

**INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL
ASSOCIATION BOARD**

1985

**MINUTES
of the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



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PRESENT:

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE de FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
Dr. J. Havelange, Messrs. A. D'Almeida, T. Wharton, and J.S. Blatter.

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
Messrs. F. A. Millichip, A. D. McMullen, J. J. Dunnett and E. A. Croker.

THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
Messrs. D. H. Will, P. Gardiner, I.R.G. Gellatly and E. Walker.

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF WALES
Messrs. S. Jenkins, T. Jarman and A. E. Evans.

THE IRISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
Messrs. H. H. Cavan O.B.E. (in the Chair), S. Walker, E. N. Barry and D. I. Bowen.

IN ATTENDANCE
Messrs. P. Pullen (Interpreter), P. Godoy (Observer) and W. E. Campbell (Irish F.A.).

I. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Cavan extended a warm welcome to all the delegates and, in particular, thanked the President of the Federation Internationale de Football Association, Dr. Havelange, for his attendance and also made reference to the fact that Mr. I. Gellatly and Mr. W. Campbell were attending their first meeting of the International Football Association Board.

Prior to any business being transacted the Chairman invited all the delegates who were present to stand for a moment's silence in respect of the victims of the recent tragic events in football.

II. THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held at Turnberry Hotel, Ayrshire, Scotland on 2nd June 1984 were confirmed and signed.

III LAWS OF THE GAME AND INTERNATIONAL BOARD DECISIONS

Proposals and amendments submitted under Rule 3

(1) Proposed by The Fédération Internationale de Football Association:

Law I — The Field of Play

Present text

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1.1 atmosphere	1.100 gr/cm ² 15.6 lb./sq. in.

Reason:

With this amendment to Decision 3, the stipulations regarding ball pressure become more precise.

DECISION

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The proposal of the Federation Internationale de Football Association was adopted in the above amended form.

(2) Proposed by the Irish Football Association

Law II — The Ball

Present text

- (4) If the ball bursts or becomes deflated during the course of a match, the game shall be stopped and restarted by dropping the new ball at the place where the first ball became defective.

Proposed new text

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Reason:

By adding this stipulation, the Law is brought into line with what was decided by the Board at the 1984 meeting regarding the dropped ball within the goal area.

AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY

DECISION

The proposal of the Irish Football Association was adopted.

(3) Proposed by the Football Association

Law III — Number of Players

Present text

- (5) When a goalkeeper or any other player is to be replaced by a substitute, the following conditions shall be observed:
- (a) the Referee shall be informed of the proposed substitution, before it is made;
 - (b) the substitute shall not enter the field of play until the player he is replacing has left, and then only after having received a signal from the Referee;
 - (c) he shall enter the field during a stoppage in the game, and at the half-way line;
 - (d) a player who has been replaced shall not take any further part in the game;
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 - (e) a substitute shall be subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the Referee whether called upon to play or not;
 - (f) *a player who is being replaced ceases to be a player and the substitute becomes a player from the moment the game is restarted.*

Reason:

There appears to be some confusion as to whether a substitution is completed at the moment the player being substituted leaves the field of play, or when the substitute actually enters the field of play, or when the ball becomes next in play. The proposed new text is to clarify this situation.

AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY

DECISION

The proposal of the Football Association was not adopted.

(4) Proposed by the Irish Football Association

Law III — Number of Players

Present text

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Proposed new text

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AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY

DECISION

The proposal of the Irish Football Association was adopted.

(5) Proposed by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association

Law VII — Duration of the Game

Present text

The duration of the game shall be two equal periods of 45 minutes, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon, subject to the following:

(a) Allowance shall be made in either period for all time lost through accident or other cause, the amount of which shall be a matter for the discretion of the Referee; (b) Time shall be extended to permit a penalty-kick being taken at or after the expiration of the normal period in either half.

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AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY

DECISION

(1) Proposal of the International Football Association

Law of the Game of Football

Article 13

The proposal of the International Football Association was submitted to the Commission on 15th October 1984. The Commission considered the proposal and decided to withdraw it. The Commission also decided to refer the proposal to the Council of the International Football Association for its consideration.

The proposal of the Federation Internationale de Football Association was withdrawn.

(6) Proposed by the Irish Football Association

Law X — Method of Scoring

Present text

- (2) A goal cannot in any case be allowed if the ball has been prevented by some outside agent from passing over the goal-line. If this happens in the normal course of play, other than at the taking of a penalty kick: the game must be stopped and restarted by the Referee dropping the ball at the place where the ball came into contact with the interference.

Present text

- (3) If, when the ball is going into goal, a spectator enters the field before it passes wholly over the goal-line, and tries to prevent a score, a goal shall be allowed if the ball goes into goal unless the spectator has made contact with the ball or has interfered with play, in which case the Referee shall stop the game and restart it by dropping the ball at the place where the contact or interference occurred.

Proposed new text

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Reason:

By adding this stipulation, the Law is brought into line with what was decided by the Board at the 1984 meeting regarding the dropped ball within the goal area.

The proposals of the Irish Football Association were adopted.

(7) Proposed by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association

Law XII — Fouls and Misconduct

Present text

- (5) When playing as a goalkeeper and within his own penalty-area:
- (a) from the moment he takes control of the ball with his hands, he takes more than 4 steps in any direction whilst holding, bouncing or throwing the ball in the air and catching it again, without releasing it into play, or, having released it into play before, during or after the 4 steps, he touches it again with his hands, before it has been touched or played by another player, or

Proposed new text

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Reason:

It has been noted that goalkeepers lose a lot of time when they leave the ball on the ground to be played by a team-mate standing nearby, within the penalty-area, who then returns it to them. In order to avoid such time wasting and liven up the game, the player is not permitted to touch the ball within the penalty-area, but is obliged — if he wishes to play it — to wait until it is outside the penalty-area.

