

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LTD.

THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD

Proposals submitted under Rule III of the International Football Association Board, in 1963 and 1964, remitted to the Committee of Study, and to be considered, in conjunction with their recommendations, at the Annual Meeting to be held in the Caledonian Hotel, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 19th June, 1965, at 10.00 a.m.

Proposals submitted to the 1963 Meeting.

LAWS OF THE GAME

(1) PROPOSAL BY THE FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

PRESENT LAW

PROPOSED ALTERATION

LAW III—NUMBER OF PLAYERS

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Punishment. If, without notifying the Referee, a player changes to goalkeeper during the game, and then handles the ball within the penalty-area, a penalty-kick shall be awarded. Any player leaving the field during the progress of the game (except through accident) without the consent of the Referee, shall be deemed guilty of ungentlemanly conduct.

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(2) PROPOSAL BY THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

PRESENT LAW

PROPOSED ALTERATION

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Delete the first sentence and substitute :

“ If the Referee has not been notified that a player has changed to goalkeeper during the game, and the player handles the ball within the penalty-area, a penalty-kick shall be awarded.”

Delete the second sentence (it is proposed to include this as a decision of the International Board relating to Law XII).

Recommendation by the Committee of Study.

(a) That the amended wording for the first sentence, proposed by the Federation Internationale de Football Association, be adopted, viz:—

“ If, without the Referee being notified, a player changes to goal-keeper during the game, and then handles the ball within the penalty-area, a penalty-kick shall be awarded”, and

(b) That the proposal by the Scottish Football Association to delete the second sentence, and to include it as a decision of the International Board relating to Law XII, be adopted.

(3) PROPOSAL BY THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

PRESENT LAW

PROPOSED ALTERATION

LAW X—METHOD OF SCORING

Except as otherwise provided by these Laws, a goal is scored when the whole of the ball has passed over the goal-line, between the goal-posts and under the cross-bar, provided it has not been thrown, carried, or propelled by hand or arm, by a player of the attacking side, except in the case of a goalkeeper, who is within his own penalty-area. Should the cross-bar become displaced for any reason during the game, and the ball cross the goal-line at a point which in the opinion of the Referee, is below where the cross-bar should have been, he shall award a goal.

The team scoring the greater number of goals during a game shall be the winner ; if no goals, or an equal number of goals are scored, the game shall be termed a “ draw ”.

Delete the second sentence, in the first paragraph.

Recommendation by the Committee of Study.

That the proposal be adopted.

(4) PROPOSAL BY THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

PRESENT LAW

PROPOSED ALTERATION

LAW XIII—FREE-KICK

Free-kicks shall be classified under two heads: "Direct" (from which a goal can be scored direct against the offending side), and "Indirect" (from which a goal cannot be scored unless the ball has been played or touched by a player other than the kicker before passing through the goal).

When a direct or indirect free-kick is being taken a player of the opposite side shall not approach within ten yards of the ball until it is in play, unless he be standing on his own goal-line, between the goal-posts. If a player of the opposing side approaches within ten yards before the kick is taken the Referee shall delay the taking of the kick until the Law is complied with. The ball shall not be deemed in play until it has travelled the distance of its own circumference. The ball must be stationary when the kick is taken, and after taking the kick, the kicker shall not play the ball a second time until it has been touched or played by another player. In the case of a free-kick being awarded to the defending side in the penalty-area, the goalkeeper shall not receive the ball into his hands in order that he may thereafter kick it into play; the ball must be kicked direct into play beyond the penalty-area and if this part of the Law is not complied with the kick shall be re-taken.

Punishment. If the kicker after taking the free-kick, 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 spot where the infringement occurred.

Recommendation by the Committee of Study.

That the proposal be adopted.

Delete the second paragraph and substitute:—

"When a player is taking a direct or an indirect free-kick inside his own penalty-area, all of the opposing players shall remain outside the area, and shall be at least ten yards from the ball whilst the kick is being taken. The ball shall be in play immediately it has travelled the distance of its own circumference and is beyond the penalty-area. The goalkeeper shall not receive the ball into his hands in order that he may thereafter, kick it into play. If the kick is not kicked direct into play, beyond the penalty-area the kick shall be retaken.

