

**INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL
ASSOCIATION BOARD**

1992

**MINUTES
of the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



**THE
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF WALES**

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held at
CELTIC MANOR HOTEL, NEWPORT, WALES
on
SATURDAY, 30th MAY, 1992
at 09.00 Hours

PLYMOUTH CHAMBERS,
3 WESTGATE STREET,
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Secretary
THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
OF WALES

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD

Present:

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Messrs. Dr. J. Havelange, D. H. Will, L. Johansson and J. S. Blatter

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Sir Bert Millichip, Messrs. W. G. McKeag, R. H. G. Kelly and K. W. Ridden

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF WALES

Messrs T. R. Forse (in the Chair), B. Fear, T. M. Evans and A. E. Evans

THE IRISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Messrs H. H. Cavan, CBE, S. Walker, E. N. Barry, CB, and D. I. Bowen

THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Messrs P. Gardiner, W. H. Dickie, J. Y. Craig and J. Farry

In attendance:

Messrs M Zen-Ruffinen, J. C. McGinn, G. D. Cumming, P. J. Pullen, J. C. Deakin and Miss H. L. Croft.

I. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Forse extended a warm welcome to delegates to the 106th meeting of the Board.

He extended a particular welcome to Messrs Johansson, McKeag, Craig, Fear and T. M. Evans, each of whom were attending their first meeting.

He also congratulated Sir Bert Millichip on being knighted by HM The Queen shortly after the 1991 meeting of the Board. This was warmly endorsed by members.

Mr. Forse then referred to Mr. William Allan, Mr. William Fox and Mr. Idris Jones, who had passed away since the last meeting, and paid tribute to their individual contributions to the work of the Board.

II. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at the Culloden Hotel, Craigavad, Northern Ireland, on Saturday, 8th June, 1991, were adopted.

III LAWS OF THE GAME AND DECISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD

Proposals and amendments submitted under Rule 3

(1) Proposed by The Fédération Internationale de Football Association

LAW IV (PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT)

Present text:

Punishment:

For any infringement of this Law, the player at fault shall be sent off the field of play to adjust his equipment and he shall not return without first reporting to the referee, who shall satisfy himself that the player's equipment is in order; the player shall only re-enter the game at a moment when the ball has ceased to be in play.

Proposed new text:

Punishment:

When a player deliberately plays without footwear or shinguard(s) the referee shall:—

- stop the game
- instruct the player to leave the field of play to obtain the necessary equipment
- restart the game with an indirect free kick to the opposing team at the point where the ball was at that time, subject to the overriding conditions of Law XIII.

When a player accidentally loses his footwear or shinguard(s) he shall replace the item(s) at the earliest opportunity.

For any other infringement of this Law the player at fault shall be instructed to leave the field of play to obtain or adjust his equipment.

In all cases the player shall not return without first reporting to the referee who shall satisfy himself that the player's equipment is in order. The player shall only re-enter the game at a moment when the ball has ceased to be in play.

Reason:

This proposal refers to the proposal made last year to the Board and which was required to be clarified more precisely.

The Football Association

Punishment:

For any infringement of this Law, the player at fault shall be instructed to leave the field of play by the referee, to adjust his equipment or obtain any missing equipment, when the ball next ceases to be in play, unless by then the player has already corrected his equipment. Play shall not be stopped immediately for an infringement of this Law. A player who is instructed to leave the field to adjust his equipment or obtain missing equipment shall not return without first reporting to the referee, who shall satisfy himself that the player's equipment is in order. The player shall only re-enter the game at a moment when the ball has ceased to be in play.

Reason:

The amendment is proposed in order to assist referees with the application of the Law and to provide more appropriate punishment for defaulting players.

The proposal of The F.I.F.A. was withdrawn in favour of the amendment submitted by The Football Association, which was adopted.

(2) **Proposed by The Fédération Internationale de Football Association**

LAW V (REFEREES)

Present text:

- e) from the time he enters the field of play, caution any player guilty of misconduct or ungentlemanly behaviour and, if he persists, suspend him from further participation in the game. In such cases the referee shall send the name of the offender to the competent authority, within the stipulated time, and in accordance with the provisions set up by the National Association under whose jurisdiction the match was played. Reports will be deemed to be made when received in the ordinary course of post.

- h) send off the field of play any player who, in his opinion, is guilty of violent conduct, serious foulplay, or the use of foul or abusive language.

