

New Rules Hurt Basketball Game

10 Second Rule will Speed Up and Slow Down Basketball

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In a discussion the other day with an old basketball player, I asked him what he thought of the new basketball rules and the difference in the game today from what it used to be. He stated that there were so many changes being made in the new rules that it hurt the game. I certainly agree with him in this statement. The new ten-second rule adopted for this year has made the basketball game as played by boys practically the same as the girls' rules and it makes considerable confusion among the players and officials. The new rule will speed up the game in one sense of the word and it also slows up the game by the fact that so many violations are committed. Basketball coaches and officials are favoring the rescinding of the new rule as it places the responsibility on the official instead of the players. If a team wishes to play a stalling game let them stall and let the opposing coach give his boys a plan of breaking up these stalling tactics. Stalling is a part of basketball and to see a team execute the act perfectly is certainly interesting to watch from the spectator's viewpoint if the opposing team will attempt to keep a team from stalling.

I have played both rules and against all defenses and method of playing

and I think stalling is a fine thing if it works out without the opposing team being able to break it up. A good team should know how to stall and also how to break up a stalling game. Eliminate these time rules and let's get back to real basketball. The new rules, so far as I have seen, have done nothing to improve the game as it brings back just plain basketball with very little science to it. It is nothing but a long pass, a shot at the basket and then a turn over. It is just running back and forth with nothing in mind but getting the ball away before the officials calls a violation. Bad passing, poor shooting, fumbles and other physical and mental errors are committed just because you can hold the ball for only ten seconds.

Dr. Naismith says 10-Second Rule Should be Out!

Dr. Naismith, inventor of basketball and the Athletic Director of the University of Kansas, has voiced his opposition to the new basketball rule stating that the ball should be across the center line within ten seconds.