

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL
ASSOCIATION BOARD

1960

MINUTES
of the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



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HELD AT RUSACK'S MARINE HOTEL, ST. ANDREWS,

ON SATURDAY, 18TH JUNE, 1960 AT 10.00 A.M.

The following constituted the Board :—

THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Mr. R. Kelly, J.P., Mr. T. Reid, Mr. W. P. Allan, J.P.,
(*Secretary*) and Mr. E. Walker.

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Sir Leslie Bowker, K.C.V.O., O.B.E., M.C., Mr. J. Richards,
J.P., Mr. D. Follows, M.B.E., B.A., Lt. Col. C.F. Linnitt, J.P., B.Sc., Sir Stanley Rous, C.B.E.,
J.P. (*Secretary*) and Mr. E. M. Miller.

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF WALES—Mr. T. E. Russell, F.C.C.S., Mr. G. Owens and Mr.
H. Powell (*Secretary*).

THE IRISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Mr. H. H. CAVAN, Mr. W. A. Corry, Mr. G. H. Jones,
J.P., and Mr. W. J. Drennan (*Secretary*).

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Dr. P. J. Bauwens, Dr. M.
Andrejevic, Mr. A. Lindenberg, Mr. E. Coppola and Mr. K. Gassman (*Secretary*).

Mr. R. Kelly presided at the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. A. Wilson Strachan (Scottish F.A.), Mr. A. Drewry
(The Football Association), and Mr. M. Jenkins (F.A. of Wales).

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS.

The Chairman welcomed the Board to Scotland and in the course of his remarks made special
reference to :—

- (a) the continued illness of Mr. Arthur Drewry, The Chairman of the Council of The Football
Association, at the same time expressing the hope that he would soon be restored to
normal health and strength.
- (b) the recent death of Mr. E. J. Morgan, until lately Vice-President of The F.A. of Wales.
- (c) the death of Mr. Karl J. J. Lotsy, of Holland, a Vice-President of F.I.F.A.
- (d) the appointment of Mr. T. E. Russell as Vice-President of The F.A. of Wales who was
attending his first meeting of the Board, as was also Mr. E. Walker (Scottish F.A.).

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Annual meeting held in Jersey, on 20th June, 1959, were approved.

LAWS OF THE GAME.

(1) LAW 7—DURATION OF THE GAME. Proposal by The Football Association.

PRESENT LAW.

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 of a penalty-kick being taken at or after the expiration of the normal period in either half.

At half-time the interval shall not exceed five minutes, except by the consent of the Referee.

INTERNATIONAL BOARD DECISIONS ON LAW 7.

If a match has been stopped by the referee, before the completion of the time specified in the rules, for any reason stated in Law 5, it must be replayed in full, unless the rules of the competition concerned provide for the result of the match at the time of such stoppage to stand.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

Delete from line 2 of the Law the words “ unless otherwise mutually agreed upon.”

Add a new paragraph (a) of the Law. “ These periods may be reduced by mutual agreement provided the Rules of a League or Competition allow ” and reletter the existing paragraphs (a) and (b) as (b) and (c) respectively.

The proposal was withdrawn.

(2) LAW 12—FOULS AND MISCONDUCT. Proposal by Federation Internationale de Football Association :—

PRESENT LAW.

A player shall be cautioned if :—

- (j) he enters the field of play to join or rejoin his team after the game has commenced without first having received a signal from the Referee showing him that he is in order to do so. (This clause is not applicable in the case of Law IV). If the game has been stopped (to administer the caution) it shall be restarted by the Referee dropping the ball at the place where the infringement occurred, but if the player has committed a more important offence he shall be penalised according to that section of the Law infringed.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

Delete the present Law and substitute :—

- “ (j) he enters the field of play to join or rejoin his team after the game has commenced without first having received a signal from the Referee showing him that he is in order to do so. (This clause is not applicable in the case of Law IV). If the game has been stopped (to administer the caution) it shall be restarted by an indirect

free-kick at the place where the player was when the Referee cautioned him, but if the player has committed a more important offence he shall be penalised according to that section of the Law infringed."