When a player is taking a direct or an indirect free-kick outside his own penalty-area, all of the opposing players shall be at least ten yards from the ball, unless they are standing on their own goal-line, between the goal-posts. The ball shall be in play when it has travelled the distance of its own circumference.

If a player of the opposing side approaches into the penalty-area, or within ten yards of the ball, as the case may be, before a free-kick is taken, the Referee shall delay the taking of the kick, until the Law is complied with.

The ball must be stationary when a free-kick is taken, and the kicker shall not play the ball a second time, until it has been touched or played by another player."

(5) PROPOSAL BY THE FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

PRESENT LAW

PROPOSED ALTERATION

LAW XIV—PENALTY KICK

Punishment.

(a) ...

(b) For any infringement by the attacking team, other than by the player taking the kick, the kick shall be retaken, if a goal has resulted.

Punishment

(a) ...

(b) For any infringement by the attacking team, other than by the player taking the kick, the kick shall be retaken, provided the goal was scored by the player taking the kick.

Recommendation by the Committee of Study.

That the wording of the proposed amendment be altered to read as follows:—

"For any infringement by the attacking team, other than by the player taking the kick, if a goal is scored by this player, the goal shall be disallowed and the kick retaken," and be adopted.

(6) PROPOSAL BY THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

PRESENT LAW

PROPOSED ALTERATION

LAW XV—THROW-IN

(THE APPROPRIATE PARAGRAPH)

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 the touch-line, or on the ground 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.

Delete the fourth sentence and substitute:—

"The ball shall be in play immediately it crosses the touch-line into the field of play, but the thrower shall not again play the ball until it has been touched or played by another player."

Recommendation by the Committee of Study.

That the wording of the proposed amendment be altered to read as follows:—

"The ball shall be in play immediately it enters the field of play, but the thrower shall not again play the ball until it has been touched or played by another player," and be adopted.

DECISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD

(7) PROPOSAL BY THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
 PRESENT DECISION No. 6 PROPOSED ALTERATION

LAW IV—PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT

The provision of Law XII relating to a player joining or re-joining his team after the match has started, does NOT affect Law IV. A player who has been sent off the field for infringing Law IV must present himself to the Referee during a stoppage of the game, and may not re-enter the field of play unless and until the Referee has satisfied himself that the faulty equipment is in order, and has given permission to the player to take part in the game.

Delete the first sentence.

Recommendation by the Committee of Study.

That the proposal be adopted.

(8) PROPOSAL BY THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
 PRESENT DECISION No. 1 PROPOSED ALTERATION

LAW XII—FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

If the goalkeeper throws the ball vigorously into the face of an attacking opponent, the Referee shall caution the player at fault and award an indirect free-kick. But if he pushes the opponent with the ball whilst holding it, the Referee shall award a penalty-kick for an intentional foul within the penalty-area.

Delete and substitute :—

" If the goalkeeper either intentionally strikes an opponent by throwing the ball vigorously at him, or pushes him with the ball while holding it, the Referee shall award a penalty-kick, if the offence took place within the penalty-area."

Recommendation by the Committee of Study.

That the proposal be adopted.

(9) PROPOSAL BY THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
 PROPOSED NEW DECISION

LAW XII—FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

Recommendation by the Committee of Study.

That the proposal be adopted.

Any player leaving the field during the progress of the game (except through accident) without the consent of the Referee, shall be deemed guilty of ungentlemanly conduct.

(10) PROPOSAL BY THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
 PRESENT DECISION No. 6 PROPOSED ALTERATION

LAW XIV—PENALTY KICK

If, in the circumstances (described in 4 above) the ball rebounds into play from the goal-posts, cross-bar or goalkeeper, 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.

Delete and substitute :—

" If a colleague of the player taking the penalty-kick, encroaches into the penalty-area before the ball is in play, and the ball rebounds into play from the goal-posts, cross-bar or goalkeeper, the Referee should stop the game and caution the player at fault. The game should be restarted by an indirect free-kick."

Recommendation by the Committee of Study.

That the proposal be adopted.

Proposal submitted to the 1964 Meeting.

(11) PROPOSAL BY THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF WALES
 PRESENT DECISION No. 4 PROPOSED ALTERATION

LAW V—REFEREES

The authority of the Referee on the field of play and the exercise of the powers granted to him by the Laws of the Game commence with the kick-off. His discretionary powers commence as soon as he enters the field of play, consequently, players at fault may be sent off the field before the game has commenced.

