

A Few Words from Your . . .

Rules Chairman

There has been a lot of grouching and grumbling about our new rule (Rule 20-d) which includes the 10-Point Penalty for a disc going over the backstop. We had a great many similar gripes when we passed the rebound rules (Rules 20-a and 20-c). After having been in effect for a considerable time, it is now evident that they have been accepted and are working well.

It is just possible that Rule 20-d will also work very favorably toward the acquisition of better backstops, as our rebound rules did. Those rules have markedly and noticeably reduced hard shooting on our courts.

Our ultimate aim is to indoctrinate our players with the knowledge that hard shooting is not only dangerous, but decidedly unpleasant, and in some cases unsportsmanlike. Your F.S.A. Board has been reluctant to include any rule which includes the wording "Hard Shooting" mainly because each individual has his or her own conception of how hard "hard" is. Instead, we have endeavored to include such rules as will work toward this end and yet not radically change our game overnight, as banning hard shooting definitely would.

Please give this new rule a chance! I assure you that it was most thoroughly discussed and bantered about before its acceptance. We also assure you as players that if too many inequities develop as a result of this new rule, it can be changed for the following season.

Your Rules Committee (and the entire Board) hold your best interests of ALL Players foremost, and their and your well being is our No. One Priority.

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Chairman, Rules Committee