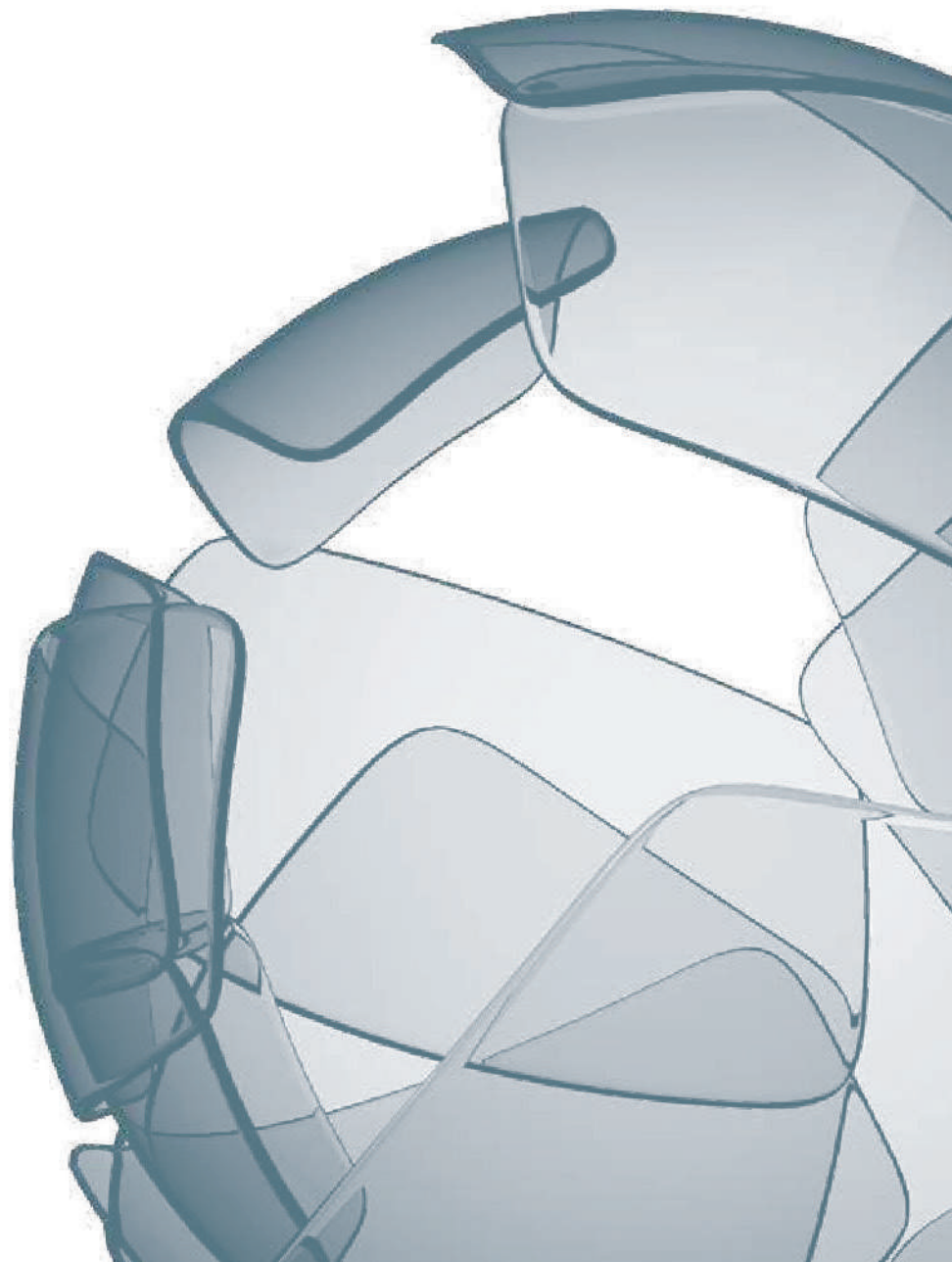


1959

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



# THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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## The International Football Association Board

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### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD

HELD AT THE POMME D'OR HOTEL, JERSEY  
ON SATURDAY, 20TH JUNE, 1959

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The following constituted the Board:—

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Mr. A. Drewry, C.B.E., J.P.  
Sir Leslie Bowker, K.C.V.O., O.B.E., M.C.  
Mr. J. Richards, J.P.  
Mr. D. Follows, M.B.E., B.A.  
Sir Stanley Rous, C.B.E., J.P. (Secretary)  
Mr. E. M. Miller

THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Mr. J. W. Park, J.P.  
Mr. R. Kelly, J.P.  
Mr. T. Reid  
Mr. W. P. Allan (Secretary)

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF WALES

Mr. M. Jenkins  
Mr. G. Owens  
Mr. H. Powell (Secretary)

THE IRISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Mr. H. H. Cavan  
Mr. G. H. Jones  
Mr. W. J. Drennan (Secretary)  
Mr. W. A. Corry

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Dr. P. J. Bauwens  
Dr. M. Andrejevic  
Mr. A. Lindenberg  
Mr. E. Coppola  
Mr. K. Gassmann (Secretary)

Sir Leslie Bowker presided at the Meeting.

