

BASKETBALL INTERPRETATIONS OF THE BIG SIX CONFERENCE

I. General Suggestions:

- a. Officials should notify athletic authorities upon their arrival in town.
- b. Starting time of games will be as follows:
 - 1) Iowa State - 7:15 during the week; 7:30 on Fri. and Sat.
 - 2) Kansas - 7:30 p.m.
 - 3) Kansas State - 7:30 p.m.
 - 4) Oklahoma - 7:30 p.m.
 - 5) Missouri - 8:00 p.m.
 - 6) Nebraska - 8:00 p.m.
- c. The home team is to wear white uniforms. This includes shirt and pants. The visitors are to dress in their school colors.
- d. A copy of the official box score shall be mailed to the Secretary of the Big Six conference.
- e. The visiting team is to send to the home team at least eight days in advance of the game, the names and numbers of all players who will make the trip.
- f. Each school is to exchange with all others squad information primarily for pre-game publicity. This information should include number, name, position, height, weight, home town, year on the varsity, men lost by graduation, veteran letter men returning, and any team records which may add to newspaper interest.
- g. The type of ball used by each school is as follows:
 - 1) Iowa State - Rawlings Haismith Lace.
 - 2) Kansas - Wilson, Spalding and Rawlings, Lace.
 - 3) Kansas State -
 - 4) Missouri - Rawlings Haismith Lace.
 - 5) Nebraska - Wilson Laceless.
 - 6) Oklahoma - Rawlings Haismith Lace.
- h. The coaches have officially endorsed the Bask-O-Lite goals for the Big Six. If any school does not care to use these goals the home team will install regular goals when that team is playing there.

II. Rules Interpretations:

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To Missouri Valley coaches - -

Dear Fellow Coaches:

As chairman of the Fifth District National Collegiate Basketball Rules Committee, we are planning to have the open meeting, at 2 p.m. at the Hotel Kansas Citian, on Saturday, December 4,

Our Big Six coaches are meeting for their own conference interpretations meeting at 9 ~~a.m.~~ that morning. ~~The~~ Big Six group is very desirous of having a joint meeting with you Missouri Valley Conference coaches at 11 o'clock that morning, if agreeable to you.

Many of our conference schools are meeting members of your conference schools, and I think it would be a fine thing for both groups to get together for a short business and social meeting.

The Converse Rubber Shoe Company, ^{my} the Wilson Sports Goods Company, and Phillips "66" filmed a movie talkie basketball picture showing the different styles of play by a half dozen coaches in the country. I am of the opinion that it would be interesting for you to see it, if you have not already seen it.

I am endeavoring to arrange to have the picture shown at 12 o'clock. The film people say that it will take the better part of an hour to show the picture, so if you would like to see it I am sure that it could be arranged to be ~~put on~~ at the noon hour. ^{shown}

^{my} The film people are agreeable to show it to officials and coaches, but to no players. They claim it costs them \$35.00 to set the picture up and show it. They have stated that they would do this for us gratuitously at this meeting. The film will not be sold - it will only be rented. Mr. Frank Bangs, of Salina, Kansas, who is the agent for this state, dropped in the office the other day and stated that Chuck Taylor will have a film but he is starting out on the coast and working back this way.

My idea for a schedule that morning would be to eat an early breakfast, and then go through with our preliminaries, follow with the picture from 12 to 1:30, and then open up the regular session for the rules interpretation at 2 p.m.. We should finish by 3:30 that afternoon.

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Will you please write me and let me know if this sort of schedule would appeal to you. I will be very happy to have any suggestions, as well as your full cooperation.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Chairman, 5th Dist. . . etc.

Basketball Resilience Tests

The 1937-38 basketball rules will provide that the legality of a basketball will be determined by its bouncing reaction. A simple way to determine this reaction is to drop the ball from about head height and observe the percentage of rebound. This method has been in common use in connection with handball and tennis. It is a common practice for a handball player to test balls in this fashion before each contest. If the ball appears to have low rebounding qualities, it is thrown out.

In the case of a basketball, most of this testing must be done at the factory. Each ball manufacturer will test the ball to determine the air pressure at which the required reaction will be secured. The ball will then be stamped with the air pressure which will make the ball legal. As far as the school is concerned it will only be necessary for them to inflate the ball at the stamped pressure. However, if rough tests should be desired by any coach, he may make these tests by dropping a ball from a height of six feet and observing the height of the rebound.

