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Early Season Basketball Questions — Installment 2

Editor's Note: These rulings do not set aside or modify any rule. They are interpretations on some of the early season situations which have been presented.

19. Play: The rules state that each jumper shall have both feet on or inside his half of the jumping circle. If a jumper has his toes on the circle and the rest of his feet outside the circle, is this a legal position?

Ruling: Yes. The jumping circle is the only circle on the court for which diameter measurement is to the inside of the marking arc. The reason for this is that player's feet are sometimes so large that a 2-foot semicircle (minus the width of the dividing line) does not permit freedom of action during a jump. The arc which marks the circle is considered a part of the area where the feet may be placed. Actually, the jumping circle has a radius of two feet and two inches. In Rule 6-1, the statement is intended to apply to the marking arc. If a player has some part of his feet touching this marking arc, he is in legal jumping position. However, if he has only the tips of his toes on the marking arc, the Official should be alert for any action which might result in the jumper charging into his opponent during the jump.

20. Play: During a free throw both of the number 1 alleys are occupied by opponents of the free thrower and both of the number 2 alleys are occupied by teammates. Are opponents of the free thrower entitled to only one or to both of the number 3 positions?

Ruling: To both. But if the team entitled to any 2nd or 3rd position does not desire to occupy it, an opponent may take it.

21. Play: When does a period begin?

Ruling: While Rule 5-6 is specific about when a period ends, there is no definite statement as to when a period begins. A period might be considered as beginning when the clock starts but this would lead to several difficulties in situations which involve activity before the clock starts. A better solution is to consider the period as beginning when the ball becomes alive. Usually this is when it leaves the Official's hand on a toss for a jump. However, in a few cases the ball becomes alive and the period begins when the ball is placed at the disposal of a free thrower.

22. Play: Clearly after ball has become dead to end a period, there is a technical foul. When is the free throw attempted if this occurs? (a) after the first quarter, or (b) after the second quarter; or (c) after the fourth quarter?

Ruling: For (a) and (b), the free throw or throws are attempted at the start of the subsequent quarter, even though in (b), this is after a long intermission. In (c), the free throw or throws are also attempted at the beginning of the subsequent extra period, unless the foul occurs in the dead ball period following the end of a game which does not have a tied score. In that case, an extra period is not always necessary and the free throw or throws must be attempted as a part of the preceding period.

23. Play: During throw-in from the end of the court, thrower-in A1 stands outside the free throw lane extended but in making the throw-in, the ball is held above the restricted area or passes through it. Is this an illegal throw-in?

Ruling: No. The position of the feet of the thrower-in should be the determining factor. If neither foot is above the restricted area before the ball is in flight, it should be considered legal.

24. Play: Thrower-in A1 carries the ball through the plane of the boundary line or the throw-in is from the free throw lane extended. During the action, B1 or A2 runs into an opponent. Is this a personal foul?

Ruling: Under ordinary circumstances, contact which is neither intentional nor flagrant is ignored if it occurs during dead ball. In the case cited, the exception to the dead ball foul rule as outlined in the note under 10-4 makes such contact a personal foul. Enforcement of the penalty for such foul nullifies the penalty for the violation.

25. Play: Timer inadvertently or erroneously stops the clock. During the time the clock is not running, a foul is committed or a field goal is scored. Should these be ignore-

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From the Commissioner's Office

REPORTS PAST DUE
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2. School's Report on Football Officials
3. Official's Report on Schools (Football)

State Tournament Information

The 1957 State High School Basketball Tournament will be held at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center Coliseum, Louisville, on March 15-16. The first session is scheduled for Wednesday night. Three sessions will be held on Thursday, two on Friday, and two on Saturday.

At some time in the month of December the Commissioner will send K.H.S.A.A. member schools forms which may be used in requesting passes to the tournament. These forms may be returned on and after January 3.

Complete sets of tickets are priced at $8.00 (end seats, bleachers), $12.00 (chairs and chair backs), and $16.00 (box seats). The general sale of tickets (not school orders) will be conducted by the State Tournament Ticket Sales, P. O. Box 1173, Lexington. These orders should not be placed before January 15. The amount of $5 should be added to each remittance to pay for postage and insurance charges. Orders mailed prior to January 15 will receive a lower priority than those mailed on that date.

