be happy to receive them. Further, if they should meet with the approval of the committee they would be returned to you and not become our property, because I would not want to