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# NATIONAL BASKETBALL COMMITTEE of the UNITED STATES AND CANADA

## 1939 ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire is sent annually to representative basketball men in order that their views may be presented at the annual meeting of the National Committee. The Committee will be grateful if you will check these answers and RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE PROMPTLY to.....

The Committee Member or State Athletic Officer whose name appears above will send all replies received up to March 20th to the Secretary of the Committee, 11 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

### PART I. Concerning rule changes made last spring:

NOTE: Vote yes or no on general principle involved. Suggestions for slight modifications may be made in Part III or on back of sheet.

1. Is the rule which prohibits a substitution after a goal satisfactory? Yes. **1679** No. **345**.
2. Are length and number of time-outs and intermissions satisfactory? Yes. **1921** No. **81**.
3. The removal of the three-second limitation for player in the outer half of the circle without the ball has resulted in: (a) A better game. **1445**. (b) A worse game. **44**. (c) No noticeable difference. **542**.
4. Have you had direct experience with a court having the end line four feet behind the backboard? Yes. **645**. No. **1409**.

If the answer above is 'Yes', check the following:

- (a) Were there fewer out of bounds balls? Yes. **608** No. **68**.
- (b) Was the space often used for tries for goal? Yes. **281** No. **373**.
- (c) Was there less crowding after rebounds? Yes. **497** No. **163**.
- (d) Were visiting teams noticeably handicapped? Yes. **133** No. **536**.
- (e) Do you recommend encouraging use of the four-foot space? Yes. **581** No. **100**.

### PART II. Concerning general trend of game:

6. The present average total score for High School play is 55 points and for College 70 points. This is (a) About right. **1258** (b) Too low. **134**. (c) Too high. **592**.
7. (a) The interpretation of "travelling" rule is (1) About right. **1481**. (2) Too loose. **180**. (3) Too rigid. **283**. (b) Use of a zone defense is (1) About right. **1395**. (2) Too great. **439**. (c) Officiating in my locality is (1) About right. **1136** (2) Too loose. **583** (3) Too strict. **127**.
8. The most desirable color: (a) for court lines is black. **1485** red. **73** white. **261** broken black and white. **85**; (b) for fixtures which attach basket ring to backboard is black. **1495** white. **280**; (c) for ball is tan. **1446** white. **184**.
9. Do you favor conference experimentation with: (a) A smaller fan shaped backboard? Yes. **461** No. **1472**. (b) Basket without a backboard? Yes. **135** No. **1757**. (c) A basket ring 10 or 12 inches from the backboard? Yes. **206** No. **1705**.

- (d) A heavier basket ring? Yes. **446** No. **1474**.
- (e) A short metal chain basket net? Yes. **348** No. **1526**.

10. Is "face guarding" causing enough difficulty to warrant further restriction? Yes. **174** No. **1812**.

### PART III. Concerning rules for 1939-40:

11. Do you favor allowing the offended team to keep possession after: (a) a successful free throw following a deliberate personal foul? Yes. **835** No. **1131**; or (b) after any throw following a deliberate technical foul? Yes. **732** No. **1173**.
12. Do you favor a method of timing whereby the clock would be stopped each time the ball is dead (with proper shortening of periods)? Yes. **486** No. **1475**.
13. Do you favor a ball that bounces near the present: (a) Minimum 48". **547**; (b) Maximum 55". **101**; or (c) Median 52". **1148**?
14. Do you favor making it a violation when an unsuccessful free throw misses the ring even though it touches the backboard? Yes. **665** No. **1312**.
15. (Check this only if you are connected with College or Independent games) (a) College and Independent games should be played in 10-minute quarters. Yes. **218** No. **253**. (b) College conferences should be urged to experiment with baskets 12 feet above the floor. Yes. **98** No. **370**.
16. (Check this only if you are connected with Junior or Senior High School games) (a) Have you had actual experience with the 29" ball? Yes. **248** No. **895**. (b) Do you favor use of the 29" ball for Junior High School? Yes. **508** No. **422**. (c) Would you favor permitting optional use of a 29" ball for Senior High School play? Yes. **226** No. **863**.
17. Assuming that proper safeguards would be made against any sudden compulsory use of equipment whose use would involve considerable expense, do you favor permitting the optional use of: (a) A backboard with several inches removed from the lower edge? Yes. **652** No. **1097**. (b) A transparent backboard with small area behind basket painted white? Yes. **614** No. **1122**.
18. Deliberate pushing of a player in the act of throwing for goal should result in additional penalty for the unsportsmanlike phase of the foul? Yes. **1291** No. **583**.
19. Reverse side may be used for comments.

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Signed:.....(Coach.....) (Official.....) (Administrator.....) (Other.....)

Institution Represented: College..... High School..... Y. M. C. A..... Other.....

City..... State.....

*Serious Considerations*

*Tighten on offensive foul*

*49-54*

*Careful, Consideration on methods of timing. Reduction activity favorable comment on given this.*

*Grade School Ball Size 28 1/2?*

*Consideration*