Just 45 years after two peach baskets and a volleyball became the basis for the game of basketball, basketball will be included as an exhibition sport at the 2021 National Association of Basketball Coaches, starting tomorrow, at a time when the rules and regulations in the rules will be discussed.

The business of making changes in the code is up to the rules committee, but the coaches, and around 300 of them will be present to argue pro and con, have ideas. There will be opportunities for out-of-town spectators in large numbers during the next two sessions.

Most of the proposed changes in the game have been discussed in the audience, and a bigger chance for the audience to watch the game and be the principal target. One of the changes is a 10-second center jump, except at the start of the game, and the opening of each subsequent period.

Another would have a "jumping order," with each member of a team taking his turn in the center-circle. A tie-factoring break would retain the center-jump, but with restraining lines, over which no player may step until the ball has been tapped. Still another group wishes to do away with the "pivot-play," and a large argument is expected over the point.

The hope to increase scoring: a graduated point system, under which a field goal from within 5 feet would count one point, one from within 25 feet would be worth two points, and a goal from beyond 25 feet would count three points; and the boosting of the hoop from 10 to 12 feet to reduce congestion under the basket, are among the suggestions.

Dr. James Naismith Invented Basketball

Just 45 Years Ago Today in Massachusetts

Dr. James Naismith invented basketball just 45 years ago. It all started with peach baskets and a volleyball.

The international popularity of the game is, I believe, due to the fact that it is simple, and the same game, thus an active game. All the players have a share in the excitement in the contest, yet it is so simple that an individual can do something for himself in the part of the game which he likes best.

 coaxing and teaching. Little encouragement is required, yet there is action that is satisfying both to the player and to the spectator.

The suggested rules of the game are the result of experience which provides that the team in possession of the ball should not go beyond the center of the court within 10 seconds. Naismith contended that it was the defensive team which encouraged stalling and insisted on going to the ball. Oddly enough, one of the leading opponents of the 10-second rule was Dr. K. C. Payne, All-American Kansas coach, and the difference.