The proposal was withdrawn.

(3) LAW 15—THROW-IN. Proposal by The Football Association.

PRESENT LAW.

When the whole of the ball passes over a touch-line either on the ground or in the air, it shall be thrown in from the point where it crossed the line, in any direction, by a player of the team opposite to that of the player who last touched it.

The thrower at the moment of delivering the ball must face the field of play and part of each foot shall be either on or outside the touch-line. The thrower shall use both hands and shall deliver the ball from over his head.

The ball shall be in play immediately it is thrown, but the thrower shall not again play the ball until it has been touched or played by another player. A goal shall not be scored direct from a throw-in.

Punishment—

- (a) If the ball is improperly thrown in the throw-in shall be taken by a player of the opposing team.
- (b) If the thrower plays the ball a second time, before it has been touched or played by another player, an indirect free-kick shall be taken by a player of the opposing team from the place where the infringement occurred.

INTERNATIONAL BOARD DECISIONS ON LAW 15.

If a player taking a throw-in, plays the ball a second time by handling it within the field of play before it has been touched or played by another player, the referee shall award a direct free-kick.

A player taking a throw-in from touch must face the field of play with some part of his body.

Touch is that part of the ground on either side of the field of play. If the ball is in touch, but before it is thrown in, and a player deliberately kicks an opponent, play shall be resumed by a throw-in and the player dealt with by a caution or ordered off the field.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

Add after the word "on" in Line 8 of the Law the words "the touchline or on the ground."

Delete the word "or" from line 8 of the Law.

The proposal was adopted.

(4) LAW 17—CORNER-KICK. Proposal by The Football Association.

PRESENT LAW.

When the whole of the ball passes over the goal-line, excluding that portion between the goal-posts, either in the air or on the ground, having last been played by one of the defending team, a member of the attacking team shall take a kick from within the quarter circle at the nearest corner-flag post, which must not be removed, *i.e.* a corner-kick. A goal may be scored direct from such a kick. Players of the team opposing that of the player taking the corner kick, shall not approach within ten yards of the ball until it is in play, *i.e.* it has

travelled the distance of its own circumference, nor shall the kicker play the ball a second time until it has been touched or played by another player.

Punishment.—For an infringement of this Law, an indirect free-kick shall be awarded to the opposing team, to be taken from the place where the infringement occurred.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

Delete the word “ removed ” from Line 6 of the Law and substitute the word “ moved.”

Punishment.—Add after the word “ Law ” in line 1 the words “ by the kicker.”

It was agreed (a) to adopt the first part of the proposal and (b) that the punishment should remain unaltered.

DECISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD.

The following proposals by Federation Internationale de Football Association were adopted :—

(1) LAW 5—REFEREES.

PRESENT DECISION (No. 16)

If the referee has decided to apply the advantage clause and to let the game proceed, he cannot revoke his decision if the presumed advantage has not been realised, even though he has not, by any gesture, indicated his decision.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

Add :—“ This does not exempt the offending player from being dealt with by the Referee.

PRESENT DECISION (No. 17).

The Laws of the Game are intended to provide that games should be played with as little interference as possible, and in this view it is the duty of referees not to penalise technical or supposed infringements. Constant whistling for trifling and doubtful breaches produces bad feeling and loss of temper on the part of the players and spoils the pleasure of spectators.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

Delete :—“ not to penalise technical or supposed infringements,” and insert after the word referees “ to penalise only deliberate breaches of the Law.”

(2) LAW 6—LINESMEN.

PRESENT DECISION (No. 5).

Linesmen, where neutral, may be asked by the referee to give an opinion on the ball crossing the goal-line between the posts.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

Delete :—This is not necessary in view of the general powers of the Linesmen explained in Law 6.

(3) LAW 10—METHOD OF SCORING.

PRESENT DECISION (No. 2).