Proposed new text:

- e) from the time he enters the field of play, caution and show a yellow card to any player guilty of misconduct or ungentlemanly behaviour. In such cases the referee shall send the name of the offender to the competent authority, within the stipulated time, and in accordance with the provisions set up by the National Association under whose jurisdiction the match was played. Reports will be deemed to be made when received in the ordinary course of post.

- h) send off the field of play and show a red card to any player who, in his opinion, is guilty of violent conduct, serious foul play, the use of foul or abusive language or who persists in misconduct after having received a caution.

Reason:

It was felt necessary to make, in the Laws of the Game, a specific reference to the yellow and red cards. Therefore, these cards will be mandatory at all levels.

Amendment submitted by

Decision

The proposal of The F.I.F.A. was adopted.

(3) Proposed by The Football Association of Wales

LAW XI – OFF-SIDE

Present text:

3. A player shall not be declared off-side by the referee
- (a) merely because of his being in an off-side position, or
 - (b) if he receives the ball direct from a goal-kick, a corner kick or a throw in.

Proposed new text:

3. A player shall not be declared off-side by the referee
- (a) merely because of his being in an off-side position, or
 - (b) if he receives the ball direct from a goal-kick, a corner kick or a throw-in, or
 - (c) if he receives the ball direct from a pass from his own half of the field of play.

Reason:

This proposal is in line with the experiment in the Law being undertaken in Wales this season.

Amendment submitted by

Decision

The proposal of The F.A. of Wales was withdrawn.

(4) **Proposed by The Fédération Internationale Football Association**

LAW XII (FOULS AND MISCONDUCT)

Decisions of the International F.A. Board

New Decisions (17)

On any occasion when a player deliberately passes the ball to his own goalkeeper from outside the penalty-area, the goalkeeper is not permitted to touch it with his hands. If, however, the goalkeeper does touch the ball with his hands, he shall be penalised by the award of an indirect free-kick to be taken by the opposing team from the place where the infringement occurred, subject to the overriding conditions of Law XIII.

This restriction only refers to a deliberate pass and not to a situation in which, for example, the ball is deflected by a defender.

(present decision 17 becomes decision 18)

Reason:

The experiment conducted in this respect during the U-17 World Championship 1991 in Italy proved to be a very successful measure against timewasting. An amendment has been made to limit the application of the rule to passes coming from outside the penalty-area, since there were some negative comments about this in Italy.

The proposal of The F.I.F.A. was adopted after having been re-worded by The F.I.F.A. to read as follows:

Insert a new paragraph in Law XII before the penultimate paragraph:

“On any occasion when a player deliberately kicks the ball to his own goalkeeper, the goalkeeper is not permitted to touch it with his hands. If, however, the goalkeeper does touch the ball with his hands, he shall be penalised by the award of an indirect free-kick to be taken by the opposing team from the place where the infringement occurred, subject to the overriding conditions of Law XIII”.

(6) **Proposed by The Fédération Internationale de Football Association**

LAW XIV (PENALTY KICK)

Present text:

(2nd sentence)

The opposing goalkeeper must stand (without moving his feet) on his own goal-line, between the goal-posts, until the ball is kicked.

(the rest of this Law remains unchanged)

Proposed new text:

(2nd sentence)

The opposing goalkeeper must take up a position on his own goal-line between the goal-posts, until the ball is kicked.

Decisions of the International F.A. Board

- 3 (a) If, after having given the signal for a penalty-kick to be taken, the referee sees that the goalkeeper is not in his right place on the goal-line, he shall, nevertheless, allow the kick to proceed. It shall be retaken, if a goal is not scored.
- (b) If, after the referee has given the signal for a penalty-kick to be taken, and before the ball has been kicked, the goalkeeper moves his feet, the referee shall, nevertheless, allow the kick to proceed. It shall be retaken, if a goal is not scored.

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- (b) If, after the referee has given the signal for a penalty-kick to be taken, and before the ball has been kicked, the goalkeeper moves off the goal-line, the referee shall, nevertheless, allow the kick to proceed. It shall be retaken, if a goal is not scored.

Reason:

Allowing goalkeepers to move their feet on the goal-line at penalty kicks will avoid the frequent situations in which they move in whatsoever direction before the kick is taken. Furthermore, it facilitates the work of the referee who has to attend to too many other tasks simultaneously.

Amendment submitted by

Decision

The proposal of The F.I.F.A. was not adopted.

