

B B Rules

July 23, 1941.

Mr. Valentine Lents,
U. S. Military Academy,
West Point, New York.

Dear Val:

I am writing you pursuant to your mimeographed request of some time ago concerning the fan shaped backboard.

I might say that I had nothing to do with the fan shaped backboard aside from sitting in committee meetings and hearing it discussed at the beginning. The fan shaped backboard was promoted by the National High School Federation.

However, I want to say that I have tried it out and I have been extremely favorable to the board. Our Big Six Conference used it last year, and instead of cutting down the scoring it increases it. It adds nearly fifty per cent visibility for spectators who are behind the basket, and for those courts in which seats are located at the ends of the court it opens up the entire field to these people for both baskets due to the arch cutting away under the backboard. We do not have people sitting at the ends of our court, therefore it does not affect us either way. But it gives the shooter much more liberty and presents an agile, versatile player with the ball many advantages to score that the old board did not.

In passing for an out of bounds into the court that lower point of the backboard which interfered with so many pass-ins is eliminated. So from every standpoint I favor the board.

You will understand that glass backboards are prohibited unless they are painted white. That destroys the glass backboard's usefulness. There is not a glass backboard in the west outside of the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium, and they are not used in college play. They have a municipal league that uses them, but there are no college teams that use them in the west. Glass backboards were used out here from 1906 to 1910 or 1912, then they were out and nobody used them. Only places like Madison Square and the municipal auditorium in Philadelphia and the Chicago Coliseum are they used. Personally, I do not believe that the glass backboard will find any favor in this part of the country, and on the other hand the small fan shaped backboard will constantly grow in favor.

I have laid aside your questionnaire until I could have time to study it due to so many out of town activities. I find attached to your questionnaire another questionnaire on training and conditioning of college basketball players. Is this yours, or is it a questionnaire from another source that might have become attached to yours? Will you kindly let me know, and if it is yours I will fill it out. If it is not, I have no means of identifying it and I will relegate it to the wastebasket.

With all good wishes to you and your co-laborers,
I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.
FCA:AH

TO THE
COLLEGE BASKETBALL COACHES OF AMERICA

From The
Eastern College Basketball
Coaches Association

In an effort to obtain completely accurate data as to coaches' preferences in such vital items of playing equipment as backboards and balls, this questionnaire is being mailed to every college basketball coach in the country.

The National Basketball Rules Committee recently urged rapid transition to the patented fan-shaped backboard and moulded ball with a view to making these implements the sole official equipment in the near future.

This questionnaire is for no other purpose than to determine whether such a radical and hasty change is desirable, and whether it is in accord with the wishes of a majority of the college coaches.

Information compiled from the questionnaire will be submitted to the board of directors of the National Association of Basketball Coaches and to the National Basketball Rules Committee for their guidance.

Please fill out the questionnaire and mail it to me at your earliest convenience.

Cordially yours,



Valentine Lentz
U.S. Military Academy
President, Eastern College
Basketball Coaches Ass'n.

PLEASE BE PROMPT

March 1, 1938.

Mr. Oswald Tower,
Andover, Mass.

Dear Os:

In the Big Six Conference here we have what is known as the double referee system. However, I see a weakness in the system as it is operating here. The officials work the whole game for one team.

In other words, referee A works under Kansas' offensive basket the first half and when the teams change goals referee A works under Kansas' offensive basket the second half. I maintain that it would be better if referee A worked under Kansas' basket the first half and under Missouri's basket the second half. This to apply to both officials.

Here is the point that I make. If you have a corking good official in the game and a very much weaker one assisting him, then the team that has the strong official gets the better officiating, and the team that has the weaker official gets the poor officiating. Now, if these officials would alternate teams and not baskets for each half, then the best would be divided equally and the poorest service would be divided equally.

I would like to know what you think about this because I desire to present it to the coaches meeting for consideration, and possibly to the rules body for discussion.