A goal cannot in any case be allowed if the ball has been stopped by some outside agency before passing over the goal-line. If this happens in the normal course of play, 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.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

"A goal cannot in any case be allowed if the ball has been prevented by some outside agency from passing over the goal-line. If this happens . . . with the interference."

(4) LAW 12.—FOULS AND MISCONDUCT.

PRESENT DECISION (No. 14)

If two players of the same team meet and commit violent conduct within the penalty-area, the referee shall deal with them by caution or dismissal from play, and if the game has been stopped to administer either caution or dismissal, the game shall be restarted by an indirect free-kick.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

"If two players of the same team meet and commit ungentlemanly or violent conduct within the field of play," the referee . . .

(5) LAW 14—PENALTY KICK.

PRESENT DECISION (No. 4).

If a colleague of the player taking the penalty-kick encroaches into the penalty-area before the ball is in play, and the referee has no time to intervene, and the ball enters the goal, the kick shall be retaken.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

Delete: ". and the referee has no time to intervene,"

PRESENT DECISION (No. 6).

If, in the same circumstances, the ball rebounds into play from the goal-posts, cross-bar or goalkeeper, and the referee has not time to intervene, he should stop the game, caution the player at fault, and restart the game by dropping the ball provided it would not give the advantage to the offending side. The referee would apply the advantage clause.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

Delete: ". and the referee has not time to intervene,"

PRESENT DECISION (No. 10).

If, at a penalty-kick, the signal having been given, but before the ball is kicked, a colleague of the player taking the kick encroaches into the penalty-area and the referee notices the offence but allows the kick to be taken and the ball rebounds from the goalkeeper to the player who has encroached and this player sends the ball into goal, the referee shall disallow the goal, caution the player at fault for ungentlemanly conduct, and restart the game by dropping the ball.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

Insert after the word "goalkeeper" the words: "crossbar, goal posts."

The following proposals by The Football Association were adopted:—

(1) LAW 5—REFEREES.

PRESENT DECISION (No. 24).

Should a Referee fail to report misconduct which comes under his notice, and it is proved to the satisfaction of the National Association that such misconduct was of a nature that required investigation, he shall be suspended or otherwise dealt with.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

Add after the word "Association" the words "or affiliated Association."

(2) LAW 14—PENALTY-KICK.

PRESENT DECISION (No. 5).

If, in the same circumstances, the ball had passed the goal-line outside the goal, the Referee would restart the game with a goal-kick or a corner-kick and caution the player at fault.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

Delete the words "and caution the player at fault."

PRESENT DECISION (No. 9).

If the Referee has whistled and so stopped the game before the result of the penalty-kick is known, the kick must be retaken. If, when the penalty-kick has been retaken, a goal is scored, no protest can be considered concerning the result of the game or the postponement of the match, since it has been found that the mistake committed by the Referee has not been of the kind that would alter the course of the match nor its result.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

Delete the words "or the postponement of the match, since it has been found that the mistake committed by the Referee has not been of the kind that would alter the course of the match nor its result."

PRESENT DECISION (No. 11G).

The ball strikes a corner of the goal-posts and bursts. A new ball must be provided and the penalty-kick retaken.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

Re-word as follows and include as decision 7 "If the ball strikes the goal-post and/or cross bar and bursts, another ball must be provided and the penalty-kick retaken."

The following proposal by The Football Association was withdrawn in favour of that submitted by Federation Internationale de Football Association :—

LAW 12—FOULS AND MISCONDUCT.

PRESENT DECISION (No. 14).

If two players of the same team meet and commit violent conduct within the penalty-area, the Referee shall deal with them by caution or dismissal from play, and if the game has been stopped to administer either caution or dismissal, the game shall be restarted by an indirect free-kick.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

Add after the word "commit" the words "ungentlemanly or."

It was agreed, on a proposal by The Football Association, that the following decisions be transferred.

(i) FROM LAW 1 (No. 5) TO LAW 10 (No. 6).

A goal shall be scored when the ball has wholly passed over the surface formed by the Exterior edge of the cross-bar and the goal-posts, and the outside edge of the goal-line.

(ii) FROM LAW 3 (No. 7) TO LAW 12 (No. 21).