The authority of the Referee on the field of play and the exercise of the powers granted to him by the Laws of the Game, commence with the kick-off. His discretionary powers operate from the time he enters the ground and its curtilage, until such time as he leaves the ground and its curtilage. Players at fault may be sent off the field before the game has commenced.

Recommendation by the Committee of Study.

That the wording of the proposed amendment be altered to read as follows :—

" The authority of the Referee on the field of play and the exercise of the powers granted to him by the Laws of the Game, commence with the kick-off. He has discretionary powers to report to the appropriate authority, any misconduct or misdemeanour on the part of spectators, officials or players, which takes place on the field or its immediate environs, including the dressing rooms and corridors adjacent thereto,"

and be adopted.

(12) PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE COMMITTEE OF STUDY

PRESENT LAW

LAWS OF THE GAME

PROPOSED ALTERATION

LAW II—THE BALL

The ball shall be spherical ; the outer casing shall be of leather and no material shall be used in its construction which might prove dangerous to the players. The circumference of the ball shall not be more than 28 in. nor less than 27 in. The weight of the ball at the start of the game shall not be more than 16 oz. nor less than 14 oz. and it shall not be changed during the game unless authorised by the Referee.

Delete the first sentence and substitute :—

" The ball shall be spherical ; the outer casing shall be of leather or other approved materials. No material shall be used in its construction which might prove dangerous to the players."

PRESENT LAW

PROPOSED ALTERATION

LAW XII—FOULS AND MISCONDUCT
(THE APPROPRIATE PARAGRAPHS)

5. When playing as goalkeeper, carrying the ball, i.e. taking more than four steps while holding the ball, without bouncing it on the ground.

Delete and substitute :—

"5. When playing as goalkeeper—(a) takes more than four steps while holding the ball, or (b) takes more than four steps while bouncing the ball on the ground, or (c) takes more than four steps while throwing the ball in the air and catching it again, or (d) continues to hold the ball, or bounce it on the ground, or throw it in the air and catch it again, to the extent that, in the opinion of the Referee, he is unnecessarily or unjustifiably holding up the progress of the game and is guilty of wasting time."

A player shall be cautioned if :—

(j) he enters the field of play to join or re-join 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 4). 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.

Delete the words in parenthesis.

PRESENT LAW

PROPOSED ALTERATION

LAW XV—THROW-IN
(THE APPROPRIATE PARAGRAPH)

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 the touch-line or on the ground 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.

Delete the third sentence and substitute :—

"The thrower shall use both hands and shall deliver the ball from behind and over his head."

DECISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD

PRESENT DECISIONS NOS. 8 AND 9

PROPOSED ALTERATION

LAW I—THE FIELD OF PLAY

8. In the event of the cross-bar becoming displaced or broken and there is no available means of replacing it or putting it in order without a danger to the players, if the match is played under the rules of a competition, the match shall be abandoned.

9. The substitute of the cross-bar by a rope, in order to finish the match, cannot be allowed.

Delete and substitute :—

"If a cross-bar becomes displaced or broken, play shall be stopped.

In these circumstances, a match which is being played under the rules of a competition shall be abandoned, unless it is agreed to the contrary, under the terms of the following paragraph, or unless the cross-bar has been repaired, without leaving any source of danger to the players, or replaced. A rope is not regarded as a satisfactory substitute for a cross-bar in such a match.

In a friendly match or in a competitive match, by mutual consent, play may be resumed without the cross-bar, provided it has been removed and no longer constitutes a danger to the players. If, in these circumstances, the ball crosses the goal-line, at a point which, in the opinion of the Referee, is below where the cross-bar should have been, he shall award a goal.

The game shall be restarted by the Referee dropping the ball at the place where it was when play was stopped."

PRESENT DECISION No. 2

PROPOSED ALTERATION

LAW II—THE BALL

The provisions of Law II specifying that the outside covering of the ball must be of leather shall be strictly observed. Footballs covered with any other material (rubber, etc.) must not be used.

Delete and substitute :—

"The International Board, from time to time, shall decide what constitute approved materials."