In order to determine the optimum bouncing reaction extensive tests have recently been made. In these tests, balls made by various manufacturers were used. The general method was to arrange a

platform six feet above a solid wood floor. Each ball was then dropped a great number of times and the height of the rebound was measured. It is obvious that some spots on a ball have greater resilience than others. This is especially true of balls whose panels are sewed together. At the poles of such a ball there are five heavy seams which come together in a small circle. In addition there are four thicknesses of lining at such a circle. The mechanics of making the sewed ball are such that it is impossible to eliminate this deadening factor. Hence when a ball strikes on a pole, its bouncing reaction is considerably less than when it strikes on some other part of the surface. Likewise the ball is slightly deadened if it strikes on a seam. The spot of greatest resilience is the middle of a panel. Because of these facts it has been found that a considerable tolerance must be allowed between minimum and maximum resilience if balls of the sewed type are to remain legal. It will be noted that this tolerance is considerably less for the molded basketballs which have no heavy seams and which have no particular dead spot.

Data secured from one of these series of tests are shown in the following table:

TESTS TO DETERMINE RESILIENCE OF BASKETBALLS

	G1 Laced	S1 Laced	S2 Laceless	W1 Laced	W2 Laceless	G.W. Laced	D Laced	W1 Molded Comp.	S Molded	R Molded	W2 Molded Leather
(Resilience Percentage at 13 POUNDS PRESSURE)											
Minimum Rebound	60.5%	54.3%	52.9%	54.2%	54.2%	56.0%	61.5%	65.4%	71.0%	69.6%	63.9%
Maximum Rebound	64.7%	63.8%	59.8%	65.4%	58.2%	65.2%	65.5%	69.6%	72.1%	72.3%	64.2%
(Resilience Percentage at 10 POUNDS PRESSURE)											
Minimum Rebound								64.0%	71.0%	66.1%	59.4%
Maximum Rebound								66.1%	72.3%	68.1%	59.6%
(Resilience Percentage at 8 POUNDS PRESSURE)											
Minimum Rebound								57.0%	65.3%	64.0%	
Maximum Rebound								60.4%	68.1%	65.4%	

The above table should be interpreted as follows: When the G1 laced ball, listed in the first column, was inflated to 13 pounds pressure and dropped from a height of six feet it rebounded 60.5% of this height when it struck on its least resilient spot (probably a pole) and it rebounded 64.7% of this height when it struck on its most resilient spot. Another illustration is: When the W2 molded leather ball was inflated to 13 pounds pressure and was dropped from a height of six feet it rebounded 63.9% of that height when it struck on its spot of least resilience and it rebounded 64.2% when it struck on its spot of greatest resilience. When this same ball was inflated to a pressure of 10 pounds its bouncing reaction ranged from 59.4% to 59.6%.

It will be noted that the tolerance for the molded ball need not be greater than approximately one percent while the tolerance for the sewed ball must be 11 percent if present balls are to remain legal.

If it is assumed that the optimum resilience of a ball is approximately 60% most of the present sewed balls should be inflated at a pressure of approximately 12 pounds (at least less than 13) and the various types of molded balls should be inflated to a pressure ranging from approximately 7 pounds to 10 pounds.

Through these and similar tests the National Basketball Committee hopes to arrive at what is considered the best reaction of a ball. During the first year, the tolerance which will be permitted will be great in order that no present top grade official ball will be made illegal provided the proper air pressure is used. It is quite probable that this tolerance will be gradually reduced so that there will be a narrow range in the bouncing reaction regardless of the spot on which it happens to strike the floor or backboard.

It should be noted that in making a resilience test, if the ball is dropped from a height such that its lower surface is six feet above the floor, then the rebound should be measured to the lower surface. Probably the rules will deal in linear measure rather than percentages and for ease of testing these measurements may be made from the bottom of the ball when it is dropped and to the top of the ball on the rebound. This is because the height from which it is dropped is above the level of the eye and the rebound is always below the level of the eye. It would be easy to correlate such figures with the percentages given in the table above by merely adding 9 inches (the diameter of the ball) to the linear figures.