(7) Proposed by The Fédération Internationale de Football Association

LAW XVI (GOAL-KICK)

Present text:

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 attacking team, it shall be kicked direct into play beyond the penalty-area from a point within that half of the goal-area nearest to where it crossed the line, by a player of the defending team.

(the rest of the Law remains unchanged)

Proposed new text:

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 attacking team, it shall be kicked direct into play beyond the penalty-area from any point within the goal area by a player of the defending team.

Reason:

It is felt that this simplification of the goal-kick rule eliminates one of the common timewasting tactics.

Amendment submitted by

Decision

The proposal of The F.I.F.A. was adopted.

IV RULES OF THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD

(1) Proposed by The Fédération Internationale de Football Association

Present text:

3. Closing date for alterations

Each Association shall forward in writing on or before the 31st day of December in each year to the Secretary of the Association convening the next meeting of the Board, suggestions or proposed alterations to the Laws of the Game, which shall be printed and distributed on or before the 15th day of January of each year. Any amendments to such proposed alterations must be submitted in writing to the Secretary on or before the 1st day of March, and such proposals and amendments shall be written and distributed on or before the 20th day of March for consideration at the Annual General Meeting or other appropriate meeting of the Association.

4. Board to meet in June

The Board shall meet annually in the month of June and the date and venue shall be fixed at the previous Board meeting. The meeting shall be held in rotation in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland; but when the FIFA Congress and the World Cup coincide, the meeting of the Board shall be convened by FIFA and, if practicable, held at the venue of the World Cup. One of the representatives of the Association convening the meeting shall preside.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting shall be recorded by the Secretary of the Association convening the meeting and shall be fully reported in the official Minutes Book which shall be forwarded to the Association next in rotation before the 1st June ensuing.

7. Alterations to the Laws of the Game

No alterations shall be made to the Laws of the Game except in the Annual Meeting of the Board in June and then only if agreed by at least three-quarters of those present and entitled to vote.

Proposed new text:

3. Closing date for alterations

Each Association shall forward in writing on or before the 15th day of October in each year to the Secretary of the Association convening the next meeting of the Board, suggestions or proposed alterations to the Laws of the Game, which shall be printed and distributed on or before the 1st November of each year. Any amendments to such proposed alterations must be submitted in writing to the Secretary on or before the 7th day of December, and such proposals and amendments shall be written and distributed on or before the 31st day of January for consideration at the Annual General Meeting or other appropriate meeting of the association.

4. Board to meet between the 14th February and the 14th March

The Board shall meet annually in the second half of February or in the first half of March and the date and venue shall be fixed at the previous Board meeting. The meeting shall be held in rotation in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland; but when the FIFA Congress and the World Cup coincide, the meeting of the Board shall be convened by FIFA and, if practicable, held at the venue of the World Cup. One of the representatives of the Association convening the meeting shall preside.

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Reason:

It is felt that more time is necessary to prepare the implementation of the decisions taken by the Board at its annual Meetings and which are binding on the National Associations on July 25th each consecutive year.

The Irish Football Association

4. Delete second sentence.

Insert:

The meeting shall be held in rotation in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland; but when the Fifa Congress and the World Cup coincide, the meeting of the Board shall be convened by FIFA and, if practicable, held at the venue of the World Cup.

The proposal of The F.I.F.A. was withdrawn in favour of the amendment proposed by The Scottish Football Association.

(2) Proposed by The Scottish Football Association

Introduction

At the meeting of the International Football Association Board in Rome in June 1990, Mr. Harry Cavan, the retiring Senior Vice-President of FIFA, urged that positive steps be taken to enhance the universal understanding of the role of the International Football Association Board.

The proposals contained in this submission seek to illustrate the role of the Board as the historical custodian of the Laws of the Game for over a century and also the pivotal role occupied by FIFA in the successful operation of the Board.

The proposed changes are not revolutionary but merely reflect the forward thinking attitudes which have been apparent in recent years by all members of the International Football Association Board.

The proposals also seek to provide a framework within which the International Football Association Board can fully meet the increasing demands being placed upon it by world football. There is a need for the Board to have the flexibility to meet these demands and to satisfy the legitimate aspirations and requirements of the Confederations and National Associations in membership of FIFA.

It is hoped these proposals will allow the International Football Association Board to move forward with vigour, confidence and efficiency towards the next century.

