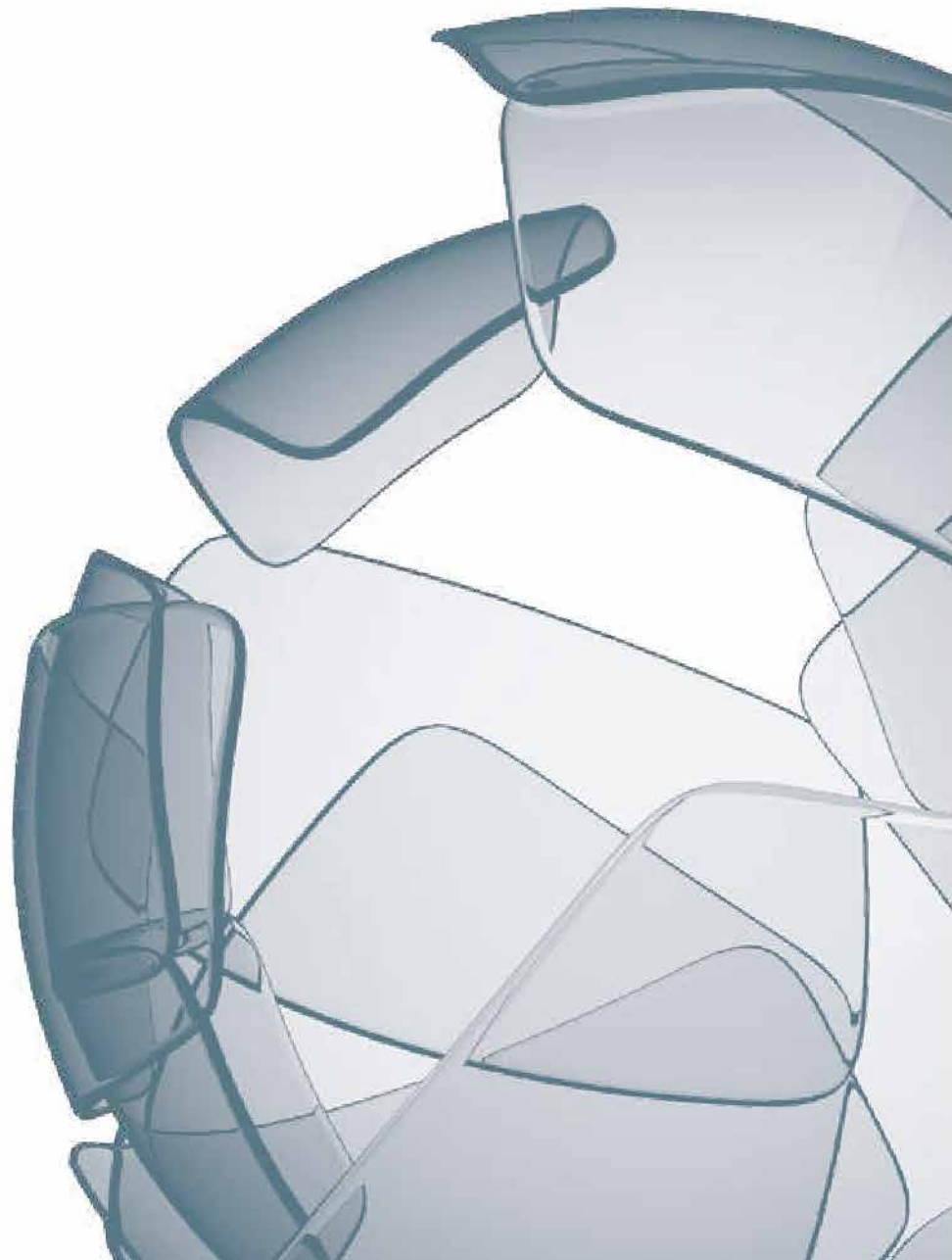


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FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD held at the IMPERIAL HOTEL,  
LLANDUDNO, SATURDAY, 16TH JUNE, 1956, at 10.00 a.m.

The following constituted the Board :—

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF WALES—Mr. M. Jenkins, Mr. E. J. Morgan,  
Mr. G. Owens (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. H. Powell (Secretary), and Mr. E.  
B. Mumford.

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Mr. A. Drewry, C.B.E., J.P., Lt.-Col. C. F.  
Linnitt, J.P., Mr. D. Follows, M.B.E. (Hon. Treasurer), Sir Stanley Rous,  
C.B.E., J.P., (Secretary), and Mr. E. M. Miller.

THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Mr. J. W. Park, J.P., Mr. R. Kelly,  
J.P., and Sir George Graham, O.B.E., D.L., J.P., (Secretary).

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

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION — Dr. P. J.  
Bauwens and Mr. K. Gassmann (Secretary).

Mr. M. Jenkins presided and Mr. H. Powell acted as Secretary to the  
meeting.

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

Mr. R. W. Seeldrayers, President of F.I.F.A.