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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE

September 27, 1937

Mr. Hugh McDermott,
Basketball Coach,
University of Oklahoma,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Mr. Louis L. Henz,
Basketball Coach,
Iowa State College,
Ames, Iowa.

Mr. George Edwards,
Basketball Coach,
University of Missouri,
Columbia, Missouri.

Mr. Frank Root,
Basketball Coach,
Kansas State College,
Manhattan, Kansas.

Mr. H. W. Browne,
Basketball Coach,
University of Nebraska,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Contemporaries:

I note that Kansas State is listed to play Doane College, of Crete, Nebraska, at Manhattan on December 4th. We are hopeful that we can have a basketball coaches meeting which all the coaches will be able to attend.

Will each of you be good enough to send me your dates so that we can endeavor to set the Rules Interpretation meeting at the same time we have our Big Six Coaches meeting? The regular time for the directors and coaches meeting is the first Friday and Saturday in December which, this year, is December 3 and 4. We have always met on Saturday morning for the closed meeting, and the open meeting has always followed in the afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Would you gentlemen please express your preference? Would you rather meet Sunday morning, December 5, and follow the usual procedure? I desire this information so that I may convey it to Mr. George Veenker, the secretary of the Big Six Directors.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Chairman of Basketball Rules Committee,
Fifth District.

FGA:AH

September 27, 1937.

Mr. George Veenker,
Iowa State College,
Ames, Iowa.

Dear George:

Thank you for your good letter
of the 24th instant.

I note the Kansas Aggies have
a basketball game scheduled with Doane College on
December 4th at Manhattan.

I am wondering if it would not
be a good idea for me to write the coaches and see
how many will attend. It might be a good idea to
have the Big Six basketball coaches meet Sunday
morning and have the open meeting Sunday afternoon.
So if this is agreeable to you I will write all the
Big Six coaches and let you know at once.

My chief interest, of course,
is to make it convenient for all the Big Six coaches
and then to have our open meeting for the rules
immediately following the closed meeting with our
group. I will let you hear from me as early as
possible.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education.

IOWA STATE COLLEGE
OF AGRICULTURE AND MECHANIC ARTS
AMES, IOWA

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION
FOR MEN

September 24, 1937

Dr. F. C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

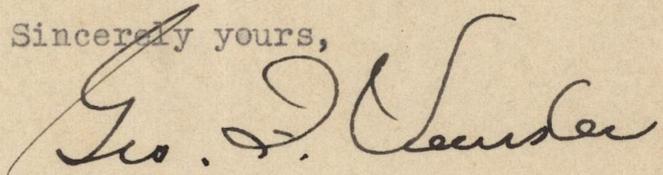
Dear Phog:

I am heartily in accord with all you say relative joining up with the Missouri Valley coaches on your basketball interpretation. The Big Six date, as you know, is set by our constitution which makes it December 3rd and 4th. My understanding is that Missouri is playing in Los Angeles the first Saturday after Thanksgiving, which is a week before this. I am sure that Faurot would have mentioned this if it had been any different.

We have not lined up our schedule for the two days in Kansas City but I do not see why it should deviate any from our previous arrangements. This has always adequately taken care of the Rules Interpretation meeting. I suggest that you advise me of the best time for your meeting and I am sure we can arrange our work to accommodate it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,



G. F. Veenker
Director of Athletics

GFV:JH

September 20, 1937.

Mr. George Veenker,
Director of Athletics,
Iowa State College,
Ames, Iowa.

Dear George:

I am wondering if you have announced the meeting time of the Big Six Conference Directors in December.

As chairman of the basketball rules committee of this collegiate district I am desirous of knowing your directors schedule so that we could set up our Big Six basketball coaches closed meeting prior to the open rules interpretation meeting which we hold annually after our Big Six coaches meeting.

I am also desirous of asking in the Missouri Valley coaches so that we could weld these two outfits a little closer together on interpretation. I think the other conference feels that since the Big Six has most of the rules committee assignments in football and basketball we rather leave them out in the cold.

If I am correct the meeting is generally the first Friday and Saturday in December, but since Missouri is playing in Los Angeles on that date I was wondering if the Missouri group would be in attendance, and if there is a possibility of postponing the date. I will thank you if you will give me your reactions to the matter so that I may plan with our Big Six basketball coaches that they in turn may confer with their Athletic Directors to discuss the rules and interpretations that we might agree upon.