Present text:

1. Name and constitution

The title of the Board shall be the International Football Association Board. The Football Association (England), The Scottish Football Association, The Football Association of Wales, The Irish Football Association and the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), hereafter called Associations, shall constitute the Board and each shall be entitled to be represented by four delegates.

2. Objects

The objects of the Board shall be to discuss and decide proposed alterations to the Laws of the Game and such other matters affecting association football as may be referred to the Board after consideration by the Annual General Meetings or other appropriate meetings of the Associations forming the Board.

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3. Meetings of the Board

The Board shall meet bi-annually. The Annual General Meeting will take place on a date between 14th February and 14th March. The Annual Business Meeting will take place in the month of September or October, as agreed.

The date and venue of both the Annual General Meeting and the Annual Business Meeting will be decided at the previous Annual General Meeting of the Board.

In each current year both the Annual General Meeting and the Annual Business Meeting will be hosted by the same member Association. A representative of the host Association shall preside. The responsibility

The proposal of The Scottish Football Association was basically adopted after having been re-worded to include an amendment proposed by The Irish Football Association. The Board further instructed the Editorial Committee to scrutinise these newly-adopted Rules and to deliver the final draft to the member Associations of the Board individually for ratification.

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is authorised to discuss and decide on proposed alterations to the Laws of the Game and other relevant matters affecting association football which fall within the remit of the Board.

Present text (continued):

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5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting shall be recorded by the Secretary of the Association convening the meeting and shall be fully reported in the official Minutes Book which shall be forwarded to the Association next in rotation before the 1st June ensuing.

6. Quorum and voting powers

The business of a meeting shall not be proceeded with unless four Associations, one of which shall be FIFA, are represented. The four British Associations shall each have one vote and FIFA shall have four votes on behalf of all other National Associations in membership with it.

7. Alterations to the Laws of the Game

No alterations shall be made to the Laws of the Game except in the Annual Meeting of the Board in June and then only if agreed by at least three-quarters of those present and entitled to vote.

8. Special meetings

The Association entitled to convene the Board meeting for the current year* shall, on receiving a written requisition signed by any two of the British Associations or by the FIFA, accompanied by a copy of the proposals to be submitted, call a special meeting of the Board. Such special meeting shall be held within twenty-eight days of the requisition and the Associations forming the Board shall receive twenty-one days' notice together with a copy of the proposals.

9. Decisions of the Board

The decisions of the Board shall be binding on National associations on and after 25th July following each Annual Meeting of the Board but National associations whose current season has not ended by 25th July may delay the introduction of the adopted alterations for their national competitions until the beginning of their next season. No alterations to the Laws of the Game shall be made by any association until they have been passed by the Board.**

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4. Procedures

Annual General Meeting

Each Association shall forward in writing, fourteen weeks before the date of the Annual General Meeting, to the Secretary of the Association hosting the meeting suggestions or proposed alterations to the Laws of the Game, requests for experimentation to the Laws of the Game and other items for discussion which shall be printed and distributed twelve weeks before the Annual General Meeting. Any amendments to such proposed alterations must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the host Association not later than eight weeks before the Annual General Meeting, and such proposals and amendments shall be printed and distributed to member Associations for consideration six weeks before the Annual General Meeting.

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Each association shall forward in writing to the Secretary of the host association, at least six weeks before the date of the meeting, any proposals, requests for experimentation regarding the Laws of the Game and other items for discussion.

The Agenda and relevant papers shall be distributed to all member Associations of the Board four weeks before the meeting.

Any Confederation or other National Association may forward in writing to the General Secretary of FIFA proposals, requests or items for discussion in good time to ensure that they may be considered by FIFA and, if acceptable, forwarded to the Secretary of the host association at least six weeks before the meeting.

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Proposed text (continued):

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V ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Submitted by The Football Association of Wales

1. Experiments with the Laws of the Game

To receive a report of the observers appointed by the members of the Board concerning the experiments carried out under Law XI and Law XII in the Final Competition of the FIFA World Under-17 Championship held in Italy on 16-31 August, 1991. (Appendix I)

Decision: The Board received the report and thanked the delegates for their assistance and for their constructive report.

Submitted by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association

2. Experiments with the Laws of the Game

Competence for authorising experiments.

With regard to the several requests to conduct experiments submitted by the Swedish and Finnish Football Associations, (most of which are definitively submitted by FIFA as Law amendments) only the following three remain:

(a) Law XI – Offside:

Experiment similar to that carried out at the Under-17 World Championship 1991 in Italy (to limit the offside rule to an area prescribed by a line drawn from that penalty-area line which is parallel to the goal-line in the opponents' half of the field extending as far as the touch-line on either side. A player who is not in this area cannot be declared off-side).

