

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL  
ASSOCIATION BOARD

1937

AGENDA  
of the  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD.

ANNUAL MEETING, Imperial Hotel, Llandudno, on Saturday,  
12th June, 1937, at 10.30 A.m.

A G E N D A.

1. Chairman's observations.
2. To confirm Minutes of Meeting held at Troon, 13th June, 1936.
3. Laws of the Game.  
Proposals by The Football Association :-  
Law 1. (Items 1 and 2.)  
Law 5.  
Law 7.  
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Law 10.  
NOTE: Recommendation of International Board Meeting held at Troon.  
Law 12.  
Law 16.  
NOTE: Of the Council of The Football Association.  
Law 17.
4. Rules of the International Board.  
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5. AGREEMENTS  
Proposal of The Football Association re Agreement of 10th June, 1933.
6. Proposal by The Football Association.  
re TWO REFEREES.
7. Proposal by the Scottish Football Association.  
re PAYMENT of INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS.
8. Proposal by the Football Association of Wales.  
re Appointment of Editorial COMMITTEE for CO-ORDINATING RULES, etc.
9. ADDENDUM from the Irish Football Association, i.e.,  
"The Irish Football Association desire a ruling of the Board as to the rights of the Football Association of the Irish Free States to play as 'Ireland' in matches against Continental Nations, and to select Players born outside their own area."
10. Any other competent business.
11. Letter from the Federation Internationale de Football Association, re WORLDS CUP COMPETITION.
12. Venue for Board Meeting, 1938.





THE INTERNATIONAL  
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD.

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Proposals submitted under Rule 3 of the Board Rules, to be considered with any other competent business, at the Annual Meeting to be held in the Imperial Hotel, Llandudno, on Saturday, 12th June, 1937, at 10.30 a.m.

*J. Robbins*  
Secretary.



# LAWS OF THE GAME.

## PROPOSALS by THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

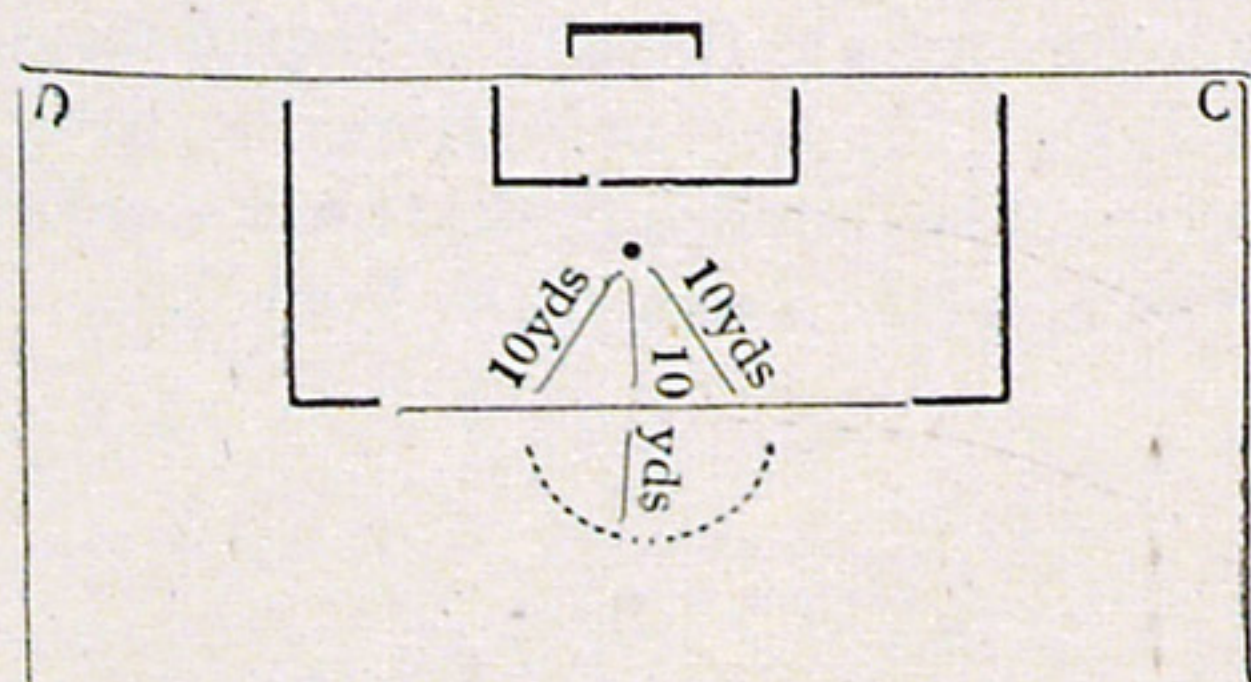
### PRESENT LAW.

#### **Law 1.** Last sentence :—

In International Matches, the dimensions of the field of play shall be—maximum length, 120 yards; minimum length, 110 yards; maximum breadth, 80 yards; minimum breadth, 70 yards; and at the commencement of the game the weight of the ball shall be from 13 to 15 ounces.

