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FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

AGENDA
of the
120TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD

to be held at the
PALACE HOTEL,
LUCERNE, SWITZERLAND
on
SATURDAY, 4 MARCH 2006
at 09.30 hours

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DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



AGENDA

I. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

II. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Miskin Manor Hotel, Vale of Glamorgan, Wales on Saturday, 26 February 2005 at 09.30 hrs.

To confirm the minutes of the Annual Business Meeting held at JW Marriott Hotel, Lima, Peru on 1 October 2005 at 10.00 hrs.

III. LAWS OF THE GAME AND DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

To consider the following proposals and amendments submitted under the International Football Association Board's regulations.

1. Law 1 – The Field of Play

(Submitted by FIFA)

2. Law 4 – The Players' Equipment

(Submitted by FIFA)

3. Law 10 – The Method of Scoring

(Submitted by FIFA)

4. Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct (Cautionable Offences)

(Submitted by FIFA)

5. Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct (Sending-Off Offences)

(Submitted by FIFA)

6. Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct (Decisions of the IFAB)

(Submitted by FIFA)

7. Law 14 – The Penalty Kick

(Submitted by FIFA)

8. Law 17 – The Corner Kick

(Submitted by FIFA)

9. Additional Instructions for Referees, Assistant Referees and Fourth Officials

(Dealing with injured players – Exceptions)

(Submitted by The Football Association)

IV. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS BOOKLET 2006

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION

- 1. The Ball – Adidas/Cairos new goal-line ball technology**
(Submitted by the IFAB following the 2005 AGM)
- 2. Request for tests with a referee communication system in UEFA club and youth competitions in spring 2006**
- 3. Request for tests with a video system to assist referees**
(Submitted by the French Football Federation (FFF))
- 4. Technical Area**
Report back from the Sub Committee regarding clarification on the advertising in the technical area

VI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

VII. 2007 MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD Venue and date

I. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

II. MINUTES

III. LAWS OF THE GAME AND DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

To consider the following proposals and amendments submitted under the International Football Association Board's regulations.

1. Law 1 – The Field of Play

(Submitted by FIFA)

The Corner Arc

Present Text	Proposed Text
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A quarter circle with radius of 1 m (1 yd) from each corner flagpost is drawn inside the field of play. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A quarter circle with radius of 2 m (2.2 yds) from each corner flagpost is drawn inside the field of play.

Reason

To provide the players especially in stadiums where there is only a short distance between the commercial advertising or stands and the pitch sufficient space to kick the ball.

2. Law 4 – The Players' Equipment

(Submitted by FIFA)

Basic Equipment

Present Text	Proposed Text
<p>The basic compulsory equipment of a player is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a jersey or shirt; shorts – if thermal undershorts are worn, they are of the same main colour as the shorts; stockings; shinguards; footwear 	<p>The basic compulsory equipment of a player comprises the following separate items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a jersey or shirt; shorts – if thermal undershorts are worn, they are of the same main colour as the shorts; stockings; shinguards; footwear

Reason

Adding "... the following separate items:" ensures that the basic equipment must consist of individual garments and therefore a player's jersey and shorts may not be joined together in any way.

3. Law 10 – The Method of Scoring

(Submitted by FIFA)

Competition Rules

Present Text

- When competition rules require there to be a winning team after a match has been drawn, only the following procedures, which have been approved by the International F.A. Board, are permitted
- Away goals rule
- Extra time
- Kicks from the penalty mark

Proposed Text

- When competition rules require there to be a winning team after a match **or home-and-away tie** has been drawn, only the following procedures, which have been approved by the International F.A. Board, are permitted
- Away goals rule
- Extra time
- Kicks from the penalty mark

4. Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

(Submitted by FIFA)

Cautionable Offences

Present Text	Proposed Text
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A player is cautioned and shown the yellow card if he commits any of the following seven offences <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. is guilty of unsporting behaviour 2. shows dissent by word or action 3. persistently infringes the Laws of the Game 4. delays the restart of play 5. fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick or free kick 6. enters or re-enters the field of play without the referee's permission 7. deliberately leaves the field of play without the referee's permission. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A player is cautioned and shown the yellow card if he commits any of the following seven offences: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. is guilty of unsporting behaviour 2. shows dissent by word or action 3. persistently infringes the Laws of the Game 4. delays the restart of play 5. fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, or free kick or throw-in 6. enters or re-enters the field of play without the referee's permission 7. deliberately leaves the field of play without the referee's permission. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A substitute or substituted player is cautioned and shown the yellow card if he commits any of the following three offences: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. is guilty of unsporting behaviour 2. shows dissent by word or action 3. delays the restart of play

5. Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

(Submitted by FIFA)

Sending-Off Offences

Present Text	Proposed Text
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A player is sent off and shown the red card if he commits any of the following seven offences: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. is guilty of serious foul play 2. is guilty of violent conduct 3. spits at an opponent or any other person 4. denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goalscoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his own penalty area) 5. denies an obvious goalscoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick 6. uses offensive or insulting or abusive language and/or gestures 7. receives a second caution in the same match. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A player, substitute or substituted player is sent off and shown the red card if he commits any of the following seven offences: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. is guilty of serious foul play 2. is guilty of violent conduct 3. spits at an opponent or any other person 4. denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goalscoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his own penalty area) 5. denies an obvious goalscoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick 6. uses offensive or insulting or abusive language and/or gestures 7. receives a second caution in the same match.
<p>A player who has been sent off must leave the vicinity of the field of play and the technical area</p>	<p>A player, substitute or substituted player who has been sent off and shown the red card must leave the vicinity of the field of play and the technical area</p>

6. Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

(Submitted by FIFA)

New Decision 7

Present Text	Proposed Text
	Once the referee has stopped the match to award a free kick, any player from the team that committed the foul who deliberately touches the ball and thereby delays play or provokes a confrontation with an opponent is considered to be delaying the restart of play and shall be punished with a yellow card. This sanction also applies to a player who touches the ball when a throw-in or corner kick is awarded to the opposing team and when a player takes the ball from the goal net after his team has scored a goal and thus delays the opposing team's kick-off.

Reason

To stop unsporting tactics to delay the restart of play, such as holding the ball for a few seconds or throwing it away.

7. Law 14 – The Penalty Kick

Infringements/Sanctions

Present Text

If the referee gives the signal for a penalty kick to be taken and, before the ball is in play, one of the following situations occurs:

The player taking the penalty kick infringes the Laws of the Game:

- the referee allows the kick to proceed
- if the ball enters the goal, the kick is retaken
- if the ball does not enter the goal, the referee stops play and restarts the match with an indirect free kick to the defending team

The goalkeeper infringes the Laws of the Game:

- the referee allows the kick to proceed
- if the ball enters the goal, a goal is awarded
- if the ball does not enter the goal, the kick is retaken

Proposed Text

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- if the ball enters the goal, a goal is awarded
- if the ball does not enter the goal, the kick is retaken

A team-mate of the player taking the kick enters the penalty area or moves in front of or within 9.15 m (10 yds) of the penalty mark:

- the referee allows the kick to proceed
- If the ball enters the goal, the kick is retaken
- If the ball does not enter the goal, the referee stops play and restarts the match with an indirect free kick to the defending team
- If the ball rebounds from the goalkeeper, the crossbar or the goalpost and is touched by this player, the referee stops play and restarts the match with an indirect free kick to the defending team.

A team-mate of the goalkeeper enters the penalty area or moves in front of or within 9.15 m (10 yds) of the penalty mark:

- the referee allows the kick to proceed
- if the ball enters the goal, a goal is awarded
- if the ball does not enter the goal, the kick is retaken

A player of both the defending team and the attacking team infringe the Laws of the Game:

- the kick is retaken

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A player of both the defending team and the attacking team infringe the Laws of the Game:

- the kick is retaken

If, after the penalty kick has been taken:

The kicker touches the ball a second time (except with his hands) before it has touched another player:

- an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team, the kick to be taken from the place where the infringement occurred. * (see page 3)

The kicker deliberately handles the ball before it has touched another player:

- a direct free kick is awarded to the opposing team, the kick to be taken from the place where the infringement occurred. * (see page 3)

The ball is touched by an outside agent as it moves forward:

- the kick is retaken

The ball rebounds into the field of play from the goalkeeper, the crossbar or the goalposts, and is then touched by an outside agent:

- the referee stops play
- play is restarted with a dropped ball at the place where it touched the outside agent. * (see page 3)

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Reason

To be consistent with the other infringements (proposed new text).
Bullet point 4 is covered by bullet point 3

8. Law 17 – The Corner Kick

(Submitted by FIFA)

Procedure

bullet point 3

Present Text	Proposed Text
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> opponents remain at least 9.15 m (10 yds) from the ball until it is in play 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> opponents remain at least 9.15 m (10 yds) from the ball the corner arc until the ball is in play

Reason

To be consistent with Law 1.

9. Additional Instructions for Referees, Assistant Referees and Fourth Officials

(Submitted by The Football Association)

Dealing with injured players - Exceptions

new bullet point 4

Present Text	Proposed Text
<p>Exceptions to this ruling are made only for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> injury to a goalkeeper when a goalkeeper and an outfield player have collided and need immediate attention when a severe injury has occurred, e.g. swallowed tongue, concussion, broken leg etc. 	<p>Exceptions to this ruling are made only for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> injury to a goalkeeper when a goalkeeper and an outfield player have collided and need immediate attention when a severe injury has occurred, e.g. swallowed tongue, concussion, broken leg etc. when a player requires treatment following an offence which results in the referee sanctioning the offender with a caution or a sending-off

IV. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS BOOKLET 2006

To give the instruction and ask the IFAB Sub-Committee to make the necessary changes and update the Questions and Answers Booklet for 2006.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION

1. **The Ball – Adidas/Cairos new goal-line ball technology**

(Submitted by the IFAB following the 2005 AGM)

Report on the experiments with this new technology in the FIFA U-17 World Championship Peru 2005, the FIFA Club World Championship TOYOTA Cup Japan 2005 and the test meeting in Nuremberg in November 2005

2. **Request for tests with a referee communication system in UEFA club and youth competitions in Spring 2006**

(Submitted by UEFA Refereeing Unit)

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