

STEPPING INTO THE BACKCOURT

A LOOK INTO THE IAABO ARCHIVES

BASKETBALL OFFICIATING

The following six observations, pertaining to officiating, are taken from the minutes of the National Basketball Rules Committee meeting in Kansas City, Missouri. They are reproduced here so that officials and coaches may be aware of the reaction of the Rules Committee, with respect to laxity and looseness in the proper enforcement of certain of the more important rules.

1. The 5-seconds held ball rule should be more rigidly enforced.
2. Laxity in enforcement of the rule which prohibits ALL coaching from the sidelines when there is no time-out charged to a team, is creating bad publicity.
3. Varied interpretations about responsibility when an opponent runs under a jump shooter, or a shooter charging into his guard cause uncertainty in players.
4. Failure to award two free throws for a foul which is intentionally committed, tends to encourage ragged play during the last few minutes of the game.
5. Loose enforcement of the rule which prohibits a player from having his foot over the lane, before the ball has touched the ring or backboard, is nullifying many of the alleged benefits of the wide free-throw lane.
6. Negligence of a player concerning raising his hand after he has been charged with a foul, or raising the hand in disrespectful gesture, is having a bad effect on crowd reaction.

Courtesy – Dr. Frank Maguire

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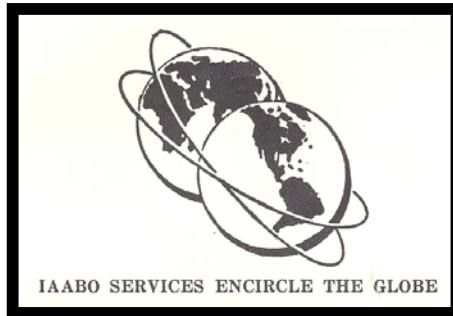


Roger J. Sheridan
Montpelier, Vermont

Roger who is Chairman of the IAABO Audit & Budget Committee is shown wearing the new IAABO shirt, now obtainable from any Wilson outlet.

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The IAABO Hospital Room at all annual conventions is named after Roger J. Sheridan



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“Stepping into the Backcourt” is a new feature in Sportorials that will take us into the archives of IAABO and give us some interesting facts and history of basketball officiating. If anyone has an item of interest that you would like to share with everyone in our organization, please contact our office.

TOWER RETIRES, BUNN NAMED

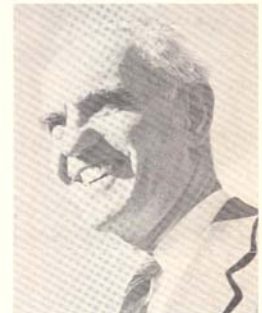
After fifty years as a member of the Rules Committee and forty-five years as Editor and Official Interpreter, Oswald Tower has retired. Late last year, Mr. Tower wrote to the NCAA, to quote, “I reluctantly yielded to the march of time and requested the appointment of a successor.” Official word has just been received to the effect that the National Collegiate Athletic Association has granted Mr. Tower his request and has named John W. Bunn to succeed him at the end of the current College year.

The game of basketball owes a great deal to Oswald Tower, for through his continued efforts as Editor and Interpreter, a great standardization of rules of basketball have been attained. He was always on the alert to be of service to any and all who sought his services and gave of himself unselfishly. In months to come, much more will be written of the great contributions made to our game by this fine and distinguished gentleman. The IAABO and all its members wish for Mr. Tower only the best in his years of retirement that are ahead of him.

To Mr. Tower's successor, the IAABO extends its best wishes to its fellow members, John W. Bunn. John is at the present time an active member of Colorado District Board #4,



OSWALD TOWER



JOHN BUNN

Coach of Basketball at Colorado State College at Greeley and a member of the Rules Committee. He is well known as a player, coach, author and conductor of many clinics in foreign

lands, as well as in this country. Our Association pledges its full support to John Bunn and all his undertakings in this most important position which he will assume come Spring of this year.

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OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE I. A. B. O.

Front row, seated: John Clark, New Hampshire; Hugh Conrad, Pennsylvania; John Nucatola, New York; Peter Dileo, New Jersey; Roger Sheridan, Vermont.

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