PROPOSED NEW DECISION

LAW XIV—PENALTY KICK

If when a penalty-kick is being taken, the kicker is guilty of ungentlemanly conduct, he shall be cautioned. If already taken, the kick shall be retaken.

(13) MEMORANDUM ON CO-OPERATION BETWEEN REFEREES AND LINESMEN.

The Committee of Study considered the memorandum submitted to the 1964 meeting by the Football Association, and agreed that the chapter in the "Universal Guide for Referees" relating to co-operation between referees and linesmen, be edited, and that anything useful and new in the memorandum, be incorporated therein.



THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LTD.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD, HELD AT THE CALEDONIAN HOTEL, EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY, 19TH JUNE, 1965.

The following constituted the Board :—

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Mr. J. H. W. Mears, Lt. Col. C. F. Linnitt, C.C., J.P., B.Sc., Mr. J. Richards, J.P., Mr. S. A. Donaldson, Mr. D. Follows, M.B.E., B.A. (Secretary) and Mr. E. M. Miller.

THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Mr. T. Reid, Mr. R. B. Thyne, Mr. A. Wilson Strachan, Mr. W. P. Allan, J.P. (Secretary) and Mr. E. Walker.

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

THE IRISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Mr. H. H. Cavan, Mr. T. Moorhead, J.P., Mr. G. H. Jones, J.P., and Mr. W. J. Drennan (Secretary).

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Sir Stanley Rous, C.B.E., Prof. Dr. M. Andrejevic, Mr. A. Lindenberg, Mr. Koe Ewe Teik, P.J.K., and Dr. H. Kaser (Secretary).

Mr. T. Reid, the President of The Scottish Football Association, presided at the meeting, and Mr. W. P. Allan acted as Secretary.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. G. Jones (The Football Association of Wales).
Chairman's Remarks :—

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

- (a) Mr. Koe Ewe Teik and Mr. R. B. Thyne, who were attending their first meeting of the Board,
- (b) the deaths of Mr. E. Coppola, who had represented F.I.F.A. at the Board, since 1952, Mr. W. W. Terris of The Scottish F.A., who had attended his first meeting in 1964, and Mr. Kurt Gassman, who had been General Secretary of F.I.F.A., for eleven years,
- (c) the award of the P.J.K. to Mr. Koe Ewe Teik, by his Government, and of the O.B.E. to Mr. H. Powell, by Her Majesty, The Queen, and
- (d) the illness of Mr. G. Jones, to whom he expressed good wishes for a speedy recovery.

1. Minutes.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at St. Helier, Jersey, on 20th June, 1964, were approved.

2. Laws of the Game.

- (a) Proposal by The Federation Internationale de Football Association.

LAW III—NUMBER OF PLAYERS

PRESENT LAW

PROPOSED ALTERATION

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(b) Proposal by The Scottish Football Association.

LAW III—NUMBER OF PLAYERS.

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PROPOSED ALTERATION

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Delete the first sentence and substitute :

“ If the Referee has not been notified that a player has changed to goalkeeper during the game, and the player handles the ball within the penalty-area, a penalty-kick shall be awarded.”

Delete the second sentence (it is proposed to include this as a decision of the International Board relating to Law XII).

Recommendation by Committee of Study.

- (a) That the amended wording for the first sentence, proposed by the Federation Internationale de Football Association be adopted, and
- (b) That the proposal by The Scottish Football Association to delete the second sentence, and to include it as a decision of the International Board relating to Law XII, be adopted.

Recommendation (a) by the Committee of Study was adopted unanimously, and recommendation (b) by a majority.

(c) Proposal by The Scottish Football Association.

LAW X—METHOD OF SCORING

PRESENT LAW

Except as otherwise provided by these Laws, a goal is scored when the whole of the ball has passed over the goal-line, between the goal-posts and under the cross-bar, provided it has not been thrown, carried, or propelled by hand or arm, by a player of the attacking side, except in the case of a goalkeeper, who is within his own penalty-area. Should the cross-bar become displaced for any reason during the game, and the ball cross the goal-line at a point which in the opinion of the Referee, is below where the cross-bar should have been, he shall award a goal.

The team scoring the greater number of goals during a game shall be the winner ; if no goals, or an equal number of goals are scored, the game shall be termed a “ draw ”.

PROPOSED ALTERATION

Delete the second sentence, in the first paragraph.