Of course, I will see you when you come to town with your football team. From all reports

#2 - Mr. George Veenker.

the Aggies are doing a swell job of it. It will be a pleasure to visit with you and discuss the happenings of yesteryear.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Sept. 30, 1937

Dr. F. L. Allen,
Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Dr. Allen:
Like Frank Root I am tied up with a game Dec. 4 as our B team meets Westminster here. It is possible for me to be in K. C. that day but I would have to leave at 4:00 p. m. That would allow me to attend 90% of the meeting and is more convenient than a gathering Sunday, Dec. 5.

Frank probably could arrange to be with us on Dec. 4 with an early departure for home. I like a Saturday meeting best if all can be on hand, but if we cannot ^{meet} 100% except on Sunday Dec. 5, then I vote for Sunday.

Yours truly,
Geo. R. Edwards.

IOWA STATE COLLEGE
OF AGRICULTURE AND MECHANIC ARTS
AMES, IOWA

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION
FOR MEN

October 1, 1937

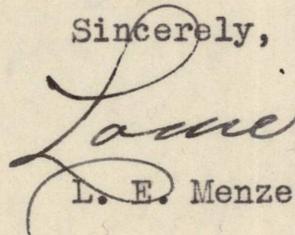
Dr. F. C. Allen
Department of Intercollegiate Athletics
The University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doc:

I have your letter of September 11th and as far as I am concerned I would prefer that the meeting be held Saturday morning, December 4th. We play Friday, December 3rd and Monday, December 6th. If the Saturday meeting cannot be agreed upon I would be glad to attend a Sunday meeting.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,


L. E. Menze

LEM:JH

October 5, 1937.

Mr. George Veenker,
Iowa State College,
Ames, Iowa.

Dear George:

We are settled on Saturday morning, December 4,
for the closed meeting of the Big Six Basketball Coaches.

Will you kindly provide a place for the six
coaches to assemble and discuss the rules on Saturday
morning? I imagine 9 or 9:30 would be the meeting time.
I have asked the coaches to express their preference.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the open meeting for
the rules discussion will take place. Last year we had
about 200 present at the meeting. I have in mind showing
some movies for the coaches prior to our rules discussion
and if we could have a room where we could show these
first, and then continue with our rules discussion it
would be fine. I will appreciate it if you will arrange
for this set-up.

I am hoping to see you when you come to Lawrence
with your boys on October 16.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education.

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
Lawrence, Kansas

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Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Contemporaries:

I have had letters from George Edwards, Louis Menz, and W. Harold Browne, and they all desire Saturday, December 4. So this will be the order of things so far as the rules meeting is concerned.

I believe at the last meeting George and Louis were chairman and secretary, and perhaps they would want to set what time the meeting should be called - either 9 or 10 o'clock for our closed meeting. Then if we could have a meeting with the Missouri Valley coaches at 11 or 11:30, say have luncheon together and discuss any differences of legislation of the two conferences, it would be a fine thing.

At 2 o'clock we could have the open meeting, with discussion.

Will not each of you coaches write me and let me know if this is agreeable?

I am writing directly to George Veenker, secretary of the Big Six Conference, asking that he provide a meeting place for us Saturday morning for our closed Big Six coaches meeting, and also a larger meeting place for Saturday afternoon for the open meeting.

I will thank you for your prompt reply.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman of Basketball Rules Committee,
Fifth District.

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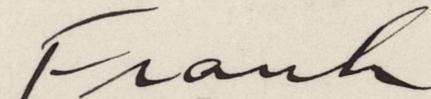
October 6, 1937

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Chairman of Basketball Rules Committee
Fifth District
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

Saturday December 4, will suit me fine as I can get home
in time for my game, which is at 7:30 o'clock. Unless I
hear from you otherwise, I will be on hand at 9:00 o'clock
Saturday morning, December 4.

Very truly yours,



Frank P. Root
Head Coach of Basketball

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The University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

October 8, 1937

Forrest C. Allen
Basketball Coach
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

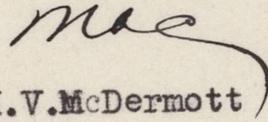
Dear Phog:

The program as outlined in your letter of October 5th is entirely alright with me.