Mr. A. Drewry and Mr. M. Jenkins, who became unwell during the morning of the Meeting were unable to attend.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. E. J. Morgan (F.A. of Wales).

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## Chairman's Remarks:—

The Chairman welcomed the Board and in the course of his remarks:—

- (a) reported with regret the death of Mr. J. McBride of the Irish F.A. who had attended his first Board Meeting in 1909, and who had regularly represented The Irish Football Association since that date.
- (b) made special reference to Messrs. H. H. Cavan and W. A. Corry of Ireland who were attending their first Board Meeting.
- (c) referred to the additional representation of F.I.F.A. as a result of the revised Board rules.

## MINUTES

A.—The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 7th June, 1958, in Stockholm were confirmed.

## B.—LAWS OF THE GAME

(1) Law 3—Number of Players. Proposal by the Scottish Football Association.

## PRESENT LAW

## 3. Number of Players

(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) Substitutes for players injured during a match played under the Rules of a Competition will only be permitted if the approval of the National Association or International Associations concerned has been obtained.

(3) Substitutes for injured players may be introduced in other matches subject to this arrangement being agreed upon by both teams before the start of the match.

**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.

*The proposal was adopted.*

(2) Law 4—Players Equipment. Proposal by The Football Association.

## 4. Players' Equipment

A player shall not wear anything which is dangerous to another player. Boots must conform to the following standard:—

(a) Bars and studs may be made of leather, soft rubber, aluminium, plastic, or similar material; if nails are used they shall be driven in flush with the surface.

(b) Bars shall be transverse and flat, not less than half an inch in width and they shall extend the total width of the boot and be rounded at the corners.

(c) Studs shall be round in plan and not less than half an inch in diameter. Where studs are tapered the minimum diameter of any section of a stud must not be less than half an inch. Where metal seating for the screw type is used, this seating must be embedded in the sole of the boot and any attachment screw shall be part of the stud. Other than the metal seating of the screw type of stud, no metal plates even though covered with leather or rubber shall be worn; neither studs which are threaded to allow them to be screwed on to a base screw that is fixed by nails or otherwise to the soles of boots, nor studs with any form of protruding edge, rim or relief marking or ornament shall be allowed.

## PROPOSED ALTERATION

Delete paragraph 2 and substitute:—

“(2) Substitutes for players who are injured during a match played under the rules of a competition, and who are unable to continue to play, will only be permitted if the approval of the National Association or International Associations concerned has been obtained.”

Delete sections (a), (b), (c) and (d) and substitute the following:—

(a) Bars shall be made of leather or rubber and shall be transverse and flat, not less than half an inch in width and shall extend the total width of the boot and be rounded at the corners.

(b) Studs shall be made of leather, rubber, aluminium, plastic or similar material and shall be round in plan and not less than half an inch in diameter. Where studs are tapered, the minimum diameter of any section of the stud must not be less than half an inch. Where metal seating for the screw type is used, this seating must be embedded in the sole of the boot and any attachment screw shall be part of the stud. Other than the metal seating for the screw type of stud, no metal plates even though covered with leather or rubber shall be worn, neither studs which are threaded to allow them to be screwed on to a base screw that is fixed by nails or otherwise to the soles of boots, nor studs with any form of protruding edge rim, or relief marking or ornament should be allowed.

(c) Combined bars and studs may be worn, provided the whole conforms to the general requirements



## PRESENT LAW

(d) Combined bars and studs may be worn, provided the whole conforms to the general requirements of this law; neither bars nor studs on the soles or heels shall project more than three-quarters of an inch.

(N.B.—The usual equipment of a player consists of a jersey or shirt, shorts, stockings and boots. A goal-keeper shall wear colours which distinguish him from the other players.)

**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.

*The proposal was adopted.*

### (3) Law 5—Referees. Proposal by the Scottish Football Association.

#### 5. Referees

A referee shall be appointed to officiate in each game. He shall:—

(a) Enforce the Laws and decide any disputed point. His decision on points of fact connected with the play shall be final so far as the result of the game is concerned. His jurisdiction begins from the time he signals for the kick-off, and his power of penalising shall extend to offences committed when play has been temporarily suspended or when the ball is out of play. He shall, however, refrain from penalising in cases where he is satisfied that by doing so he would be giving an advantage to the offending team.

(b) Keep a record of the game; act as timekeeper and allow the full or agreed time, adding thereto all time lost through accident or other cause.

(c) Have discretionary power to stop the game for any infringement of the Laws and to suspend or terminate the game whenever, by reason of the elements, interference by spectators or other cause, he deems such stoppage necessary. In such a case he shall report the matter to the National or Affiliated Association under whose jurisdiction the game was played, within two days (Sundays not included). Reports will be deemed to be made when received in the ordinary course of post.

(d) Have discretionary power, from the time he enters the field of play, to caution any player guilty of misconduct or ungentlemanly behaviour and, if he persists, to suspend him from further participation in the game. In such cases the Referee shall send the name of the offender to the National or Affiliated Association concerned, within two days after the occurrence (Sundays not included). Reports will be deemed to be made when received in the ordinary course of post.

