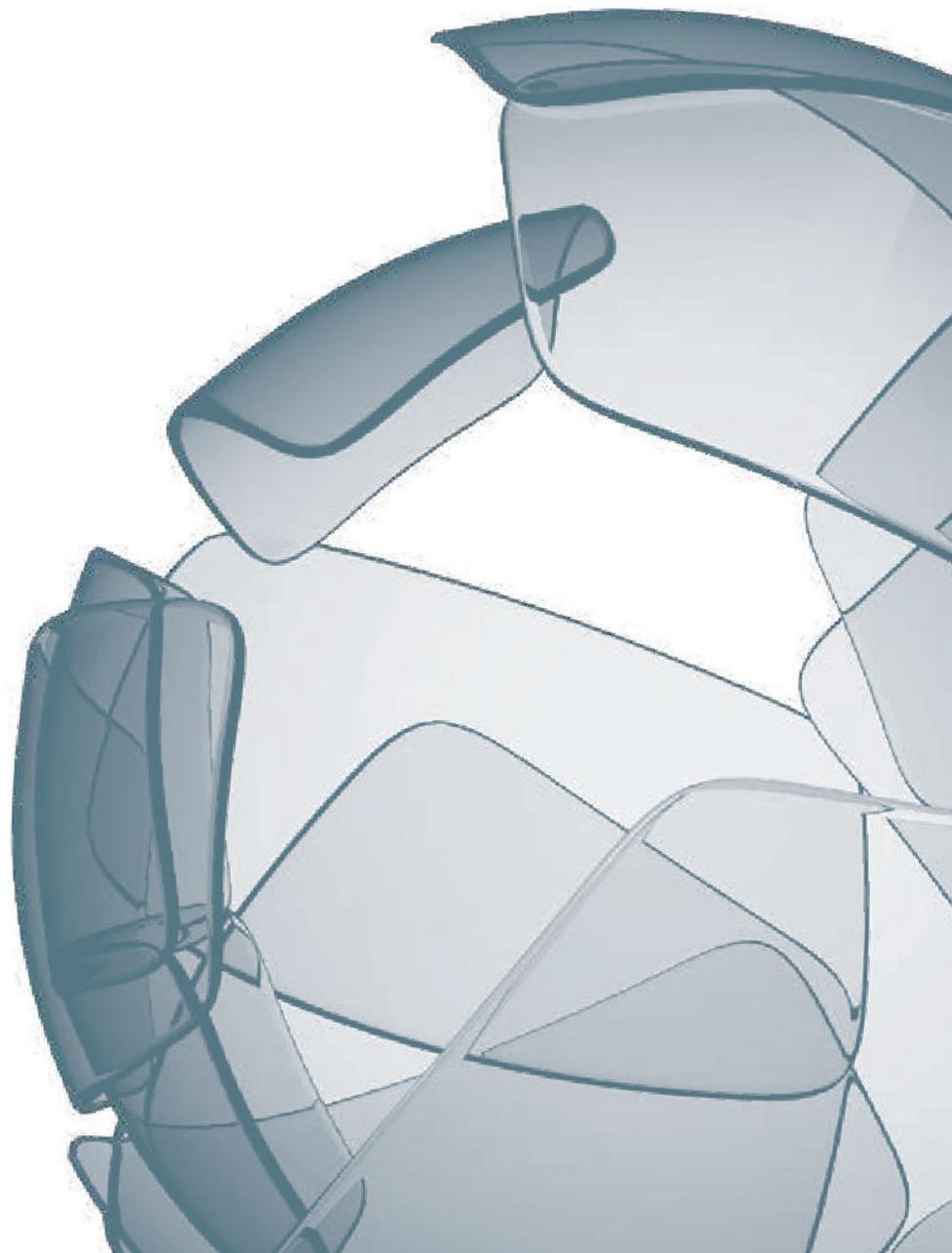


1927

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD.

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held at the Grand Hotel, Llandudno, 11th June, 1927.

Present:—Messrs. S. H. Nicholls (in the Chair), and T. E. Thomas (Football Association of Wales), W. Pickford and J. McKenna (The Football Association), J. Fleming and J. K. M'Dowall (Scottish Football Association), J. MacBride and J. Ferguson (Irish Football Association), H. Delaunay and Dr. Bauwens (La Federation Internationale de Football Association).

Also present Messrs. T. Robbins (Secretary Football Association of Wales), who acted as Secretary to the Meeting, F. J. Wall (Secretary) Football Association, C. Watson (Secretary) Irish Football Association.

MINUTES of the Meeting held at St. Andrews, 12th June, 1926, were confirmed.

The Chairman welcomed the delegates to Wales and proposed that a telegram be sent to Sir Charles Clegg as follows:—

“Delegates International Football Board assembled at Llandudno send sincere and hearty congratulations on honour conferred on you.”