The meeting with the Missouri Valley coaches is very much needed and should create a better spirit and understanding among the coaches of both conferences. Your idea is a good one.

With best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



H.V. McDermott

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FOR MEN

October 8, 1937

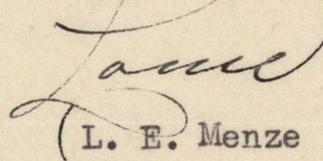
Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doc:

I believe your suggestion of October 5th is very good, that we have our closed meeting at 10 on Saturday, December 4th, the meeting with the Missouri Valley coaches at 11 and if we are not through have luncheon together, then at 2 hold the general meeting.

With best wishes and hoping everything is fine, I am

Sincerely,


L. E. Menze
Coach

LEM:JH

October 11, 1937.

Mr. Forrest O. Calvin,
215 Pershing Road,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Forrest:

I wrote Bob Russell suggesting that for the meeting of the National Collegiate Basketball Rules meeting, which will be held in Kansas City at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, December 4, we have a showing of this new film.

It happens that I am Fifth District Chairman of the National Rules body, and the interpretation of rules for coaches and officials is held at that time. The meeting will be under my direction and for that reason I would appreciate if your film company, or the powers that be, could fortuitously exhibit the film that day for the benefit of all those assembled.

The coaches that will be present that day will be basketball coaches of the Big Six and the other Missouri Valley conference coaches, Creighton, Tulsa, Drake, and so forth, and all the high school and college coaches of Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Colorado, and Dakota. That is our district. It may be that they will not all be here, but they are invited guests for that meeting. We generally have 200 to 250 in attendance.

If we could notify the officials and others early of this attraction I am very sure that we will have a large following out. That is the reason I wrote Bob, and Bob suggested that I write you.

The meetings are general held at the Hotel Kansas Citian. George Veenker, the Athletic Director of Iowa State College, is secretary of the Big Six directors, and he sets the meeting place. I will know about that in a few days, and will communicate that information to you. We could set a showing of the film at 2:30 p.m.

I would like to ask you just what time is required in the showing of the film. We could then make our schedule accordingly.

I, of course, hope to see the picture before it is shown in December. In the next week or ten days I will let you know what free dates I have so that I can run in and look the picture over. I am sure it is a dandy.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AE

Director of Physical Education.

October 11, 1937.

Mr. George Veenker,
Director of Athletics,
Iowa State College,
Ames, Iowa.

Dear George:

Thank you for your good letter of the 6th instant. I will doubtless see you Saturday morning and I will tell you what I have in mind for a little publicity from our end of the line toward boosting the basketball interpretation and officials meeting.

As I understand it, you will write to each member of the basketball officials group who are working conference games and ask them to be present. That will help a lot, George.

Congratulations on your fine showing against Nebraska. You really gave them a whale of a battle. I trust your boy Kisher's shoulder is not hurt too badly.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education.

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October 6, 1937

Dr. F. C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

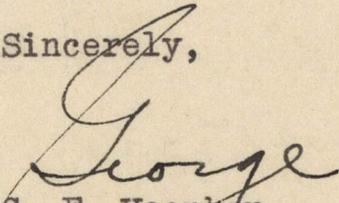
Dear Phog:

I will take care of the room arrangements as you suggest in your letter. I would like for you to get a little publicity out from your end in addition to what I can do from here.

I believe it also a wise move to notify every basketball official on our list of this meeting and will take care of same.

With best wishes, I remain

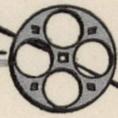
Sincerely,



G. F. Veenker
Director of Athletics

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

October 12, 1937

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":

I am quite certain that you can schedule your film for Saturday afternoon, December 4 at 2:30 p.m. However, this is not authentic because Bob Russell does have the complete control of these showings and we will have to get his permission.

Bob came through here yesterday and will now be in Texas for about two weeks, so you may not hear from him immediately.

If I were you, though, I would go ahead and schedule the picture, because I am quite certain that together we can make arrangements that will be satisfactory.

I am glad to know that you are very much interested in the picture and that you have been hearing some good reports. Let us know a couple of days in advance when you plan to come over and we shall put on a special preview for you.

Thanks for your letter.

Sincerely yours,

The CALVIN Co.

F. O. Calvin, Pres.

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