Delegate Assembly Members

Members to the Delegate Assembly at the forthcoming 1957 annual meeting of the Association were elected by the principals of K.H.S.A.A. member schools on ballots returned to the State Office before November 15. There were several ties in the voting for delegate and alternate. These ties were broken recently by the Board of Control, the delegates or alternates involved being determined by lot. The names of the district representatives are as follows:

Delegates

Alternates
The Kentucky high school athlete for December, 1950

SUPPLEMENTARY LIST OF MEMBER SCHOOLS OF THE K.H.S.A.

Covington Catholic (Park Hills)  
Louisville Catholic (Pleasant View)  
Western (Owensboro)

SUPPLEMENTARY LIST OF REGISTERED BASKETBALL OFFICIALS

(List Compiled December 1)

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The 1956 Cross Country

The St. Joseph Prep School won the fourth official K.H.S.A.A. Cross Country Run, which was held in Lexington on November 17. First place was won by Robert Shrote of Male, with a time of 11:17. The St. Joseph team was coached by Brother Berard.

The Fern Creek High School team, coached by John S. Pittenger, won second place.

The Run was held on the Picadome Golf Course, and was managed by the Spiked Shoe Society of the University of Kentucky. Tom Jones is president of the organization. The course was laid out for a distance of approximately two miles.

Three regional runs had been held on November 3 for the purpose of qualifying teams and individuals for the state event, with the following teams advancing to the state: Bellarmine Regional: Fern Creek, Trinity, and Southern; Bowling Green Regional: St. Joseph Prep, Bowling Green, and Vine Grove; Morehead Regional: Flat Gap, Montgomery County, and Johns Creek. Individual runners in the regional events who qualified for the State Run by placing in the first ten in their respective regions were: Tom Jackson of Trimble County, Chester McDowell of Trimble County, Carl James of Valley, Carl Megee of Wilmore, Robert Shrote of Male, and David Castle of Meade Memorial.

Sixty-five boys took part in the Cross Country. The order in which the first fifty of these finished is given below, including the times.

1—Shrote, Male (11:17); 2—T. Clements, St. Joseph (11:23); 3—H. Groce, Southern (11:24); 4—Wine, Trinity (11:30); 5—Wathen, St. Joseph (11:31); 6—Cissell, St. Joseph (11:32); 7—Jackson, Trimble County (11:34); 8—Branham, Johns Creek (11:35); 9—Cantrell, Flat Gap (11:42); 10—Burchett, Flat Gap (11:45); 11—Belcher, Bowling Green (11:46); 12—Snawder, Fern Creek (11:51); 13—McDowell, Trimble County (11:52); 14—Johnson, Southern (11:55); 15—Swan, Fern Creek (11:58); 16—Kincaid, Trinity (12:00); 17—Bealmead, Trinity (12:05); 18—Graves, Fern Creek (12:09); 19—Meehan, St. Joseph (12:10); 20—Bostic, Johns Creek (12:15); 21—Pawley, Bowling Green (12:16); 22—Larkin, Trinity (12:17); 23—Castle, Meade Memorial (12:18); 24—Farrar, Fern Creek (12:19); 25—Melchior, St. Joseph (12:21); 26—Blackburn, Johns Creek (12:22); 27—Greenwell, Fern Creek (12:26); 28—Ginter, Montgomery County (12:28); 29—Stratton, Johns Creek (12:30); 30—James, Valley (12:30); 31—Dadisman, Southern (12:32); 32—D. Lemaster, Flat Gap (12:35); 33—W. Groce, Southern (12:33); 34—Hawkins, Vine Grove (12:33); 35—Taylor, Johns Creek (12:34); 36—R. Clements, St. Joseph (12:38); 37—Wegner, Johns Creek (12:40); 38—Jones, Bowling Green (12:41); 39—Fuchs, Trinity (12:44); 40—Honk, Bowling Green (12:45); 41—Barnes, Fern Creek (12:47); 42—Cleary, Fern Creek (12:49); 43—Brooks, Southern (12:52); 44—Bewley, Vine Grove (12:54); 45—Perkins, Bowling Green (12:55); 46—K. Lemaster, Flat Gap (12:56); 47—Phelps, Bowling Green (13:00); 48—Townsend, Vine Grove, (13:00); 49—Conley, Flat Gap (13:01); 50—Stith, Vine Grove (13:15).
NEW AUDITORIUM-GYMNASIUM AT THE BEAVER DAM HIGH SCHOOL

Residents of Beaver Dam are quite proud of their new high school gymnasium, which was dedicated on the evening of November 16. The seating capacity is 1800.