Recommendation by the Committee of Study.

That the proposal be adopted.

The Proposal was remitted back to the Committee of Study, to be considered in conjunction with their proposal to amend the wording of decisions numbers 8 and 9, relating to Law I.

(d) Proposal by The Scottish Football Association.

LAW XIII—FREE-KICK

PRESENT LAW

Free-kicks shall be classified under two heads: “ Direct ” (from which a goal can be scored direct against the offending side), and “ Indirect ” (from which a goal cannot be scored unless the ball has been played or touched by a player other than the kicker before passing through the goal).

When a direct or indirect free-kick is being taken a player of the opposite side shall not approach within ten yards of the ball until it is in play, unless he be standing on his own goal-line, between the goal-posts. If a player of the opposing side approaches within ten yards before the kick is taken the Referee shall delay the taking of the kick until the Law is complied with. The ball shall not be deemed in play until it has travelled the distance of its own circumference. The ball must be stationary when the kick is taken, and after taking the kick, the kicker shall not play the ball a second time until it has been touched or played by another player. In the case of a free-kick being awarded to the defending side in the penalty-area, the goalkeeper shall not receive the ball into his hands in order that he may thereafter kick it into play ; the ball must be kicked direct into play beyond the penalty-area and if this part of the Law is not complied with the kick shall be re-taken.

Punishment. If the kicker after taking the free-kick, 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 spot where the infringement occurred.

PROPOSED ALTERATION

Delete the second paragraph and substitute:—

“ When a player is taking a direct or an indirect free-kick inside his own penalty-area, all of the opposing players shall remain outside the area, and shall be at least ten yards from the ball whilst the kick is being taken. The ball shall be in play immediately it has travelled the distance of its own circumference and is beyond the penalty-area. The goalkeeper shall not receive the ball into his hands, in order that he may thereafter, kick it into play. If the ball is not kicked direct into play, beyond the penalty-area, the kick shall be retaken.

When a player is taking a direct or an indirect free-kick outside his own penalty-area, all of the opposing players shall be at least ten yards from the ball, until it is in play, unless they are standing on their own goal-line, between the goal-posts. The ball shall be in play when it has travelled the distance of its own circumference.

If a player of the opposing side encroaches into the penalty-area, or within ten yards of the ball, as the case may be, before a free-kick is taken, the Referee shall delay the taking of the kick, until the Law is complied with.

The ball must be stationary when a free-kick is taken, and the kicker shall not play the ball a second time, until it has been touched or played by another player.”

Recommendation by the Committee of Study.

That the proposal be adopted.

The proposal was adopted.

(e) Proposal by the Federation Internationale de Football Association.

LAW XIV—PENALTY KICK

PRESENT LAW	PROPOSED ALTERATION
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Recommendation by the Committee of Study.

That the wording of the proposed amendment be altered to read as follows :—

“ For any infringement by the attacking team, other than by the player taking the kick, if a goal is scored by this player, the goal shall be disallowed and the kick retaken.”

The recommendation by the Committee of Study was adopted.

(f) Proposal by The Scottish Football Association.

LAW XV—THROW-IN

PRESENT LAW	PROPOSED ALTERATION
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 the touch-line, or on the ground 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.	Delete the fourth sentence and substitute :— “ The ball shall be in play immediately it crosses the touch-line into the field of play, but the thrower shall not again play the ball until it has been touched or played by another player.”

Recommendation by the Committee of Study.

That the wording of the proposed amendment be altered to read as follows :—

“ The ball shall be in play immediately it enters the field of play, but the thrower shall not again play the ball until it has been touched or played by another player.”

The recommendation by the Committee of Study was adopted.

3. Decisions Of The International Board.

(a) Proposal by The Scottish Football Association.

LAW IV—PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT

PRESENT DECISION No. 6	PROPOSED ALTERATION
The provision of Law XII relating to a player joining or re-joining his team after the match has started, does NOT affect Law IV. A player who has been sent off the field for infringing Law IV must present himself to the Referee during a stoppage of the game, and may not re-enter the field of play unless and until the Referee has satisfied himself that the faulty equipment is in order, and has given permission to the player to take part in the game.	Delete the first sentence.

Recommendation by the Committee of Study.

That the proposal be adopted.

