

May 11, 1940.

Mr. Gwinn Henry,  
Director of Athletics,  
University of Kansas.

Dear Gwinn:

There has been much discussion among the basketball coaches regarding the ten player limit for basketball trips. Before the center jump was eliminated basketball was not so strenuous, but with the game in its present situation there is great danger of injuring a boy by keeping him in this "fire department" game of basketball as it is now played. There is no more danger regarding injury to a boy's knee or ankle in this game than the other, but there is great danger of injuring his heart and his vital organs.

Therefore, I would respectfully ask you to consider and present to the directors and faculty representatives the argument of the basketball coaches that it might be possible to carry an additional man or two over the ten player limit where teams are making trips that involve more than one game.

I notice that in football 55 men are permitted, two over three full teams; in track duals 27 men are permitted; in baseball 15, and in basketball 10, which is exactly two full teams. If we would have a maximum of two over two full teams we would be permitted to carry 12. In view of the strenuousness of the game I would respectfully ask this consideration, but I feel sure that the basketball coaches should be reminded that because of the fact that 12 are permitted in some instances, the ten player limit should be adhered to in all but exceptional cases.

Personally, I desire to carry a small squad. I have always striven to keep the expenditures in due bounds and I never take an extra man along unless I feel that I will use him.

When this matter is discussed before the directors I would thank you if you will give some weight to the presentation of the matter by the basketball coaches.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH