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BASKETBALL RULES CHANGES FOR 1952-53

While most of the rule changes for 1952-53 basketball are in the nature of rule refinements, there are three changes which will have a noticeable effect on the playing of the game. The three major changes are: (1) a one and one free throw penalty for an ordinary personal foul; (2) a two free throw penalty for an ordinary personal foul in the last three minutes of play; (3) removal of the right to waive the free throw.

These three changes complement each other. Taking away the right to waive the free throw decreased the penalty for a personal foul because possession of the ball has a greater value than one free throw attempt. As a compensating measure, the penalty for an ordinary personal foul is still one free throw, but in case this first free throw is missed, a second attempt is awarded. Theoretically, this means that the penalty for the ordinary personal foul has a value of one point since the average team will always score one point in two attempts.

The removal of the right to waive a free throw will partially correct the bad-looking situation which arose last year when personal fouls and the resultant throw-in at midcourt followed each other in rapid succession during the last few minutes of the game. Since the free throw must now be attempted, there is certain to be some interesting action between fouls. While this provision will undoubtedly improve over last year's situation, there are few who believe it is a complete cure for the "freeze and foul-drawing" type of play.

The penalty rule provides for two free throws during the last three minutes of play for each personal foul which is not connected with a throw for goal. A minority objects to a special ruling for the last few minutes of play, but it is a certainty that there is a distinct difference in the type of play during this time, and there seems no good reason for not having a rule which recognizes this fact.

Among other changes which improve rule organization and game administration is a provision which states that when acts which would ordinarily be infractions occur at about the same time, one of the acts usually causes the ball to become dead. As a result, the second infraction occurs during a dead ball and may not be an infraction. Section 7 of Rule 2 now recognizes this fact and is written accordingly.

Definitions of front court and back court have been revised for greater accuracy and more complete coverage. No significant change is involved.

The official now has elastic authority to refuse a request for a time-out when the request is for the purpose of taking advantage of the rule. Rule 5-8-d covers this item.

The Home and Visitor alleys on the free throw lanes must always be occupied during a free throw for a personal foul, providing the situation is not complicated by a foul by the other team. These alleys must be occupied on the first throw of a one-and-one situation.

An offensive player may now touch his own basket while the ball is on the ring or within the basket on a field goal try. Both offensive and defensive player are again prohibited from touching the basket on a free throw attempt. Last year's rule 9, section 10 has been omitted; the play is covered by rule 9-1.

The note under 10-4 is new, and the note under the penalty following 10-6 is revised. This brings these notes into harmony with what has been recognized as good officiating procedure all over the country.

ADDITIONAL PHONE NUMBER FOR C. I. F. OFFICE

School personnel in the metropolitan Los Angeles area who have been complaining of inability to reach the Commissioner's Office by telephone because of the busy-signal, may now find this difficulty eased by use of a new additional telephone, VERmont 8-0646. Please add this number to your telephone list. We still have our TEXas 0-3161 telephone, too.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

From time to time, the C. I. F., Southern Section Bulletin will reprint editorial comment from publications of other state high school athletic associations. We publish for October an article by Mr. Lyle Quinn, able Executive Secretary of the Iowa State High School Athletic Association. Mr. Quinn calls his article "Who Is Doing Whom A Favor?"

"In the good old days the answer to this question was rather simple since about all that was required of a boy to represent his school in interscholastic athletics was his ability to do well the specific activity. Times have changed and today school administrators are demanding much more of a boy than his ability to excel in a certain phase of athletic endeavor. School administrators today are attempting to instill in the minds of the potential athlete that it is an honor for him to represent his school and that in order to represent his school he must not only be able to present a creditable performance in the specific athletic endeavor, but that he must also be capable of representing his school in the fullest meaning of the term, by his appearance, his manner and conduct, his good sportsmanship, etc. He must hold himself as an example of all that the school stands for and be the official representative of the school and his community in all of the contests in which he is entered.

"The schools have taken pride in the fact that their athletes are supplied with attractive uniforms for their participation in interscholastic contests. Now these same schools are demanding that those students representing the school on trips away from the school wear the best clothes that they have to these contests. Such a policy impresses upon the young men the awful responsibility which they have, namely, to represent the rest of the students of their school and the patrons of their community, realizing that by their manner of dress, conduct and general bearing they help to form a basis of judgment of not only themselves, but their school and community. The school athletic program has risen to a high plane. Only those who are capable of assuming the responsibilities of being a representative of the school should be a member of that school's team."

H. S. PACKWOOD NEW PRESIDENT OF C. I. F., SOUTHERN SECTION COUNCIL

Mr. H. S. "Sam" Packwood, Principal of Central Union High School, El Centro, California, is the new President of the C. I. F., Southern Section Council for the 1952-53 school year, and will preside over the first meeting of the Council in December.

Mr. Packwood has had a wide and varied experience in athletics and school administration, which will serve him well in his new office. As a graduate of the University of Nebraska, Mr. Packwood began teaching in that state in the field of physical education. He has not only served as a coach, but officiated basketball over a period of years.

Mr. Packwood served in the Navy during World War II, and at the present time is the commanding officer of a Naval Reserve Electronics Unit, holding the rank of Lt. Commander. Mr. Packwood has been Principal of Central Union High School since 1946, and he is a past president of the Secondary School Administrators' Council No. 21.

Mr. Packwood is happy to take up the reins of the C. I. F., Southern Section Council to carry on the good work of A. G. Ogborn, Principal of Burbank HS, and retiring President of the Council.

The date and time of the first Council meeting will be announced later.

COACHES HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF OFFICIATING

While the calibre of officiating in the southern California area has improved to a marked degree in recent years, there is still much to be done to continue to raise the standard of officiating services performed for our high schools. Coaches and administrators, among the first to deplore poor work, have an opportunity to lend their assistance in the effort to improve officiating techniques.

Through the constructive use of the rating cards which are mailed to the schools for whom officials are assigned, the coach may report to the commissioners on the work of the men, rating them as preferred, satisfactory, or unsatisfactory. On each rating card is a space for the person making the evaluation to give constructive suggestions for the officials. If an official doesn't move rapidly enough on pass plays or kicks, we suggest that coaches indicate that Smith or Jones didn't go down field on passes quickly. Or, in basketball, if the official leading the play under the basket seems to watch the play around the ball, instead of keeping his eyes on the men in and around the foul lane, we suggest the basketball coaches indicate accordingly.

As the season progresses, the commissioner's office will be able to accumulate these constructive remarks and to inform the officials associations so that they may aim their educational efforts at improving weaknesses. If coaches merely state: "Don't send us Smith any more; we don't want him," nothing will be done to improve the standard of service performed. But if the coaches will take the time to note specific shortcomings of officials, they could materially assist in this most worthwhile project.

Rating cards should be made out promptly after the game has been played, preferably the next day. All rating cards should be returned to the commissioners, please.

We will be watching for the rating cards with constructive criticism. Coach . . . here's your chance to help yourself.

U.C.L.A. FILM LIBRARY HAS FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL INSTRUCTIONAL FILM

Two excellent 16mm motion picture sound films, "King Basketball" and "King Football", are available to schools for instructional purposes from the Department of Visual Education, University Extension, U.C.L.A., Los Angeles 24, California.

Produced under the sanction of the national rules committees for both football and basketball, and sanctioned by the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations, these movies will dramatize and make far more interesting discussions of rules and play situations. Both film are up to date in that all rules changes for the 1952-53 school year are fully explained, along with technical demonstrations of legal and illegal types of play.

The film are available at a nominal charge (\$4.00), and requests should be forwarded to the Department of Visual Education at U.C.L.A. at the above address.