The proposal was remitted back to the Committee of Study.

(b) Proposal by The Scottish Football Association.

LAW XII—FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

PRESENT DECISION No. 1	PROPOSED ALTERATION
If the goalkeeper throws the ball vigorously into the face of an attacking opponent, the Referee shall caution the player at fault and award an indirect free-kick. But if he pushes the opponent with the ball whilst holding it, the Referee shall award a penalty-kick for an intentional foul within the penalty-area.	Delete and substitute :— “ If the goalkeeper either intentionally strikes an opponent by throwing the ball vigorously at him, or pushes him with the ball while holding it, the Referee shall award a penalty-kick, if the offence took place within the penalty-area.”

Recommendation by the Committee of Study.

That the proposal be adopted.

The proposal was adopted.

(c) Proposal by The Scottish Football Association.

LAW XII—FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

PRESENT DECISION

None.

PROPOSED NEW DECISION

Any player leaving the field during the progress of the game (except through accident) without the consent of the Referee, shall be deemed guilty of ungentlemanly conduct.

Recommendation by the Committee of Study.

That the proposal be adopted.

The proposal was adopted, by a majority, subject to the addition of the words "and shall be dealt with, accordingly", at the end of the sentence.

(d) Proposal by The Scottish Football Association.

LAW XIV—PENALTY KICK

PRESENT DECISION No. 6

If, in the circumstances (described in 4 above) the ball rebounds into play from the goal-posts, cross-bar or goalkeeper, 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 substitute :—

"If a colleague of the player taking the penalty-kick, encroaches into the penalty-area before the ball is in play, and the ball rebounds into play from the goal-posts, cross-bar or goalkeeper, the Referee shall stop the game and caution the player at fault. The game shall be restarted by an indirect free-kick."

Recommendation by the Committee of Study.

That the proposal be adopted.

The proposal was adopted.

(e) Proposal by The Football Association of Wales.

LAW V—REFEREES

PRESENT DECISION No. 4

The authority of the Referee on the field of play and the exercise of the powers granted to him by the Laws of the Game commence with the kick-off. His discretionary powers commence as soon as he enters the field of play, consequently, players at fault may be sent off the field before the game has commenced.

PROPOSED ALTERATION

The authority of the Referee on the field of play and the exercise of the powers granted to him by the Laws of the Game, commence with the kick-off. His discretionary powers operate from the time he enters the ground and its curtilage, until such time as he leaves the ground and its curtilage. Players at fault may be sent off the field before the game has commenced.

Recommendation by the Committee of Study.

That the wording of the proposed amendment be altered to read as follows :—

"The authority of the Referee on the field of play and the exercise of the powers granted to him by the Laws of the Game, commence with the kick-off. He has discretionary powers to report to the appropriate authority, any misconduct or misdemeanour on the part of spectators, officials or players, which takes place on the field or its immediate environs, including the dressing rooms and corridors adjacent thereto."

The proposal was remitted back to the Committee of Study, in order that their recommendation be amended to give the Referee authority equal to what he has, under the existing decision.

4. Laws Of the Game.

(a) Proposal by the Committee of Study.

LAW II—THE BALL

PRESENT LAW

The ball shall be spherical; the outer casing shall be of leather and no material shall be used in its construction which might prove dangerous to the players. The circumference of the ball shall not be more than 28 in. nor less than 27 in. The weight of the ball at the start of the game shall not be more than 16 oz. nor less than 14 oz. and it shall not be changed during the game unless authorised by the Referee.

PROPOSED ALTERATION

Delete the first sentence and substitute :—

"The ball shall be spherical; the outer casing shall be of leather or other approved materials. No material shall be used in its construction which might prove dangerous to the players."

The proposal was adopted.

It was agreed that the Committee of Study should consider the questions of "pattern" and "colour".

(b) Proposal by the Committee of Study.

LAW XII—FOULS AND MISCONDUCT
(THE APPROPRIATE PARAGRAPHS)

PRESENT LAW

5. When playing as goalkeeper, carrying the ball, i.e. taking more than four steps while holding the ball, without bouncing it on the ground.

A player shall be cautioned if :—

(j) he enters the field of play to join or re-join 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 4). 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.

The proposal was remitted back to the Committee of Study, who were requested to consider the proposed alteration to paragraph (5) in conjunction with charging of the goalkeeper.