LAWS OF THE GAME.

Proposals by Scottish F.A.

Proposal regarding LAWS 1, 8, 9, 17, etc., *re* Penalty Kick were by leave withdrawn.

Proposal by the Football Association.

The following proposal for alteration of LAW 11 of the Game was adopted :—

LAW 11.—A goal may be scored direct from a corner-kick, and if a free-kick is awarded because of any infringement of LAW 9 a goal may be scored direct from such free-kick against the offending side, but not from any other free-kick.

Proposal by The Football Association of Wales.

It was decided to add the following to LAW 13 :—Footnote (e).

A Player guilty of using foul or abusive language to the Referee shall be liable to be treated as guilty of violent conduct.

Present Footnote (e) to be Footnote (f).

Proposal of the F.I.F.A.

The proposals were by leave withdrawn.

AGREEMENT.

The proposal of the Football Association of Wales to add the following to the Agreements was adopted :—

“ A Professional who has been reinstated as an Amateur shall not be eligible to play in Amateur International Matches.”

The following Proposals by the Scottish Football Association were adopted :—

PRESENT LAW.

6.—When a player plays the ball, any player of the same side who at such moment of playing is nearer to his opponents' goal-line is out of play and may not touch the ball himself nor in any way whatever interfere with an opponent, or with the play, until the ball has been again played, unless there are at such moment of playing at least three of his opponents nearer their own goal-line.

A player is not out of play when the ball is kicked off from goal, when a corner-kick or a throw in is taken, when the ball has been last played by an opponent, or when he himself is within his own half of the field of play at the moment the ball is played by any player of the same side.

7.—When the ball is played behind the goal-line by a player of the opposite side, it shall be kicked off by any one of the players behind whose goal-line it went, within that half of the goal area nearest the point where the ball left the field of play; but, if played behind by any one of the side whose goal-line it is, a player of the opposite side shall kick it from within 1 yard of the nearest corner flagstaff (a). In either case an opponent shall not be allowed within 10 yards of the ball until it is kicked off.

The following Proposals by The Football Association were adopted :—

PRESENT LAW.

Law 3.—Ends shall only be changed at half-time. The interval at half-time shall not exceed five minutes, except by consent of the Referee. After a goal is scored the losing side shall kick off, and after the change of ends at half-time the ball shall be kicked off by the opposite side from that which originally did so; and always as provided in Law 2.

Law 5.—When the ball is in touch, a player of the opposite side to that which played it out shall throw it in from the point on the touch-line where it left the field of play. The player throwing the ball must stand on the touch-line facing the field of play, and shall throw the ball in over his head with both hands in any direction, and it shall be in play when thrown in. A goal shall not be scored from a throw-in, and the thrower shall not again play until the ball has been played by another player. This Law is complied with if the player has any part of both feet on the line when he throws the ball in.

The following Proposals by The Football Association was upon a division declared to be lost :—

PRESENT LAW.

10.—When a free kick has been awarded, the kicker's opponents shall not approach within 10 yards of the ball until the kick is taken, unless they are standing on their own goal-line. The ball must at least be rolled over before it shall be considered played—i.e., it must make a complete circuit or travel the distance of its circumference. The kicker shall not play the ball a second time until it has been played by another player. The kick-off (except as provided by Law 2), and goal kick shall be free kicks within the meaning of this Law.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

From the first sentence of Law 6 delete the word "three" and substitute the word "two."

Add— "and the kicker shall not again play the ball until it has been played by another player."

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

Substitute "but" for "and."

For the second sentence substitute the following:—
"The player throwing the ball must stand with both feet on the ground outside the touch-line facing the field of play, and shall throw the ball in over his head with both hands in any direction, and it shall be in play when thrown in."

Delete the last sentence.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

Last sentence. Re-insert the words "corner-kick."
The sentence to read as follows:—
"The kick-off (except as provided by Law 2), corner-kick and goal-kick shall be free kicks within the meaning of this Law."

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES OF 14th JUNE 1924

Proposal re Law 17

Excerpt from Minutes :—

The Board considered as a principle the practice involved in the proposed third sentence of Law 17, and agreed that the Associations of the United Kingdom, and the International Federation, be asked to consider the following proposed alteration of the Law, with a view to its adoption by the Board at its next Meeting :—

«In the event of any intentional infringement of Law 9 outside the penalty area but inside the area between the existing penalty area lines and a line drawn across the field at a distance of thirty yards from the goal-line, a free kick shall be awarded to the opposite side, and shall be taken under the following conditions :—
The free kick shall be taken from the place at which the infringement occurred and all players shall stand outside the defending side's thirty yard's area except the player taking the free kick and the opponents' goalkeeper, and the defending players shall stand at least ten yards away from where the kick is taken.»

No action taken.

A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the Chairman and to the Secretary.

W. Campbell
Chairman

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