A Message to Athletic Directors and Athletic Teams

Let's finish the Polio Job!

You can help see to it that your team, your family, your school and your community are protected against polio in 1957 and thereafter. Here are the facts:

The Salk vaccine is one of the safest known. Over 45,000,000 persons have been given this vaccine in perfect safety.

The last two years have provided conclusive evidence that this is an extremely effective vaccine.

This is what remains to be done:

I. In Immunization

The two major problems are:

1. To extend vaccination to all persons of the ages 15 to 35. (30% of polio cases in 1955 fell within that age range.)

2. To vaccinate those millions of children under 15 years of age who have missed immunization so far. (Two shots are given, spaced two to six weeks apart, with a booster dose 7 months to a year later. Ask your physician, health officer or school doctor about the immunization procedure followed in your community.)

II. In Professional Education

The March of Dimes is helping to finance the training of various health specialists needed for research and treatment. (Doctor Salk studied viruses under a fellowship from March of Dimes funds.)

III. In Research

March of Dimes money is supporting research for:

1. Further improvement in the vaccine.

2. Learning more about the duration of immunity.

3. Finding a drug that will prevent paralysis in polio.

4. Learning more about related viruses which cause polio-like diseases.

5. Developing better methods for the treatment and rehabilitation of the disabled.

IV. In Patient Aid

Some 80,000 persons stricken by polio in past years still are disabled and need help in their voyage back to more normal living.

There are over 12,000 new cases of polio between January 1 and October 1, 1956, and there will be still other cases in 1957 among those persons who do not complete their vaccination in time.—The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.
The Flying Dutchman

It's Christmas time in Kentucky for those physically handicapped kids who look to you for help. It's also a fine time of the year to look around for people deserving the Corn Cob Pipe of Honor Award for unselfish service, and to consider the community you should recommend for the Abou Ben Adhem Citation for good neighbor practices.

The Game Guy interest reached a new peak in Bowling Green when Western Kentucky State College's "W" Club, sparked by President Wilmer Meredith, "Duck" Ray, Baddy Cate, Charlie Ruter and Teddy Hornback, really got the spirit of the Game Guy Project. The club decided to make Joe David Johnson its protege. Joe David, who is one of the finest all-around athletes ever turned out in Bowling Green, is now in a convalescent home there paralyzed from his neck down. He still maintains great interest. Because of his fighting heart and his determination to be connected with the games he loves, the "W" Club bought and presented to Joe David a television set, making it possible for him to watch the sports events as they are televised. The club also adopted a resolution that each member would make a personal visit to Joe David any time he happened to be in the vicinity of Bowling Green. That's Christmas spirit!

Now Bob Kirchdorfer, the first boy to win the annual award, has recommended Jerry Geiser, who is paralyzed in his legs and arms but has that fighting spirit, for the Lionheart Citation. Jerry is presently coaching grade school football for Our Mother of Sorrows Parish in Louisville. Formerly a St. Xavier athlete, he is now forced to forego his personal activities on the track and gridiron, but keeps his fighting contact with sports because he is determined not to let a handicap whip him. Besides the Dutchman Award, Jerry has already received two awards for his determination and achievement, one from the Rotary Club in 1953 and one in 1954.

It's rare, indeed, when a state is blessed with a list of coaches like Oakley Brown, formerly of Hopkinsville, "Ty" Holland, the "Immortal of Murray," and Doug Smith, the late and revered coach of Bowling Green and Elizabethtown High Schools. These men leave footprints in the athletic sands of time because they play to win, and teach boys to lose gracefully and be gentlemen at the same time.

To this select list The Dutchman now adds the name of "Shorty" Jamerson. Carrying on his coaching in high school circles of the Kentucky mountains, you'll find that the people up that way are proclaiming "Shorty" the kind of coach boys should all be privileged to play for. A great guy, a fine gentleman, and a hard worker, "Shorty" becomes the recipient of The Flying Dutchman's Corn Cob Pipe of Honor for the month of December because of the "mountain" of work done beyond the call of duty in making men out of boys.

