

September 14, 1937.

Mr. Marion H. Miller,  
Editor, "The Coach",  
Lowe & Campbell Athletic Goods Co.,  
1509 Baltimore Ave.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Marion:

I am rushing the draft of the basketball rule changes back to you for your attention.

I would suggest under Article 1 concerning elimination of center jump after field goal that a footnote mention that it is not necessary for the referee to handle the ball. Perhaps different conferences will make an interpretation on this rule to the effect that it is necessary for the referee to handle the ball, but the rules board suggested that it was not necessary.

Under Article 3 concerning the illegality of a defensive player to touch the ball with his hand while the ball is in the space formed by the cylinder above the basket, I believe it would also be helpful if you would mention in the second sentence of the third paragraph that this applies to the defensive player. In the second sentence you do not so state it, and there might be a misunderstanding that it applies to the offensive player. The offensive player, of course, may touch the ball while it is on the rim of the basket or even while it is above the cylinder of the basket.

I believe everything else is perfectly clear.

I am glad to know that you are planning to give "Better Basketball" a good send-off in an early issue of "The Coach", prior to its publication. It would please me if you would put some more pressure on the McGraw-Hill people who, I feel, are a little slow. The manuscript was sent to them July 5, and as far as I am concerned I thought that sixty days would be time enough, but it looks like it may be ninety days, and that seems like a long time to me. I appreciate your cooperation.