Hoping to see you in the near future in Chicago, I am,
with kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

CHANGES IN THE BASKETBALL RULES - 1941-42

- Rule 2. The fan-shaped backboard has been adopted as the official backboard. General specifications are given in this Rule.
- Rule 4. Section 1, Note 2 --The molded type of ball is recommended because of its superiority to other types with respect to shape, reaction and durability.
- Rule 5. Section 3 --It is legal to make a substitution whenever the ball is dead. The effect of this change is to make it possible for a substitute to enter the game after a field goal. In other respects the substitution rule is the same as it was last year.
- Rule 8. Section 5; Rule 13 --Sections 6 and 7 --These sections have been modified to clarify the procedure when a foul by one team is followed before time is in by another foul by either team. One change should be noted: if a personal foul is followed before time is in by a technical foul by the same team, the throw for the technical foul is attempted last; that is, free throws are attempted in the order in which the fouls are called.
- Rule 10. Section 1 and Note --This section has been amplified and includes some of the provisions formerly found in Rule 7, Section 2. The first Note describes the use of the three-foot restraining line when the space out-of-bounds is limited and if a restraining line has not been drawn, an imaginary line should be used.
- Rule 14. Section 11 --The three-seconds lane restriction applies only to that part of the free throw lane between the free throw line and the end line. If a player is touching the free throw line while the ball is in play and in control of his team he is subject to this restriction; but if he is touching the floor only in the outer half of the circle, with or without the ball, he is not subject to it.
- Rule 15. Section 2 --Several specific acts of unsportsmanlike conduct are listed in this section.
- Rule 15. Section 11, Penalty --The wording and structure of (b), (c) and (d) have been changed slightly.

November 2nd, 1938

To Members,
National Basketball Committee:

If the other members of the National Basketball Committee are as nearly up to their ears in details connected with preparations for the current basketball season as is the secretary, they may be interested in some rules comments in a form convenient for use in any meetings which the members may be called upon to conduct. In connection with my regular work in this state, it has been necessary for me to make up some comments on the rules. Some of them are merely routine but also some of them have been dug out and boiled down through the sweat of the brow and the burning of midnight oil. It occurs to me that some of the material might be appreciated by other members of the committee. For this reason I am sending it under separate cover, not because it is anything in the nature of a masterpiece but because it may save some time for members of the committee who will be called upon to discuss the rules.

The material is in the October and November issues of the Illinois High School Athlete which are coming under separate cover. I suggest that you refer to pages 17 to 19 and 20 to 22 in the October issue and pages 34 to 37 and page 39 of the November issue.

Some of the material in connection with the experimental work was made up after consultation with Mr. Allen, chairman of the Research Committee. Other members of the committee can be of assistance if they will give some attention to this experimental work. Quite a number of schools in this locality have already provided for experiments along the lines of those designated.

Yours truly,

N. U. Porter

Secretary

HVP/J

Lawrence, Kansas
September 27, 1938

Dr. John Brown,
347 Madison Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Brown:

In reply to your good letter of the 21st instant I am mailing you five questions based on the new rules which I feel are all fundamental questions. Perhaps these have been covered by others who have written in, but I am trusting that some of them will not be repeaters.

With all good wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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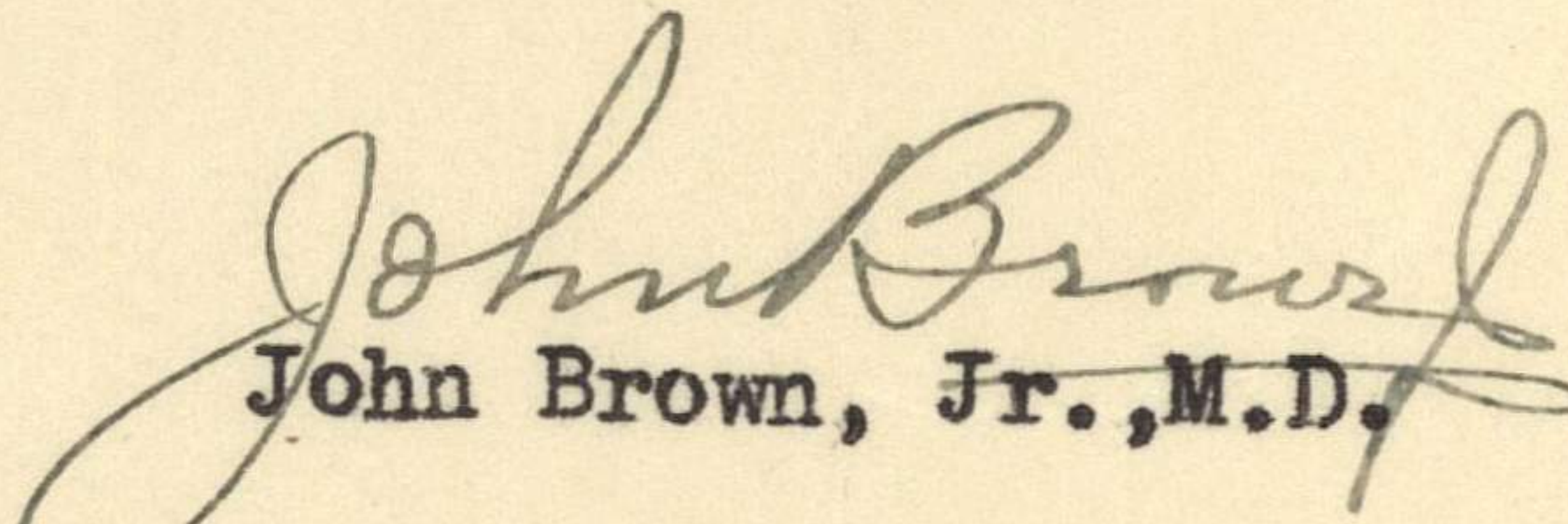
Dear Dr. Allen:

It is time to set up the first basketball examination of the season for distribution among the officials, and I need your help.

Will you please send me five questions, based on the new rules, that I may submit to Oswald Tower for his compilation of the examination. Do not use "tricky" questions.

May I have these at an early date? Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

Cordially yours,


John Brown, Jr., M.D.

JBjrGS.

1. Please explain the new markings on the basketball court as they apply in their relationship to the end line and the basket. Is this change optional or mandatory?
2. Please explain the exception concerning the new rule on no substitution after a field goal.
3. Please designate the locations on the court at which all jump balls are put in play.
4. What is necessary for a college team desiring to play in quarters to do to accomplish their purpose? What is the length of intermission between the first two quarters and the second two quarters?
5. Please explain the new three second rule as it applies to non-possession as well as to possession of the ball in the free throw circle when the player stands in the outer half of his free throw circle.

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II Please explain the ^{exception concerning the} new rule on no substitution after a field goal.

III Please designate the locations on the court at which all jump balls are put in play?

IV What is necessary for a college team desiring to play in quarters to do to accomplish their purpose? B. What is the length of intermission between the first two quarters and the second two quarters?

V Please explain the new three second rule as it applies to new-possession as well as to possession of the ball in the free throw circle when the player stands in the outer half of this free throw circle.

Lawrence, Kansas
September 27, 1938

Mr. Oswald Tower,
Andover, Mass.

Dear Mr. Tower:

I wonder if you would be kind enough to send me three or four extra copies of the printed changes in the Basketball Rules which go into effect in the 1938-39 season. I shall appreciate it if you can do this for me.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

NATIONAL BASKETBALL COMMITTEE

of the UNITED STATES and CANADA

The following is a synopsis of the changes in the Basketball Rules which will go into effect in the season 1938-9.

