

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 30, 1952

Mr. H. C. Willett, President
National Collegiate Athletic Association
University of Southern California
Los Angeles, California

My dear Mr. Willett:

Your letter of October 22 was received on October 25. Upon receipt of your communication I called a meeting of the Board of Directors of the University of Kentucky Athletics Association and read your letter to this Board.

After due consideration the Athletics Board of the University of Kentucky directed me to communicate to you that it will accept the verdict of the Council of the NCAA without appealing this decision to the NCAA at its meeting in January, 1953. It was the opinion of our Athletics Board that the penalty inflicted upon the University of Kentucky is unduly severe and far more harsh than any penalty that has ever been inflicted upon a member for violation of the NCAA rules in the past.

We bow to the request of the Council of the NCAA that the University of Kentucky not participate in basketball for 1952-53, and we are requesting all institutions on our basketball schedule to release us from our contracts to play them this season.

Permit me to thank you on behalf of the Athletics Board for accepting our invitation to investigate the athletics situation at the University of Kentucky and for your courtesy in permitting Vice President Leo M. Chamberlain and Dean A. D. Kirwan to appear in person before the Council for the purpose of presenting our case. I also wish to thank you personally for your kindly attitude in conferences and letters toward me and other representatives of the University who have contacted you.

Cordially yours,

H. L. Donovan
President