Keep your eyes focused on Bowling Green. The citizens there have decided that Bowling Green must progress recreationally and are lining up behind a comprehensive and sound program for that city and county. Present plans call for a sports center seating ten thousand and surrounded by every sports facility available. With the leadership Bowling Green has to offer, this dream should shortly become a reality.

Ashland's Courtney Clark calls attention to a poll taken of youth throughout our country showing that their interest in sports tends to be on the increase as spectators but not as participants. Here is a challenge to all communities both from a recreational and physical educational standpoint. Definitely, this is an unfavorable trend which is damaging as far as the moral and physical development of our kids is concerned. It now becomes more pronounced that our physical educators, coaches and recreationists must design year-around sports programs to help build good citizens, take roles in leadership and be generous with financial support.

Indiana and Virginia have recognized this responsibility and are redoubling their efforts to develop programs of recreation throughout their states. During the month of November, The Dutchman was in Bloomington to speak to the Indiana Park and Recreation Association and at the University of Virginia working with the teachers of physical education and recreation of that state. Courtney Clark is right! Kentucky must strongly urge the use of every possible means in getting juveniles to become sports competitors.

Here's a suggestion for you principals and coaches of Kentucky if you are really interested in guiding the activities of our young athletes in the right direction. Has it ever occurred to you that Sunday afternoons are dull and trying times for boys of teenage years? Has it occurred to you that they

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MADISONVILLE—WESTERN KENTUCKY ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPION

THE FLYING DUTCHMAN
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are going to do something on Sunday afternoon?
To guide leisure hours wisely, have you considered opening your school gymnasium on Sunday afternoons between the hours of 2:00 and 5:00 for Basketball Open House, allowing any youngsters who want to come in to play ball to do so under supervision which your community could provide? Did you know that many a boy joins a gang because he never had the chance to join a team? Such hours would not interfere with church services either in the morning or in the evening.
Sure, there'll be opposition to such a proposal, but would your community rather have the kids in a basketball gym shooting baskets or in a questionable picture show, parked in a Lovers’ Lane or building up death totals on the highways, which is most distressing reading in our papers every Monday morning?
Too much praise cannot be showered on the powerful football teams of St. Xavier and Newport, coached by Johnny Meihaus and Stan Arnzen respectively, two of the most efficient mentors and cleanest gentlemen it has been The Dutchman’s privilege to call friends. St. Xavier won the State Championship and Newport, while losing, won respect because they were a team of well trained schoolboy sportsmen.
Kentuckians often say, “Dutchman, why are you never critical of anybody?” There are lots of writers who are critical and who will always be able to discover the bad in people, but we believe that with a little effort you can find something good to say about anybody.
Attention, basketball officials and coaches! This ruling is important and must be considered as official in basketball rulings this season. It involves the free throw lane extended.
Play: Thrower-in A1 is in the free throw lane extended. In making the throw-in, he jumps from the floor and ball is released while he is in the air. He alights outside the free throw lane extended. Is this legal?
Ruling: No. A player’s position while he is not touching the floor is the same as it was when he last touched the floor. Hence, the throw-in is considered as having been made from restricted area.
Elizabethtown’s gain is Glasgow’s loss! Young Paul Walker, who pioneered public recreation in Glasgow, has now moved over to Elizabethtown where he has assumed the directorship of that recreation program. E-town may expect a lot of progress under his leadership. Unquestionably one of the finest young recreation leaders in our state, Paul is destined to go far in the recreational field.
Here’s a good thought that Lawrence Ludwig, of the University of Virginia, passed on to me. “Be sure to live until you die.” The thought is good because so many people fail to live up every minute of their lives. They won’t turn their backs on disappointments. They often forget to keep fighting
and looking ahead with a good sense of humor.

Probably one of the best examples of a chap who is living every minute of his life is our youthful Assistant Commissioner, Joe Billy Mansfield. He is a chap who laughs easily, kids gently and can always find something to be cheerful about. He kidded The Dutchman all the way across the state on our basketball clinic trip because the top of his (The Dutchman's) head, which was formerly adorned with thick curly locks, seemed to be thinning somewhat (to put it mildly). To bring a note of cheer to you who are in the same predicament as your Dutch Reporter, Joe Billy has written the following poem which offers some hope to all "Balding Eagles."

It's easy enough to be cheerful
As man has hair from the start.
But the lad worthwhile
Is he lad who can smile.
After he has seen it all depart.