1. End lines may be four feet, instead of two feet, behind the face of the backboards. This is an optional change for those who desire to adopt it and whose courts will permit it.
2. For players below senior high school age the minimum circumference of the ball is to be 29 inches. For older players the minimum circumference continues to be $29\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The maximum circumference for all balls is to be 30 inches instead of $30\frac{1}{4}$ inches.
3. Substitutions are not to be permitted in the interval following a goal and putting the ball into play from out of bounds unless a charged time-out or time-out for injury has been declared. It is still legal, however, for either team to take a charged time-out after a goal.
4. By agreement between teams, or by league or conference ruling, games between teams above the high school age may be played in quarters. The intermission between the first two quarters, the second two quarters, and prior to each overtime period, is to be two minutes. This applies to all games which are played in quarters. By mutual agreement, in games between teams of high school age and younger, an official's time-out may be taken in the second and fourth quarter provided there has not been a time-out for either team during the first four minutes of that quarter. This time-out is to be taken the first time the ball is dead after four minutes have expired, and is to be of two minutes duration.
5. In games between teams of high school age and younger, the "sudden death" method of deciding tie games is to be applied to the first overtime period. The intermission prior to this period is to be two minutes, during which teams may not leave the court. The first team to score two points in the first overtime period wins the game. If neither team scores two points, but if one team has scored one point by the end of the three-minute overtime period, that team wins the game. If neither team scores in the first overtime period, additional periods may be played under the same conditions.
6. All jump balls must take place at least six feet from the nearest boundary line; that is, the jump ball rule applied to the side-lines last year now applies also to the end-lines.
7. The rule which forbids a player to be in his free throw lane for more than three seconds is not to apply to a player who is in the half of his free throw circle nearer the center provided he does not have possession of the ball. In other words, a player without the ball may stand in the outer half of his free throw circle indefinitely, but as soon as he gets the ball he is subject to the three-seconds rule. If he is touching the free throw line he is not in the outer half of the circle.
8. All teams may take five charged time-out periods and they are to be notified by an official when they have taken their fifth time-out. Additional time-outs may be taken at the expense of a technical foul for each time-out, and these may be taken even though there is no injury or other emergency. Failure of an official to notify a team that it has taken its fifth time-out does not prevent calling a foul if a sixth time-out is taken.
9. If a player in possession of the ball is touching or straddling the division line he is to be considered in the back court regardless of the direction from which the ball comes to him. If he dribbles the ball from the back court, the ten-seconds count continues as long as he is touching the floor on or behind the line. If he dribbles the ball from the front court, he is considered to be in the back court as soon as he touches or straddles the line, just as last year. If he receives a pass while touching or straddling the line, the foregoing applies in the same way. Under this new ruling there is one fact to bear in mind: *on the line is in the back court.*
10. If the ball is in the air on a try for goal when the signal sounds to end a period, subsequent touching of the ball by a teammate of the thrower nullifies the goal; but if such touching is done by a defensive player, the goal counts if made.

Prepared for the National Basketball Committee by Oswald Tower, Editor.

Andover, Massachusetts, April 25, 1938.

BASKETBALL RULES CHANGES

Enacted at Chicago, Illinois, April 5-6, 1938

Compiled by Frank P. Maguire

Member, Rules Committee

This is only a preliminary synopsis of the most significant revisions and changes in the basketball rules for 1938-1939.

No attempt has been made to properly word any of the revisions or changes. For the Official context consult your rule book when issued.

1. The Rules Committee voted to legalize a court marking which will place the end lines four feet behind the plane of the backboard for those who have the space and inclination to use such markings. The four-foot space is not to be procured by moving the backboards in, unless the floor is now larger than minimum dimension.
2. The tolerance between the minimum and maximum size of the ball has been reduced from $\frac{3}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ of an inch. It was voted to make the size specifications for basketballs as follows: Minimum circumference 29 inches for participants below senior high school age and 29 1/2 inches for others; maximum circumference 30 inches.
3. No substitution will be permitted during the interval which follows a score unless there is a charged time out or a time out for an injury. This is intended to correct an annoying practice of last season.
4. It was voted that in case the ball is in the air on a try for goal when the gun sounds to end a period, subsequent touching of the ball by a teammate of the thrower will constitute the end of the play. However, such touching or deflecting by a defensive player will not nullify a goal which may be scored following the touching.
5. By mutual agreement between college teams or by conference or league ruling any college game may be played in quarters. In such cases the administration will be the same as that which is now prescribed for high school games.
6. In games between contestants below college age a referee's time-out of two minutes may be provided in the second and fourth quarter. This time-out will be taken the first time the ball is dead after four minutes of the quarter have expired and provided there has been no charged time-out to either team during the first four minutes of the quarter.
7. It was ruled that the intermissions between quarters and prior to any overtime period shall be two minutes. High School teams will retain the five minute rest period before an overtime period.
8. It was voted to authorize the editorial committee to redraft Rule 8, Section 8, dealing with the center line, and, if possible, to base it on the assumption that the division line is always in a team's own back court. The new interpretation will be more in harmony with the interpretation during the 1936-1937 season.
9. It was decided to use the "sudden death" method of ending tie games for those below college age in the first overtime period, this overtime to be three minutes in case neither team scores two points during that time. If either team is one point in the lead at the end of the three minute period, that ~~such~~ team shall be declared the winner. In case of a tie at the end of the first overtime the same rules will apply to subsequent overtime periods.