(e) Allow no person other than the players and line-men to enter the field of play without his permission.

(f) Stop the game if, in his opinion a player has been seriously injured; have the player removed as soon as possible from the field of play, and immediately resume the game. If a player is slightly injured, the game shall not be stopped until the ball has ceased to be in play. A player who is able to go to the touch or goal-line for attention of any kind, shall not be treated on the field of play.

(g) Have discretionary power to suspend from further participation in the game, without previous caution, a player guilty of violent conduct.

(h) Signal for recommencement of the game after all stoppages.

(i) Decide that the ball provided for a match meets with the requirements of Law 2.

*The proposal was withdrawn.*

## PROPOSED ALTERATION

of this law. Neither bars nor studs on the soles or heels shall project more than three-quarters-of-an-inch. If nails are used they shall be driven in flush with the surface.

Add a new paragraph (j) as follows:—

“(j) Prior to the commencement of a match, inspect all players' boots, and ensure that any player whose boots do not conform to the requirements of Law 4, is not permitted to play until his boots are in order.”

(4) Law 12—Fouls and Misconduct. Proposal by the Federation Internationale de Football Association.

**PRESENT LAW**

Law 12, Section 3. A player shall be cautioned if:  
 (j) he enters the field of play to join or rejoin his team after the game has commenced without first having received a signal from the Referee showing him that he is in order to do so. (This clause is not applicable in the case of Law 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.

**PROPOSED ALTERATION**

Law 12, Section 3, para. (j): Delete the present Law and substitute:  
 "(j) he enters the field of play to join or rejoin his team after the game has commenced without first having received a signal from the Referee showing him that he is in order to do so. (This clause is not applicable in the case of Law 4).  
 If the game has been stopped (to administer the caution) it shall be re-started by an indirect free-kick at the place where the player was when the Referee cautioned him, but if the player has committed a more important offence he shall be penalised according to that section of the Law infringed."

*On a vote the proposal was declared to be lost.*

**C. DECISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD**

(1) Law 7—Duration of the Game. Proposal by The Football Association of Wales.

**PRESENT DECISION**

If a match has been stopped by the referee, before the completion of the time specified in the rules, for any reason stated in Law 5, it must be replayed in full, that is to say, 90 minutes or as stipulated by the rules of the competition concerned.

**PROPOSED ALTERATION**

Delete the present decision and substitute the following:—  
 "If a match has been stopped by the Referee, before the completion of the time specified in the rules, for any reason stated in Law 5, it must be replayed in full unless the rules of the competition concerned provide for the result of the match at the time of such stoppage to stand."

*The proposal was adopted.*

**D. MEETING OF THE FOUR BRITISH ASSOCIATIONS**

Present as for the International Board (*see page 1*)

**I. INTERNATIONAL BOARD AGREEMENTS**

(i) INSURANCE. The following proposal by The Football Association was adopted:—

**PRESENT AGREEMENT**

Decision of Four British Associations, 13th, July, 1946:—  
 That the amount of "cover" in respect of permanent total disablement of a player in International matches should be not less than £15,000 (amended 10th June, 1950).

**PROPOSED ALTERATION**

Delete "£15,000" and substitute "£25,000".

(ii) PLAYERS PLAYING EQUIPMENT DECISION OF FOUR BRITISH ASSOCIATIONS, 29TH AUGUST, 1953 The Members adopted a proposal by The Scottish Football Association to delete the words "that players will not be allowed to retain their playing equipment" and substitute "International players (Senior; 'B'; Under 23; Amateur and Youth) shall be permitted to retain their jerseys."

(iii) FEES TO REFEREES AND LINESMEN IN INTERNATIONAL MATCHES The following scales were adopted:—

	<i>Referees</i>	<i>Linesmen</i>
Full International Matches ... ..	£15	£5 0s. 0d.
"B and Under 23 International Matches ... ..	£8	£4 0s. 0d.
Amateur International Matches ... ..	£5	£2 2s. 0d.
Youth International Matches (Referees to be appointed from a neutral country) ... ..	£5	£2 2s. 0d.



(iv) SUBSTITUTES: Law III The Members agreed that substitutes would not be permitted in the British Championships during Season 1959-60 and until further notice.

2. OLYMPIC GAMES 1960 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT—AUGUST-SEPTEMBER It was reported that The Football Association had provisionally entered a team in the name of Great Britain. The entry was confirmed, Scotland, Ireland and Wales agreeing to co-operate with The Football Association by supplying players.
3. INTERNATIONAL MATCHES VERSUS THE F.A. OF IRELAND A letter from The Football Association of Ireland asking for a regular programme of matches between teams from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales was considered. It was decided that The F.A. of Ireland be informed that each Association, on receiving a direct invitation, would consider the possibility of arranging matches subject to their other commitments.

E. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

An invitation from The Scottish Football Association that the meeting be held at St. Andrews on June 18th, 1960, was accepted.

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A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the Meeting.

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*Robert Kelly, Chairman*  
18/6/60.

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD

Jersey, 20th June, 1959

Delegates

Signature

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