It's easy for a man to be cheerful
While on his head there's hair;
But the lad worthwhile
Is the one who can smile.
When the dome shines through so bare.

It's time you fellows met the wives of the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner of Kentucky athletics. You've heard much of Ted and Joe Billy, but too little about Nelle and Deal.

There is no gentler lady in the Commonwealth nor one who practices Christianity more devotedly than Nelle Sanford. A delightful, attractive person, her work with underprivileged young people in Lexington has gone too long unheralded. If she were not already the possessor of a Cob Pipe of Honor, one would be dispatched now. The kind of unselfish work she does makes it Christmas the year around for lots of people.

"Deal" Mansfield is one of the finest and prettiest girl athletes ever developed in Kentucky. She was The Dutchman's student at Fairdale in geometry and trigonometry and taught him more about those subjects than any professor in college was ever able to get through his "chrome dome." Unexcelled as a hostess, she is only equalled in public relations work by her distinguished husband. A couple of grand gals are Nelle and Deal!

Before giving you the closing thought for the month of December and wishing you our annual "Merry Christmas." The Dutchman asks a favor. Will each one of you, right now, drop him a card or a letter at the Armory, Louisville 2, Kentucky, commenting on the column either critically or otherwise?

A phone call just came in from Muncie, Indiana. It looks like The Dutchman will make the Basketball Banquet address at that high school on February 23, 1957.

Now for our closing Christmas thought. "It's good to have money and the things money can buy, but it's good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure you haven't lost the things that money can't buy."

Here and There

COMMISSIONER E. A. THOMAS of the Kansas High School Activities Association has announced his retirement as of January 1, 1957. Well deserved retirement follows 30 years of service on the firing line during the most active development years for the Kansas Association, all related State Associations and of the National Federation. "Tommy" has been in the thick of innumerable battles to establish state and national controls and policies which have made the high school groups a vital force in keeping the school activity program efficient and respectable. On controversial questions he might be pro or con but never hesitant about taking a stand and maintaining a position until the "stars came out and the cows came in." When the history of school activity development is recorded, the names of several veterans of the pioneering era will have a prominent place. E. A. Thomas will be in the top echelon of those whose influence is indelibly stamped on the state-wide and nation-wide organizations which keep the high school activity program progressive and effective. Carl Kepelich, who has efficiently served as Assistant Commissioner under the efficient leadership of E. A. Thomas, has been chosen by the Kansas Association Board of Control as Commissioner beginning January 1, 1957.

STATE ASSOCIATION RESERVE FUNDS: The attitude concerning a State Association reserve fund has undergone a great change from earlier years. At one time, it
was customary for a State Association to depend on anticipated receipts to meet expenses of operation. More recently, it has been considered good policy to defray operating expenses from funds on hand rather than on credit backed by funds which are expected to accrue during the year. Also, the early years’ policy was based on the assumption that if a State Association had more than "$5.00" in the bank, someone would be attempting to “get it” or find a quick way to spend it. Experience has shown that members of an Association take pride in the fact that the Association is on a sound financial basis. To be on a sound basis, it is essential that there be a reasonable reserve fund which can be drawn upon in an emergency. In addition to this, there has been a change in connection with the attitude toward using funds on hand to produce income which may supplement the fixed income of the Association. There is still a wide difference in the practices concerning the amount of the reserve fund. A report in a recent issue of the Tennessee Association bulletin indicates that the Board of Control has approved a reserve fund of at least $80,000, if and when the Association can accumulate such a fund. In general, State Associations believe they are on a sound financial footing if the reserve fund is such as to permit the operation of the Association activities for a period of from one to two years even if some emergency should cut off all income from that period of time.

Guest Editorials

Missouri Problem

Editor’s Note: The excellent article below appeared in the Missouri High School Activities Journal recently under the heading, “The Reason and Need for Good Officials.” The problem of getting good game officials is certainly one which exists in all of our states.

It is generally accepted that it is important to have qualified, mature officials to officiate athletic contests and other school activities, but little has been said about the educational possibilities inherent in good officiating. A point of view that is greatly needed is that one of the primary functions of an official is that he is more than a judge of events; he should be a teacher in the sense that it is one of his principal responsibilities to help boys and girls to learn to “live by the rules.” A good citizen, among other things, is a law abiding citizen, one who complies with the rules laid down by society for the mutual benefit of its members. In accordance with the old psychological principle that one “learns by doing” one learns to conform to rules and laws by practicing such in the activities of life in which he engages. It is reasonable to believe that “one who learns to play by the rules will also live by the rules.” An official who sympathetically but firmly guides players and students to play and conduct themselves according to the rules of the game is contributing to the development of future law abiding citizens. Learning to respect the authority of the official will help youth learn to respect authority in our democratic way of life.