10. There shall be no jump balls at a spot less than six feet from either the end-line or sideline. This change adds the end-lines to jump ball restrictions.
11. A player without the ball may remain in that half of the free throw circle which is nearer to the center of the court without violation being called. If he is in this area with the ball in his possession the present three second rule applies.
12. It was voted to allow a team (college or otherwise) to take five time outs without penalty and that the team be notified through the official when it has taken a fifth time-out. However, the granting of an excess time-out will be a technical foul even though such notification has not been given. It was also voted to allow a team to take an excess time-out at the expense of a free throw even though there is no injury or emergency as last year's rules required.
13. The Research Committee was instructed to study the possibilities in several types of equipment. The study will include chain baskets, balls with an imitation leather cover and backboards of various sizes and shapes.
14. The Publications Committee was instructed to make the guide available for use in summer coaching schools and for work connected with the planning of officials' clinics not later than July 1st.
15. The editorial committee was instructed and given freedom and authority to act on a list of proposed editorial changes, but it was given specific instructions in the following matters:
 - a. To provide coverage for certain procedure in connection with putting the ball in play after a score. In this situation any player is to be allowed to put the ball in play from any point behind the end line and there is to be no restriction on the movement of the ball except as provided by the five-second time limit.
 - b. In cases where the ball lodges in or on the support of the basket or in other situations where no specific jumpers are designated by rule, the centers shall be required to jump.
 - c. To give attention to possible improvements in Rule 14, Sections 13 and 14, dealing with the ball when it is on or above the basket.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL COMMITTEE
 Financial Report - March 31, 1938

Receipts

Balance on hand, March 15, 1937.	\$853.09	
American Sport Publishing Co., Royalties	<u>755.71</u>	
		\$1,608.80

Expenditures

Stenographic Service.	25.00	
Mimeographing - Printing		
Minutes of meeting	8.00	
Letterheads	13.48	
Questionnaires	<u>22.20</u>	43.68
Travelling Expenses		
E. J. Hickox (B.B.Rules Meet)	33.60	
L. W. St. John "	28.14	
Oswald Tower "	<u>26.00</u>	87.74
Oswald Tower		
Editor - Office Expense	154.32	
Honorarium	500.00	
Office Expense - Travelling	<u>168.18</u>	822.50
National Collegiate Athletic Association.		500.00
Ed. Bulgar - Material for Guide	<u>15.00</u>	<u>1,493.92</u>

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF MARCH 31, 1938 \$ 114.88

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PRELIMINARY SYNOPSIS OF ACTION ON RULE CHANGES

NOTE: This is merely a preliminary synopsis for your information. No attempt has been made to properly word any of the changes and there may even be some omissions of minor actions.

1. It was voted to legalize a court marking which will place the end lines four feet behind the plane of the backboard for those who have the space and inclination to use such markings.
2. The Research Committee was instructed to study the possibilities in several types of equipment. The study will include chain baskets, balls with an imitation leather cover and backboards of various sizes and shapes.
3. It was voted to make the size specifications for basketballs as follows: Minimum circumference 29 inches for participants below senior high school age and 29 1/2 inches for others; maximum circumference 30 inches.
4. It was voted to permit no substitutions during the interval which follows a score unless there is a charged time out or a time out for injury.
5. It was voted that in case the ball is in the air on a try for goal when the gun sounds to end a period, subsequent touching of the ball by a teammate of the thrower will constitute the end of the play. However, such touching by a defensive player will not nullify a goal which may be scored following the touching.
6. By mutual agreement between teams or by conference or league ruling any game may be played in quarters. In such cases the administration will be the same as that which is now prescribed for high school games.

Also by such agreement in games between contestants below college age a referee's time-out of two minutes may be provided in the second and fourth quarter. This time-out will be taken the first time the ball is dead after four minutes of the quarter have expired and provided there has been no charged time-out to either team during the first four minutes of the quarter.
7. It was voted that intermissions between quarters and prior to any overtime period by two minutes.
8. It was voted to authorize the editorial committee to redraft Rule 8, Section 8, and, if possible, to base it on the assumption that the division line is always in a team's own back court.
9. It was voted to use the "sudden death" method of ending tie games for those below college age in the first overtime period, this overtime to be three minutes in case neither team scores two points during that time and, if either team is one point in the lead at the end of the three minute period, that such team be declared the winner. In case of a tie at the end of the first overtime the same rules will apply to subsequent overtime periods.
10. It was voted to have no jump ball at a spot less than six feet from either the end line or sideline.
11. It was voted to allow any player who is not in possession or control of the ball to remain in the outer half of the free throw circle for any length of time.