Mr. Henri Delaunay, Secretary of the French Federation and a Member of the International Board for many years.

Sir Amos Brook Hirst, former Chairman of The F.A. Council and for many years a Member of the International Board.

Mr. L. C. Tyte, Honorary Treasurer of The Football Association.

Welcomed Dr. Bauwens as a Representative of F.I.F.A. after a long absence from the Board.

Welcomed the following on their first visit to the Board :—

Mr. Kelly, Vice-President of The Scottish Football Association.

Mr. Follows, Honorary Treasurer of The Football Association.

Mr. Jones, Honorary Treasurer of The Irish Football Association.

Mr. Owens, Honorary Treasurer of The Football Association of Wales.

Congratulated Mr. Drewry upon his appointment as President of F.I.F.A.

Referred to the absence owing to indisposition of Mr. A. H. Oakley (The Football Association), Mr. F. J. Cochrane (The Irish Football Association), Mr. E. Coppola (F.I.F.A.), and to Mr. T. Reid (The Scottish Football Association), unable to attend.

### **Minutes.**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at North Berwick on the 18th June, 1955, were received and signed.

## Proposals submitted in accordance with Rule 3 of the Board :

### (i) LAWS OF THE GAME.

(a) The following proposals by The Scottish Football Association were considered :

#### LAW 3—NUMBER OF PLAYERS

##### PRESENT LAW

The game shall be played by two teams, each consisting of not more than eleven players, one of whom shall be the goalkeeper. One of the other players may change places with the goalkeeper during the match provided notice be given to the Referee before such change is made. Except in a match played under the Rules of a Competition, substitutes may be allowed to replace players receiving injuries during the game, subject to this arrangement being agreed upon by both teams before the start of a match. (An International Match in which one of the four British Associations is playing is deemed a match under the rules of a Competition.)

**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.

##### PROPOSED ALTERATION

Law 3. Delete 3rd and 4th (in parenthesis) sentences and substitute therefor the following new sentences:—

“Substitutes shall not be permitted in any match played under the rules of a competition. A competition match is one where the result counts for points towards a championship or one where the losing team is eliminated from the competition. All other matches are termed non-competitive matches.

“In matches between National teams—except those played in competition for a trophy—the goalkeeper may be replaced by another goalkeeper for the unexpired portion of the match if he is injured to such an extent that he will not, in the opinion of the referee, be able to take any further part in the match. One other player may also be substituted up to half-time under similar conditions, i.e., provided the referee is satisfied that the player in question has been injured so seriously as to be unable to take any further part in the game.

“In non-competitive matches, substitutes may be allowed subject to an arrangement being agreed upon by both teams before the start of the match.”

The proposal was carried by 3 votes to 2. The requisite majority not having been obtained, the proposal was not adopted.

## LAW 12—FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

### PRESENT LAW

(The appropriate paragraphs.)

A player who intentionally commits any of the following nine offences:—

- (a) Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent;
- (b) Trips an opponent, i.e., throwing or attempting to throw him by the use of the legs or by stooping in front of or behind him;
- (c) Jumps at an opponent;
- (d) Charges an opponent in a violent or dangerous manner;
- (e) Charges an opponent from behind unless the latter be obstructing;
- (f) Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent;
- (g) Holds an opponent with his hand or any part of his arm;
- (h) Pushes an opponent with his hand or any part of his arm;
- (i) Handles the ball, i.e., carries, strikes or propels the ball with his hand or arm. (This does not apply to the goalkeeper within his own penalty area);

shall be penalised by the award of a **direct free-kick** to be taken by the opposing side from the place where the offence occurred.

Should a player of the defending side intentionally commit one of the above nine offences within the penalty-area he shall be penalised by a **penalty-kick**.

A penalty-kick can be awarded irrespective of the position of the ball, if in play, at the time an offence in the penalty-area is committed.

### PROPOSED ALTERATION

Law 12. (1) (g)—Delete and substitute:—

“(g) Holds an opponent with his hand or any part of his arm, or, when not playing the ball, intentionally obstructs his opponent with his body.”

A player committing any of the five following offences: —

1. Playing in a manner considered by the Referee to be dangerous, e.g. attempting to kick the ball while held by the goalkeeper;
  2. Charging fairly, i.e., with the shoulder, when the ball is not within playing distance of the players concerned and they are definitely not trying to play it;
  3. When not playing the ball, intentionally obstructing an opponent, i.e., running between the opponent and the ball, or interposing the body so as to form an obstacle to an opponent;
  4. Charging the goalkeeper except when he—
    - (a) is holding the ball;
    - (b) is obstructing an opponent;
    - (c) has passed outside his goal-area;
  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;
- shall be penalised by the award of an **indirect free-kick** to be taken by the opposing side from the place where the infringement occurred.

On a vote being taken, 2 were in favour and 3 against, and the proposal was declared lost.