This places a great responsibility upon an official and requires certain qualities in him. In addition to knowing the sport concerned and the rules of that sport, as well as possessing ample skill as an official, he must have a conscientiousness of purpose and a love of the particular sport because of what it has to offer an individual. He must feel that he is working to help the schools provide a better program for youth; not primarily for any glory or material reward for himself. He must be interested in youth and enjoy his work with them. His personality is a significant factor in his success as an official. A smile is worth a tremendous lot on the court or field and should be cultivated by the official. Firmness executed with a smile shows a kind of maturity that youth respects. These and other desirable qualities will enhance the effectiveness of the official.

The problem of getting enough officials of the type that can assume and carry out this responsibility should be the concern of all member schools and persons affiliated with our activities. Hence, it is appropriate that we consider some possible means of encouraging more capable young people to consider officiating.

Fundamental in causing more capable young persons to want to be officials is the matter of establishing the integrity and respect due good officials. A good official does a conscientious impartial job. He doesn’t help either team to win or lose the game. His duty is to see that it is played according to the rules. Although you may disagree with him on a particular “call”, or criticize an occasional mistake, if you will tally the number of times that you agree and disagree with his decisions and the number of times that you do not know what the decision should be (do not know the rule that applies), you will have more respect for his integrity and ability as an official. Youth must be led to respect the integrity of officials by observ-
ing such respect in adults. Coach, teachers, and all who work with high school students should work to establish this ideal. When it is accomplished, more young people will be interested in assuming the responsibilities of officiating.

A good positive program is needed to better prepare beginning officials. No one will argue that officiating is an easy task, yet we seem to expect some one to "pick up a whistle" and do a respectable job, or complain bitterly if he doesn't. Relatively few of our beginning officials receive much in the way of training prior to their registration as an official. Those that attend college have the opportunity to take instruction in officiating or other courses that will provide a background for officiating, but a large number of beginning officials have not attended college, while others who do have not availed themselves of this opportunity. Some of the officials associations in the state have programs that offer instruction for beginning officials, but again this is not a uniform practice. The testing program for beginning officials of the M.S.H.S.A.A. requires a study of the rules of a particular sport, but offers little more. Hence, there is a real need for the M.S.H.S.A.A. in cooperation with the colleges and officials associations of the state to formulate and implement a positive program that will interest prospective officials and offer them greater training before their initial registration.

A feeling of mutual respect and support must exist between schools and officials. Qualified officials merit the courtesy of the schools that engage them. Efforts should be made to provide for their convenience when working a contest and an appreciation of their work must be shown. Likewise, officials must show respect for the most worthwhile objectives the schools have in their programs of curricular and extra-curricular activities. The associations of officials with students must contribute toward a better understanding of activities as they fit into the schools' total educational programs. The attitudes of officials must help students to understand that participation in activities is a privilege to further enhance their educational opportunities; that school attendance is not merely a primary prerequisite for engaging in sports and other activities. This type of relationship between schools and officials will help to increase the number of good officials.

It is reasonable to believe that there are many capable young people who would be interested in officiating contests and activities if we will respect the integrity of officials, extend the proper courtesies, and commend them for the educational opportunities they provide boys and girls through officiating. This will also encourage those who become officials to strive to improve their abilities as officials and continue to help the school provide a good program of activities for boys and girls.

**Genesis of the**

**State High School Association**

In the beginning your scribe, a young man who was submaster, athletic director, faculty manager, coach and full-time classroom teacher— all at one time— played on the baseball and football school teams he was coaching. At the time, this was rather common practice. It was not considered that the teacher was replacing some student who might wish to participate, since it was often difficult to muster enough candidates to compose one of these teams. In football the coach was sometimes the only player with any previous experience in the game.

The rampant spirit of competition was as keen then as now. Soon we met a school team in a football game which included not only the submaster and some much overage boys but also the young but quite mature principal. The next step in the progression of team strength was one which included a local dentist who, a couple of years ago previously, had been a star tackle on a University team. He messed us all up considerably.