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12. It was voted to allow a team (college or otherwise) to take five time outs without penalty and that the team through the official be notified when it has taken a fifth time-out. However, the granting of an excess time-out will be a technical foul even though such notification has not been given. It was also voted to allow a team to take an excess time-out at the expense of a free throw even though there is no injury or emergency.
13. It was voted to instruct the Publications Committee to make the guide available for use in summer coaching schools and for work connected with the planning of officials' clinics not later than July 1st.

The editorial committee was given authority to act on a list of proposed editorial changes but were given specific instructions in the following matters:

- a. To provide coverage for certain procedure in connection with putting the ball in play after a score. In this situation any player is allowed to put the ball in play from any point behind the end line and there is to be no restriction on the movement of the ball except as provided by the five-second time limit.
- b. In cases where the ball lodges in the support or in other situations where no specific jumpers are designated by rule, the centers are to jump.
- c. To give attention to possible improvements in Rule 14, Sections 13 and 14.

The committee expressed its great appreciation of the services of the retiring chairman, L. W. St. John, and unanimously voted to name him life chairman emeritus of the National Basketball Rules Committee of the United States and Canada.

Complete minutes of all of the activities of the committee with list of members, newly elected officers and committees, treasurer's report and synopsis of the various committee reports which were made at the meeting will be sent to each member as soon as all material is available.

A. V. Porter

April 11, 1938.

Mr. Claire Bee,
Basketball Coach,
Long Island University,
New York.

Dear Claire:

I am wondering if you would be kind enough to write me giving me the information as to the location of the triangles that you have painted on the floor.

These triangles, I take it, are to enable the carom shooters to improve their bank shot. I could see from the picture that you took just about the approximate location, but I would want to know where the point of the triangle is located, how far from the end line, how far from the free throw line, and how large the triangle is. I will appreciate this if you will write me at your earliest convenience.

It was good to see you at the coaches meeting. I would liked to have had a greater opportunity to visit with you, but as is usually the case we are generally on the run.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

April 11, 1938.

Mr. Oswald Tower,
Editor, Rules Guide,
Andover, Mass.

Dear Os:

It was good to see you and have a visit with you, although our exchange of courtesies was naturally brief, due to our rush.

Os, you mentioned several slight corrections that you had noted while scanning through my basketball text, Better Basketball. I am wondering if you would be good enough to jot down these discrepancies that you have noted so that we could send the corrections to our publisher. I will appreciate it very, very much.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

March 30, 1938

To Members,
National Basketball Committee:

This is to remind you of the meeting of the National Basketball Committee to be held in the roof bungalow at the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, on April 5th and 6th. The hotel is located at the corner of Madison and Clark Streets. The following agenda may be modified as conditions may warrant.

Looking forward to seeing you next Tuesday, I am

Yours truly,

N. U. Porter

, Secretary

AGENDA FOR NATIONAL BASKETBALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 5th, MORRISON HOTEL ROOF BUNGALOW

- 4:00 P.M. Conferences of sub-committees including questionnaire, research and publications.
5:30 P.M. Dinner at Morrison Coffee Shop.
7:00 P.M. First session -- L. W. ST. JOHN presiding.
Report from National Basketball Coaches Association.
Report from national or sectional organizations of coaches, officials and administrators.
Report of Questionnaire Committee.
Report of Research Committee.
Brief report from each committee member -- These should merely outline the status of basketball and some of the problems for the members own section of the country. No arguments in favor of any proposed rule change need be given at this time.

NOTE: Stenographic record will be made and synopsis will be presented on Wednesday.

Wednesday, April 6th

- 9:00 A.M. L. W. ST. JOHN or H. H. SALMON presiding.
Consideration of: Topics from questionnaire and Research Committee report.
Action on recommendations made during first session.
Topics which may have grown out of the work of the official interpreter.
Consideration of various sections of the rules which may need attention.
12:00 Luncheon served in roof bungalow.
1:00 P.M. Continuation of rules discussion.
Report of treasurer.
Report of Nominating Committee and election of officers.
Action on other business matters.