BASKETBALL PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Enclosed in the envelope with this October Bulletin is a complimentary copy of the BASKETBALL PLAYER HANDBOOK, an excellent publication of the National Federation, which may be effectively used in organized sports administration courses in skull sessions for members of the basketball squad, and in any basketball meeting or assembly program where there is a discussion of rules questions, problems in game ethics and best procedures in creating the proper attitude in player or spectator.

The BASKETBALL PLAYER HANDBOOK is presented to the high school basketball coach. There is an abundance of easily understood, concisely worded material to help him in his coaching assignment. Additional copies of the booklet are available at the C. I. F. Office at 25c.

The C. I. F. Office has secured and has available copies of the new BASKETBALL RULES BOOK and BASKETBALL CASEBOOK. The CASEBOOK contains some 515 basketball play situation questions with rule interpretation answers, as well as general comment on the rules. The RULEBOOK costs 35c per copy, and the CASEBOOK 65c per copy. Please send orders to the C. I. F., Southern Section, 8760 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles 34, Calif.

APPROVED SANCTIONED EVENTS FOR FALL SEMESTER

C. I. F., Southern Section rules provide that individual meets and tournaments which are inter-league in scope must be approved by the Commissioner of Athletics before each of these events may be held.

The following events have been approved for the fall 1952 semester:

CROSS COUNTRY

- Oct. 25—Covina HS 4th Annual Mt. San Antonio Cross Country Run
Nov. 15—Grossmont HS Aztec Invitational Cross Country Run
Nov. 18—Compton HS Invitational Cross Country Run

TENNIS

- Nov. 8—El Monte HS 5th Annual Invitational Tennis Tourney
Nov. 28, 29—Fullerton HS 26th Midwinter Tennis Tournament

WRESTLING

- Dec. 13—San Diego Vocational HS 3rd Annual Divisional Wrestling Tournament for smaller high schools

BASKETBALL

- Dec. 10-13—Mt. Carmel HS 14th Southwestern Catholic HS Basketball Tournament
Dec. 11-12—Antelope Valley HS Basketball Tournament
Dec. 11-13—Pasadena HS 5th Annual Basketball Tournament
Dec. 15-19—Huntington Beach HS 24th Basketball Tourney
Dec. 17-20—Long Beach Polytechnic HS Basketball Tourney
Dec. 20, 22, 23—Fillmore HS 2nd Annual Basketball Tournament
Dec. 18-20—San Diego HS 6th Annual Kiwanis Basketball Tourney

Dec. 26-27—Santa Clara HS Basketball Tournament

Dec. 26, 27, 29, 30—Chino HS 12th Annual 20/30 Basketball Tourney

Dec. 27, 29, 30—Santa Ynez Valley HS Basketball Tourney

Jan. 7-10—Compton HS Invitational Basketball Tournament

Feb. 4-7—Beverly Hills HS Annual Basketball Tournament

An additional list of approved sanctioned events for the spring semester will be published in the November Bulletin. Schools which are planning to sponsor invitation meets and tournaments are urged to forward their applications for sanctioned events to the Commissioner at once.

ADDRESS CHANGED FOR C. I. F. PROTECTION FUND

The correct mailing address for the C. I. F. Protection Fund is now: Mr. A. B. Ingham, Executive Secretary, C. I. F. Protection Fund, 568 Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove, California.

The former address was at Pacific Grove High School, but the school no longer is able to furnish space for the Protection Fund office, which has accordingly secured new quarters at 568 Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove.

3-POINT RECORD DATA NOW DUE

Schools which have not yet mailed in certified copies of the 3-point record sheets are urged to mail this material at once. C. I. F. BLUEBOOK provides on pages 23 and 24 of the new edition that this data should be mailed to the Commissioner of Athletics immediately after the weighing-in, sometime within the first three weeks of school.

The height, weight, and age of each boy who is to compete in other than Class A (varsity) teams in any sport during the 1952-53 year, must be forwarded at this time. Late registrants must be measured and weighed within two weeks of the boy's registration.