The Football Association

5. When playing as a goalkeeper and within his own penalty-area:

- (a) from the moment he takes control of the ball with his hands, he takes more than 4 steps in any direction whilst holding, bouncing or throwing the ball in the air and catching it again, without releasing it into play, or, having released *the ball* into play before, during or after the 4 steps, he touches it again with his hands, before it has been *either touched or played by an opponent, or touched or played by a colleague while it is outside of the penalty-area, or*

The Scottish Football Association

5. When playing as a goalkeeper and within his own penalty-area:
- (a) from the moment he takes control of the ball with his hands, he takes more than 4 steps in any direction whilst holding, bouncing or throwing the ball in the air and catching it again, without releasing it into play, or, having released it into play before, during or after the 4 steps, he touches it again with his hands, *before it has passed out of the penalty-area and been touched or played by another player, or*

Reason

The Law as it presently stands has led to a great deal of time wasting on the part of goalkeepers who have developed a habit of advancing with the ball in their hands and then throwing it on the ground towards their colleagues standing nearby in order that he might tap it back to him, thus permitting him to lift it up again and repeat the process all over again. The proposed change would mean, of course, that once a goalkeeper had taken 4 steps, he could not touch the ball again with his hands until such time as it had passed outwith the penalty-area and been played by another player.

The Football Association of Wales

5. When playing as a goalkeeper and within his own penalty-area:

- (a) from the moment he takes control of the ball with his hands, he takes more than 4 steps in any direction whilst holding, bouncing or throwing the ball in the air and catching it again, without releasing it into play, or, having released it into play before, during or after the 4 steps — he touches it again with his hands, before it has been touched or played by another player *of the same team outside of the penalty-area*, or

The proposal by the Federation Internationale de Football Association and the amendments submitted by the Scottish Football Association and the Football Association of Wales were withdrawn. The amendment of The Football Association was adopted after having been re-worded by the Scottish Football Association to read as follows:-

5. When playing as a goalkeeper and within his own penalty area:

- (a) from the moment he takes control of the ball with his hands, he takes more than 4 steps in any direction whilst holding, bouncing or throwing the ball in the air and catching it again, without releasing it into play, or, having released the ball into play before, during or after the 4 steps, he touches it again with his hands, before it has been touched or played by another player of the same team outside of the penalty area, or by a player of the opposing team either inside or outside of the penalty area, or

Reason:

To clarify the original amendment, so that the opposing team are not penalised if the goalkeeper should not retain control of the ball.

Proposed by the Irish Football Association

Law XIV — Penalty-Kick

Present text

(2b) If, after the kick has been taken, the ball rebounds into play, from the goalkeeper, the cross-bar or a goal-post, and is then stopped in its course by an outside agent, the Referee shall stop play and restart it by dropping the ball at the place where it came into contact with the outside agent.

Proposed new text

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Reason:

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AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY

DECISION

MEMBERSHIP FOR ALTERNATION OF THE SECTION
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
The proposal of the Irish Football Association was
Law 2 - Method of Scoring

The proposal of the Irish Football Association was adopted.

IV PROPOSAL FOR ALTERATION OF THE SECTION QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Proposed by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association

Law X — Method of Scoring

QUESTION 1

Present text

1. Q. If a Referee signals a goal before the ball has passed wholly over the goal-line and he immediately realises his error, is the goal valid?
- A. No. The game should be restarted by dropping the ball at the place where it was when the Referee inadvertently stopped play.

Proposed new text

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Reason:

By adding this stipulation, the Answer is brought into line with what was decided by the Board at the 1984 meeting regarding the dropped ball within the penalty-area.

The proposal of the Federation Internationale de Football Association was adopted.

V — ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Submitted by the Football Association

1. LAW XII (o) — Foul or abusive language.

To discuss the possibility of advising Referees to take stronger action relative to foul or abusive language. It was agreed that this matter be referred to the Editorial Committee for consideration.

Submitted by the Scottish Football Association

2. National Associations' Instructions to their Referees.

It was agreed after a general discussion that it was the duty of National Associations to ensure the application of the Laws of the Game but that any interpretation of the same be referred to the International Board for decision, and any such decisions thereafter be circulated worldwide by the Federation Internationale de Football Association.

VI — REPORT OF THE DECISION OF THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE — 20/12/84

Feinting at the taking of a Penalty-Kick.

After much discussion it was agreed that the original question which was posed in 1982 was based on the wrong assumption that feigning was an offence. To this end it was decided that the law at present was adequate in that the question of ungentlemanly conduct at the taking of a penalty kick was a matter of interpretation by the Referee.

The report of the Editorial Committee was accepted

VII — 1986 MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD

The Chairman informed the delegates that the next meeting of the International Football Association Board would be held in Zurich on 12th May 1986.

VIII — OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman, on behalf of the Organising Committee of the World Cup, raised a question concerning the number of players from whom the substitutes in a match may be chosen, and was advised that the undermentioned decision 3 of the International Board of Law III was applicable —

“(3) A competition may require that the referee shall be informed, before the start of the match, of the names of not more than five players, from whom the substitutes (if any) must be chosen.”

Dr. Havelange concluded the business of the meeting by thanking the Irish Football Association for their hospitality, congratulated the Chairman for the efficient manner in which he had chaired the proceedings and finally, extended a cordial invitation on behalf of the Federation Internationale de Football Association to the four British Associations to next year's Centenary International Football Association Board Meeting in Zurich.

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ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

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1. National Association of...

It was agreed after a period of discussion that...

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