March 4, 1938

To Members,
National Basketball Committee:

The facts relative to the time and place of meeting of the committee are now all in. The meeting is to be held Tuesday night, April 5th, and Wednesday, April 6th. The place of meeting is the roof bungalow of the Morrison Hotel, Clark and Madison Streets, Chicago.

For your convenience a room rate card is enclosed. The hotel authorities assure me that special attention will be given to the choice of rooms for members of the committee and that as far as possible they will be placed on the same floor provided each member will designate his connection when he writes for a room.

Hoping these facts will meet with the approval of the members, I am

Yours truly,

A. V. Porter

Secretary

HVP/j
Enc.

March 1st, 1938

To Members,
National Basketball Committee:

The final vote relative to the time of meeting is as follows:

APRIL 5th and 6th: John Brown, J. H. Crocker, Sumner A. Dole, H. D. Edgren,
E. J. Hickox, Frank P. Maguire, W. E. Meanwell, H. V.
Porter, H. H. Salmon, W. A. Witte

TOTAL: 10

APRIL 6th and 7th: F. C. Allen, John Bunn, M. C. Cunningham, Floyd A. Rowe,
J. W. St. Clair, L. W. St. John, Oswald Tower, Curtis
Parker

TOTAL: 8

As a result of this vote, the meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday night,
April 5th, and Wednesday, April 6th.

Definite information relative to the exact place of meeting will be sent
soon.

Yours truly,

N. V. Porter

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Mr. Forrest C. Allen
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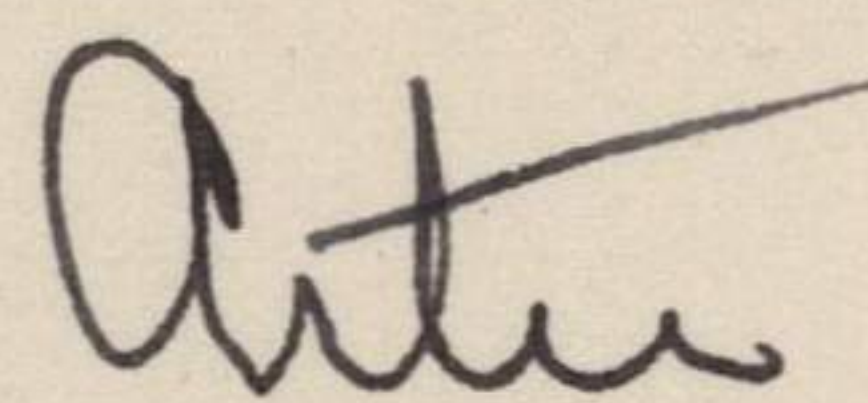
Dear Phog:-

I have your letter of April 11, which has to do with sending the material from our Conference to you rather than sending it to John Doyle. I have instructed Leighton Housh accordingly. He will send the material and I am taking it upon myself to gather the squad pictures.

It may be possible for you to play us next year, if your trip works out successfully in January. I have not been able to contact Huddy Hellmich about this, but shall write you in the very near future when I send the basketball squad pictures to you.

See you next weekend.

With kind personal regards



A. E. Eilers

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March 1, 1938.

Mr. Oswald Tower,
Andover, Mass.

Dear Os:

In the Big Six Conference here we have what is known as the double referee system. However, I see a weakness in the system as it is operating here. The officials work the whole game for one team.