#### **Law 1.** 13th and 14th sentences :—

Lines shall be marked 18 yards from each goal-post at right angles to the goal-lines for a distance of 18 yards, and these shall be connected with each other by a line parallel to the goal-lines; the space within these lines shall be the penalty area. A suitable mark shall be made opposite the centre of each goal, 12 yards from the goal line; this shall be the penalty kick mark.



#### **Law 5.** Second sentence :—

The player throwing the ball must stand on both feet on or outside the touch-line, facing the field of play, and shall throw the ball in over his head with both hands in any direction, and it shall be in play when thrown in.

#### **\*Law 7.**—(a) Decision of the International Board :—

It is not permissible for the goalkeeper to receive the ball into his hands from a goal-kick by another player in order that he may thereafter kick it into play; the ball must be kicked direct from the goal area into play and if not kicked beyond the penalty area the kick shall be re-taken.

### PROPOSED ALTERATION.

Substitute "14 to 16 ounces." for 13 to 15 ounces."

#### Add at the end of the 14th sentence :—

An arc of a circle, with radius of 10 yards from the penalty spot, shall be marked outside the penalty area (see sketch).

#### Substitute the following :—

"At the moment of throwing, the player must stand on both feet facing the field of play and part of each foot shall be either on or outside the touchline. He shall throw the ball in over his head with both hands in any direction, and it shall be in play when thrown in.

After the word "goal-kick" in line two add the following :—

"or a free-kick taken by the defending side within the penalty area."

After the word "goal" in line 4 add the words "or penalty."



**\*Law 8.** First sentence :—

The goal-keeper may within his own penalty area use his hands, but shall not carry the ball.

**\*Law 10.** Last sentence :—

The kick-off (except as provided by Law 2) corner-kick and goal-kick shall be free-kicks within the meaning of this Law.

After the word "hands" add the following—  
"except as provided by Laws 7 and 10."

Delete the words "and goal-kick" and insert "and" before "corner-kick."

Add after the last sentence the following :—

" All free-kicks taken by the defending side within the penalty area must conform with Law 7."

**\*NOTE**—(At the International Board Meeting in June, 1936, the Board decided to recommend the British Associations and La Federation Internationale de Football Association to consider whether the principle applying to the taking of a goal-kick laid down in Law 7 and footnote (a) thereto, should also be made applicable to all free kicks taken by a defending side within the penalty area).

**Law 12.** Fourth sentence :—

Studs shall be round in plan, not less than half an inch in diameter, and in no case conical or pointed.

After the fourth sentence insert :—

" Combined studs and bars may be worn provided the bar is affixed transversely and extends the full width of the boot and the whole conforms to the general requirements of this rule. The bar, in conjunction with the stud, must be rounded at the corners and must be free of metal plates of any kind."

**Law 16.** In the event of any temporary suspension of play from any cause, the ball not having gone into touch or behind the goal-line, the Referee shall drop the ball where it was when play was suspended, and it shall be in play when it has touched the ground. If the ball goes into touch or behind the goal-line before it is played by a player, the Referee shall again drop it. The players on either side, shall not play the ball until it has touched the ground. A free kick shall be given for an infringement of this Law.

Delete the last sentence as follows :—

" A free kick shall be given for an infringement of this Law."

**NOTE**—(The Committee agreed that if an infringement of Law 16 is committed the referee should again drop the ball. This would be consistent with the interpretation of Law 7 (goal-kick) with regard to the ball being intercepted before it is in play).

**Law 17.** Fourth sentence :—

The opponents' goal-keeper must stand on his own goal-line until the ball is kicked.

After the word "goal-line" add the following :—

" between the goal-posts."



## PROPOSALS OF THE FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

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### PRESENT RULES.

**Rule IV.** Fourth sentence :—

“ Each Association may send its Secretary to the Board Meetings. The Secretary of the Association or of the Federation, which convened the meeting shall act as Secretary of the meeting. The Secretaries, unless appointed as representatives under Rule I, shall not have voting power.”

**Rule IX. :—**

“ The decision of the Board shall be at once binding on all the Associations, and no alterations in the Laws of the Game shall be made by any Association until the same have been passed by the Board.”

### PROPOSED ALTERATION.

**Rule IV.** Fourth sentence :—

“ Each Association may send its Secretary and Treasurer to the Board Meeting. The Secretary of the Association or of the Federation which convened the meeting shall act as Secretary of the Meeting. The Secretaries and Treasurers, unless appointed as representatives under Rule I shall not have voting power.”

**Rule IX.**

“ The decisions of the Board shall be at once binding on all British Associations. In the course of the month following the meeting of the International Board the Federation shall send to their National Associations the modifications of the Laws of the Game as promulgated by the “ Committee for the Laws of the Game and Referees ” according to the decisions of the International Board and these modifications shall be put in force by the Associations within a month after receipt of the notifications from the Federation.

No alterations in the Laws of the Game shall be made by any Association until the same shall have been passed by the Board.”

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