If, during the half-time interval, a player strikes an opponent or behaves in an ungentlemanly manner towards the Referee, he shall be debarred from taking any further part in the match, and shall not be replaced.

(iii) FROM LAW 8 (No. 2) TO LAW 12 (No. 22).

If two players of opposing sides should be outside the boundary of the field of play and one intentionally trips or strikes the other, the ball being still in play, the Referee shall stop the game and caution or send off the guilty player according to Law 12. The game shall be restarted by the Referee dropping the ball, in conformity with Law 8, at the place where it was in play at the moment the game was stopped.

The following proposal by The Scottish F.A. was adopted.

LAW 4—PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT; LAW 5—REFEREES.

"That the following be added to the decisions of the International Board:—

Nos. 7 and 27 respectively. In International matches, International competitions, and friendly matches between clubs of different national associations, the referee, prior to the start of the game, shall inspect the players' boots and prevent any player whose boots do not conform to the requirements of Law 4 from playing until they comply with the law.

Leagues and Competitions may include a similar provision in their rules."

PHOTOGRAPHS.

It was agreed that the taking of photographs at meetings of the Board be discontinued.

DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

An invitation from The F.A. of Wales to meet in Porthcawl, on 17th June, 1961, was accepted.

The Chairman was awarded a vote of thanks at the conclusion of the meeting.

MEETING OF THE FOUR BRITISH ASSOCIATIONS.

(Present as for the meeting of the International Board).

AGREEMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD.

PROPOSAL BY THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

PRESENT AGREEMENT.

In International matches the qualifications of players shall be birth. In the case of British subjects born abroad, their nationality shall be decided by the nationality of their fathers.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

A British subject born abroad in British territory whose father was also born abroad in British territory which has no National Association of its own nor a National Association in membership with F.I.F.A., or a Confederation of Football Associations shall be eligible to qualify for the National Association with which his club is affiliated. A player cannot play for more than one National Association. His initial selection shall determine the Country for which he is qualified.

The proposal was not adopted, two being in favour and two against.

MISCELLANEA.

1. F.I.F.A. VICE-PRESIDENT.

It was agreed to nominate Mr. H. H. Cavan (Irish F.A.), as a Vice-President of F.I.F.A., representing the four British Associations, in terms of paragraph 5 (b) of Article 17 of the Statutes, on the retirement of Mr. John W. Park (Scottish F.A.), in August, 1960.

It was agreed also, that representation should, in future, be in rotation, viz., The F.A. of Wales, The Football Association, The Scottish F.A. and The Irish F.A., although an Association would be at liberty to decline office.

2. TELEVISION.

It was unanimously decided to invite both the British Broadcasting Corporation and the Independent Television Authority to a meeting to discuss the following proposal by The Scottish F.A.—

“ That television of football matches, either in whole or in part, live or filmed, be not permitted, so long as reference to football and football matches, whether in progress or not, continues to be made prior to 5.00 p.m., during Saturday afternoon television programmes.”

3. BRITISH INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES.

A report was submitted on the present position, following the negotiations between the four Associations and The Football League, regarding the playing of matches in The British International Championship.

4. KING GEORGE'S JUBILEE TRUST—WORLD REFUGEE YEAR.

Information was exchanged on action already taken, or likely to be taken, in connection with appeals from King George's Jubilee Trust and World Refugee Year.

5. SOUTH AFRICAN SOCCER FEDERATION—CANDIDATES FOR U.E.F.A. EXECUTIVE.

It was agreed that both of these matters should be discussed at a meeting of the four Associations, to be held in the Metropole Hotel, Rome, at 5.00 p.m. on 18th August, 1960.

6. BRITISH YOUTH INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

The meeting was informed of an offer to donate a trophy for presentation, annually, to the winners of the British Youth International Championship.

Appreciation was expressed and the offer was readily accepted.

The Chairman was awarded a vote of thanks at the conclusion of the meeting.

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W. B. Jones

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St. Andrews, 18th June, 1960.

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