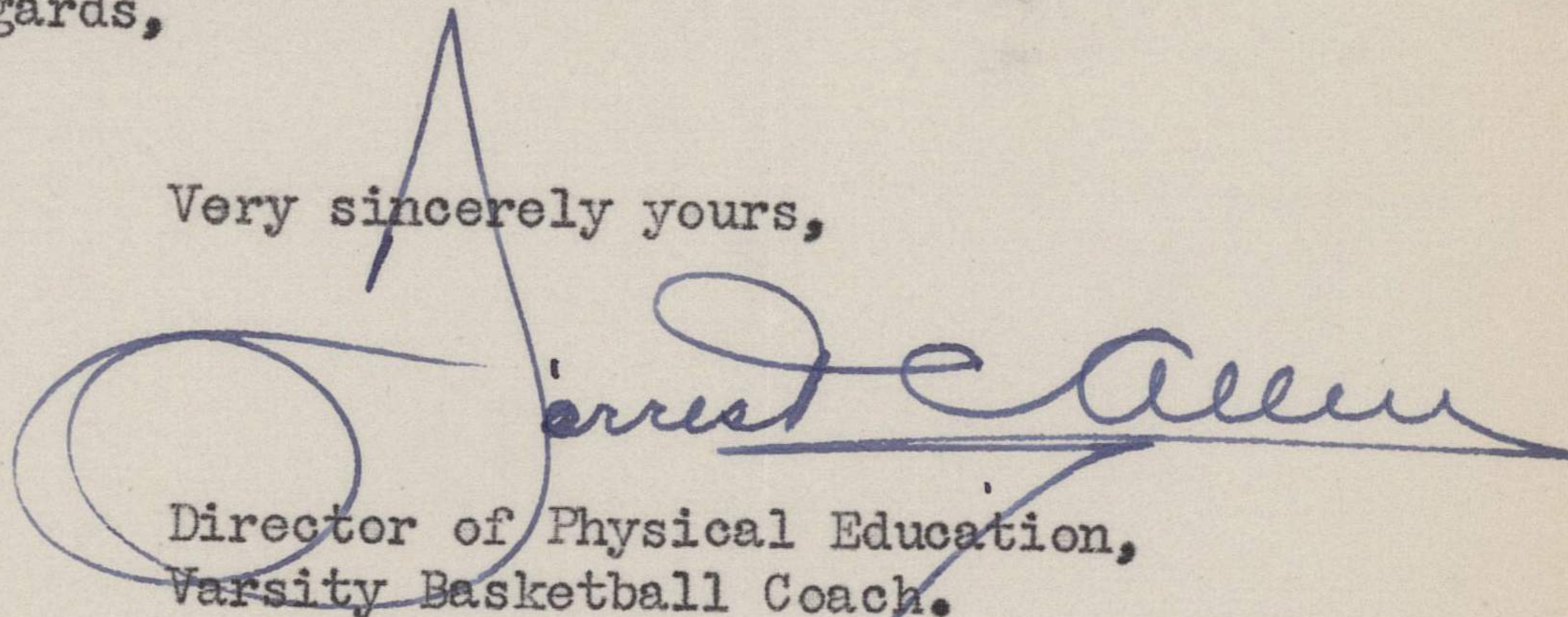
In other words, referee A works under Kansas' offensive basket the first half and when the teams change goals referee A works under Kansas' offensive basket the second half. I maintain that it would be better if referee A worked under Kansas' basket the first half and under Missouri's basket the second half. This to apply to both officials.

Here is the point that I make. If you have a corking good official in the game and a very much weaker one assisting him, then the team that has the strong official gets the better officiating, and the team that has the weaker official gets the poor officiating. Now, if these officials would alternate teams and not baskets for each half, then the best would be divided equally and the poorest service would be divided equally.

I would like to know what you think about this because I desire to present it to the coaches meeting for consideration, and possibly to the rules body for discussion.

Hoping to see you in the near future in Chicago, I am,
with kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,


Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Dear Phog: — Please pardon this informal reply; business is rushing. I thought it was generally understood that referee and umpire (or each referee if both officials are so designated) are expected to work the same area throughout the game. The purpose of this is the one you mention, i.e. to equalize the officiating when teams change goals. If this is not being done in any part of the country, we will emphasize it in the book. Sincerely,
Oswald Tower

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Dear Phog:

I have received no definite information about the annual meeting of the Rules Committee. We agreed tentatively last March to have our meeting in Chicago about April 6-9 and I have heard of no proposal to change that arrangement. I believe the coaches are to meet in Chicago about April 3-5 which would fit well with our tentative plans and would be convenient for the coaches on our committee.

I have been intending to thank you for having the publishers send me a copy of your new book and to congratulate you upon it, but have been awaiting an opportunity to read it. Because of some special work I have been doing in mathematics, it has been necessary for me to devote my spare reading time to that subject so that I have been able to merely glance through your book. I shall finish my special work in mathematics within a few days and am looking forward with pleasure to reading the product of your pen, or typewriter. In the meantime, please accept my thanks and congratulations.

Faithfully yours,

Donald Tower.