Law 12, section 2. In opening sentence delete "five" and substitute "four" making it read:—

"A player committing any of the four following offences:—"

Delete the following number (3) and its accompanying paragraph "When not playing the ball, intentionally obstructing an opponent, i.e., running between the opponent and the ball, or interposing the body so as to form an obstacle to an opponent."

Re-number paragraphs (4) and (5) as (3) and (4).

(b) The following proposal by Federation Internationale de Football Association was considered :

### LAW 3—NUMBER OF PLAYERS

#### PRESENT LAW.

The game shall be played by two teams, each consisting of not more than eleven players, one of whom shall be the goalkeeper. One of the other players may change places with the goalkeeper during the match provided notice be given to the Referee before such change is made. Except in a match played under the Rules of a Competition, substitutes may be allowed to replace players receiving injuries during a game, subject to this arrangement being agreed upon by both teams before the start of a match. (An International Match in which one of the four British Associations is playing is deemed a match under the rules of a Competition.)

**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.

#### PROPOSED ALTERATION.

Law 3. Delete the present Law and substitute:—

1. The game shall be played by two teams, each consisting of not more than eleven players, one of whom shall be the goalkeeper. One of the other players may change places with the goalkeeper during the match, provided notice be given to the Referee before such change is made.

2. In matches played under the Rules of a Competition the goalkeeper may be replaced by another goalkeeper for the unexpired portion of the match if he is injured to such an extent that he will not in the opinion of the Referee be able to take any further part in the match.

3. In matches which are not played under the Rules of a Competition, the goalkeeper may be replaced at any moment of the game, and one of the other players before the end of the first half if they are injured to such an extent that they will not in the opinion of the Referee be able to take any further part in the match.

4. Any other replacement of a player is forbidden.

**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 to the opposing team. 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.

The proposal was defeated by 4 votes to 1.



(ii) OFFICIAL DECISIONS.

A proposal of The Football Association to embody the Official Decisions of the International Board and of the F.I.F.A. Referees' Committee under the heading—International Board Decisions 1956—was adopted.

**Miscellanea.**

The following proposal of The Irish Football Association was unanimously adopted :

“ That this Board agrees that before the next Meeting an extensive study be made of the application of the Laws of the Game of Association Football throughout the World and that a Memorandum be prepared for submission to the next Meeting of the Board. ”

**Annual Meeting, 1957.**

The Irish Football Association intimated that the Board would meet at Portrush.

**The Chairman.**

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the Meeting.

At a subsequent Meeting of Representatives of the Four British Associations the following business was transacted :—

### **Agreement of the International Football Association Board.**

*(Affecting the Four British Associations only).*

The following proposal by The Scottish Football Association was considered :

#### **PRESENT AGREEMENT.**

**1953—June 20th.**

A player under the age of seventeen years shall not be registered as a professional player. No approach of any description shall be made either directly or indirectly to a boy on the roll of a recognised school to sign registration forms for a Club affiliated to a National Football Association or to an Association itself affiliated thereto.

#### **PROPOSED ALTERATION.**

Agreement of 20th June, 1953. In the first sentence insert the word 'full' between 'a' and 'professional.' In second sentence, after word 'school' insert 'i.e., a boy of compulsory school age.'

The Scottish Football Association asked that the proposal be considered in two sections :

- (a) In the first sentence insert the word 'full' between 'a' and 'professional'.
- (b) In second sentence, after word 'school' insert 'i.e., a boy of compulsory school age'.

The Board acceded to the request.

The Board rejected the proposal under (a) and The Scottish Football Association asked leave to withdraw the proposal under (b) which was agreed to.

The Meeting unanimously agreed that the following footnote be added to the Agreement of 20th June, 1953 :

“N.B. A 'Professional' in this Agreement in Scotland shall mean a 'Full Professional'.”

**Miscellanea.**

*(For the Four British Associations only).*

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FOUR BRITISH ASSOCIATIONS AND THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE, 11th JUNE, 1934.**

It was reported that a suggested new form of Agreement had been received by each of the British Associations from The Football League, such Agreement to replace the Agreement of 11th June, 1934.

The Meeting unanimously agreed that any amendments thought necessary to the 1934 Agreement should be considered and discussed at a specially convened Meeting of all the parties to the Agreement, if The Football League Management Committee intimate that such a course were desirable.

**OLYMPIC GAMES, 1956.**

Mr. Drewry, on behalf of The Football Association, extended an invitation for the players of the other three British Associations to be considered for Great Britain in the event of Great Britain taking part in the Competition Proper of the Olympic Games in Melbourne.

The representatives of Scotland expressed the view that it was not possible for their Association to accept the invitation and the representatives of Wales informed the Meeting they would be pleased to consider the matter. The representatives of Ireland raised no objection to their players being considered.

**APPOINTMENT OF BRITISH VICE-PRESIDENT TO F.I.F.A.**

The Four British Associations agreed in principle that this Office could only be filled by an Office Bearer of one of the four British Associations. It was unanimously agreed that Mr. J. W. Park, President of The Scottish Football Association be elected to fill the present vacancy.

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