PROPOSED ALTERATION

Delete and substitute :—

“ 5. When playing as goalkeeper—(a) takes more than four steps while holding the ball, or (b) takes more than four steps while bouncing the ball on the ground, or (c) takes more than four steps while throwing the ball in the air and catching it again, or (d) continues to hold the ball, or bounce it on the ground, or throw it in the air and catch it again, to the extent that, in the opinion of the Referee, he is unnecessarily or unjustifiably holding up the progress of the game and is guilty of wasting time.”

Delete the words in parenthesis.

(c) Proposal by the Committee of Study.

LAW XV—THROW-IN
(THE APPROPRIATE PARAGRAPH)

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 the touch-line or on the ground 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.

The proposal was adopted.

PROPOSED ALTERATION

Delete the third sentence and substitute :—

“ The thrower shall use both hands and shall deliver the ball from behind and over his head.”

5. Decisions Of The International Board.

(a) Proposal by the Committee of Study.

LAW I—THE FIELD OF PLAY

PRESENT DECISIONS NOS. 8 AND 9

8. In the event of the cross-bar becoming displaced or broken and there is no available means of replacing it or putting it in order without a danger to the players, if the match is played under the rules of a competition, the match shall be abandoned.

9. The substitute of the cross-bar by a rope, in order to finish the match, cannot be allowed.

PROPOSED ALTERATION

Delete and substitute :—

“ If a cross-bar becomes displaced or broken, play shall be stopped.

In these circumstances, a match which is being played under the rules of a competition shall be abandoned, unless it is agreed to the contrary, under the terms of the following paragraph, or unless the cross-bar has been repaired, without leaving any source of danger to the players, or replaced. A rope is not regarded as a satisfactory substitute for a cross-bar in such a match.

In a friendly match or in a competitive match, by mutual consent, play may be resumed without the cross-bar, provided it has been removed and no longer constitutes a danger to the players. If, in these circumstances, the ball crosses the goal-line, at a point which, in the opinion of the Referee, is below where the cross-bar should have been, he shall award a goal.

The game shall be restarted by the Referee dropping the ball at the place where it was when play was stopped.”

The proposal was remitted back to the Committee of Study.

(b) Proposal by the Committee of Study.

LAW II—THE BALL

PRESENT DECISION No. 2

The provisions of Law II specifying that the outside covering of the ball must be of leather shall be strictly observed. Footballs covered with any other material (rubber, etc.) must not be used.

The proposal was adopted, subject to the addition of the following sentence, viz.: "Any approved material shall be certified as such, by the International Board."

PROPOSED ALTERATION

Delete and substitute :—

"The International Board, from time to time, shall decide what constitute approved materials."

(c) Proposal by the Committee of Study.

LAW XIV—PENALTY KICK

PRESENT DECISION

None.

PROPOSED NEW DECISION

If when a penalty-kick is being taken, the kicker is guilty of ungentlemanly conduct, he shall be cautioned. If already taken, the kick shall be retaken.

The proposal was remitted back to the Committee of Study.

6. Memorandum on Co-operation between Referees and Linesmen.

The proposal by the Committee of Study, viz: "That the chapter in the Universal Guide for Referees, relating to co-operation between referees and linesmen, be edited, and anything useful and new contained in the memorandum submitted by The Football Association to the 1964 meeting of the International Board, be incorporated therein" was adopted. The matter was referred to the Committee of Study.

7. Laws of the Game—Copyright.

It was agreed that the Universal Guide for Referees should not make reference to copyright.

8. Date and Place of Next Meeting.

An invitation from The F.A. of Wales to meet in Llandudno, on a date in June, 1966, was accepted.

9. Vote of Thanks.

The Chairman was accorded 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, with the exception of the delegates of the Federation Internationale de Football Association)

1. Matches in the British International Championship.

It was agreed to seek a meeting with The Football League, to discuss the playing of matches in the British International Championship.

2. Approach to Schoolboys.

The meeting discussed further, this question which was brought to the attention of the four Associations in 1964, by the Scottish F.A.

It was agreed that no purpose would be served in pursuing the matter.

3. U.E.F.A. Competition for Amateur Teams.

This matter was discussed, with particular reference to the participation of the four British Associations.

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11. 6. 1966.

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