Enough was enough and too much was too much. The school authorities in the area came together to take remedial action in the form of an interschool agreement. A six-school league was the result. It operated under a few simple rules—the first and foremost of which was that only bona fide students of a school should participate on the school team.

Unbridled practices such as those which caused the formation of this league were occurring in other areas and created the necessity for some type of over-all direction of interschool activities. From the unbearable results of competitive greed a controlling organization was born. As the means of communication and travel improved, succeeding steps in larger group organizations took place, covering cities, counties, and sections of the state. In time, the State Association came into existence. Finally one was formed.
in each state in the U.S.A. and they later joined forces in the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations.

This first chapter of Genesis is recited for a purpose. Those who bicker and rave and sometimes threaten or bring legal action against the State or National controlling and directing bodies may, through acquaintance with some of the backgrounds, be brought to realize that these state-wide and nation-wide organizations were not superimposed on the schools by master minds "in clouded castles met."—that they do not represent an attempted assuagement of the hankering for authority by autocratic school administrators.—but that they are creations of necessity, conceived in the wisdom of unfavorable experiences and developed through the travail of trial and rejection, and perceived advantages—a process of evolution of what is in the best educational interests of all concerned in interscholastic competitive activities.—F. H. Pierce, Massachusetts S.S.P.A.

BASKETBALL QUESTIONS
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ed because the clock was not running?

Ruling: No. There is no direct connection between the counting of the score or the committing of a foul and the running of the clock. Whether the ball is alive or dead has a bearing on whether contact is considered a foul and whether points are counted when the ball goes through the basket.

26. Play: May the home school choose to use the wide free throw lane for a high school or Y.M.C.A. contest?

Ruling: Not unless the State Association has been designated as an experimental unit to make the transition to the wide lane during the current season. States which have made the transition for the current season are: Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Georgia, Kansas, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and one or two sections in New York. The remaining states will use the narrow lane unless adoption without a report has been made.

27. Play: The home team provides a rubber-covered basketball and the visitors object.

Ruling: For all groups except college teams, such a ball has official standing if its reaction complies with Rule 1-12. The visitors have no right to object. A list of balls which have been tested and approved as having the proper reaction follows. Top grade fully approved balls are "Approved." In addition, balls suitable for practice and for any game when neither team objects are "Sanctioned." Balls which have been tested are: Denkert—Approved D800; Dubow—Approved XLB, Sanctioned X101; MacGregor—Approved MBR, Sanctioned F931; Pennsylvania—Approved PB6, Sanctioned PBt-6 or PBC-6; Rawlings—Approved B2E, Sanctioned B4B: Reach—Approved 260 (Tournament), Sanctioned 262 (All-Court); Seamless—Approved 590 (DeLuxe), Sanctioned 580 (Kolite); Spalding—Approved 160 (Tournament), Sanctioned 162 (Fast Flite); Voit—Approved XB20 (Custom Built), Sanctioned XB22 or CB2; Wilson—Approved B1604 (Finalist), Sanctioned B1610 (Comet) or B1606.

28. Play: Rule 9-1 item (b) refers to "his" basket instead of "the" basket as used last year. What is the reason for this change?

Ruling: The prohibition applies to the thrower's basket only. If this prohibition were to apply to the wrong basket when directions are confused, some complex situations could arise.

There is a Good Reason—or is There?

Note: Somewhat similar items were listed last year and the year before. Eleven of the items resulted in rules improvements. This new set provides food for thought.

1. Why should the exception in Rule 9-9 about right to cause ball to go to the back court apply to a jump ball other than in the center circle?

2. With rigid contact administration, is the limit on number of air dribbles necessary?

3. Has the recent balance in value of penalties for technical and personal foul made the exception for contact during a throw-in unnecessary?

4. Should center circle be listed as having a mathematical radius of 2 feet and 2 inches?

5. Why are the lower 6 or 8 inches and sharp corners of the large backboard retained?

6. Should foot position on the floor or in the air be the determining factor in administering the 3-second rule (as for free throws)?

7. Why shouldn't all players be prohibited from touching the ball while it is in or on the basket or in the cylinder above it, thus prohibiting the "dunk shot"?

8. Has the wide lane and more rigid contact administration removed the need for applying the 3-second time limit to the player without the ball?
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