(b) Law XIII – Free Kick

Free kicks, classified as indirect, taken from outside the penalty area, to be converted into direct free kicks (this rule to apply to the whole field of play, except the penalty area, where the existing rule prescribing direct and indirect free kicks is to remain in force).

(c) Law XV – Throw-in

Throw-ins to be replaced by kicks from the side-line (at the spot where the ball went out).

Decision: The Board decided that experiments in the Laws of the Game should only be conducted in competitions organised by The F.I.F.A. or by one or more of the Confederations, and then only with the prior written consent of the International Football Association Board at its Annual General Meeting or its Annual Business Meeting.

The Board further decided that the Annual Business Meeting should be conducted under the same terms of reference and membership as laid down for the conduct of the Editorial Committee at the Annual Meeting on 4th June, 1988.

The Board approved the request that at the European Championship Final Tournament to be held in Sweden from 10-26th June, 1992, two substitutes may be chosen from a list of nine players submitted to the referee before each match.

Submitted by the Scottish Football Association

3. **Law XII – Fouls and Misconduct**

The Scottish Football Association would wish consideration to be made to include an offence **grossly unfair play** in the list of offences for which a player may be sent off. A discussion paper is appended. (Appendix II)

Decision: The discussion paper was remitted to the Annual Business Meeting for a detailed review of its proposals.

Submitted by The Football Association

4. **The use of red and yellow cards**

The Football Association requests that the International F.A. Board should consider requiring referees, in competitions where red and yellow cards are used to indicate dismissals and cautions respectively, to show a red card and a yellow card simultaneously in one hand when a player is sent off for a second cautionable offence in a match.

It is suggested that this technique would more clearly communicate the specific reason for the dismissal and would be of benefit to players, spectators and particularly to the multi-media observers.

Decision: The Board noted the amendment to Law V earlier in the Meeting, and agreed that a Mandatory Instruction should be issued to referees requiring them to show both the yellow and red cards when a player was to be dismissed for a second cautionable offence.

Submitted by The Football Association

5. **Veterans' Football – Number of substitutes**

The Football Association requests that the International F.A. Board considers allowing veterans' football competitions, recognised by the National Associations solely for players above the age of thirty five years (or an age to be agreed by the International Board), to modify the application of Law III in respect of the number of substitutes permitted to be used in a match.

It is suggested that if the concept is approved, an appropriate note could be included in the front of the Laws of the Game publication, as is the case for modifications agreed by the International F.A. Board for matches played by women and matches for players of under 16 years of age.

Decision: The Board approved the wording of the note as provided by The Scottish Football Association in support of The Football Association's proposal, and which reads as follows:

“Subject to the agreement of the National Association concerned and provided the principles of these Laws are maintained, the Laws may be modified in their application for matches for players of under 16 years of age, for women's football and for veterans' football (over 35 years).

Any or all of the following modifications are permissible:

- a) size of field of play
- b) size, weight and material of ball;
- c) width between the goalposts and height of the cross-bar from the ground;
- d) the duration of the periods of play;
- e) number of substitutions.

Further modifications are only possible with the consent of the International Football Association Board.

Submitted by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association

6. Photographers' Line

Discussion of methods to improve the present unsatisfactory situation.

Decision: The F.I.F.A. stated that it would submit its views to the Annual Business Meeting of the Board.

VI 1993 MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD

The 1993 Annual General Meeting of the International F.A. Board will be held in London on Saturday, 27th February, 1993.

The Board requested the Editorial Committee to determine the date of the next Annual Business Meeting of the Board.

VII OTHER BUSINESS

There were no matters raised under this item.

Dr. Havelange spoke of F.I.F.A.'s pleasure at once more meeting in Wales, especially at a time when decisions of importance to players and public alike had been taken.

He stressed that it had been necessary to recognise the dynamism surrounding the game of football in modern times; the decisions taken at the meeting, and the review of the Rules of the Board itself would assist in harnessing the dynamism and improve the speed of decision-making.

Dr. Havelange thanked the President of The Football Association of Wales for conducting the meeting in a calm and sensible fashion. It was very important to hear the views of each of the member Associations in arriving at the conclusions of the Board, and he thanked the members of the British Associations for their contributions.