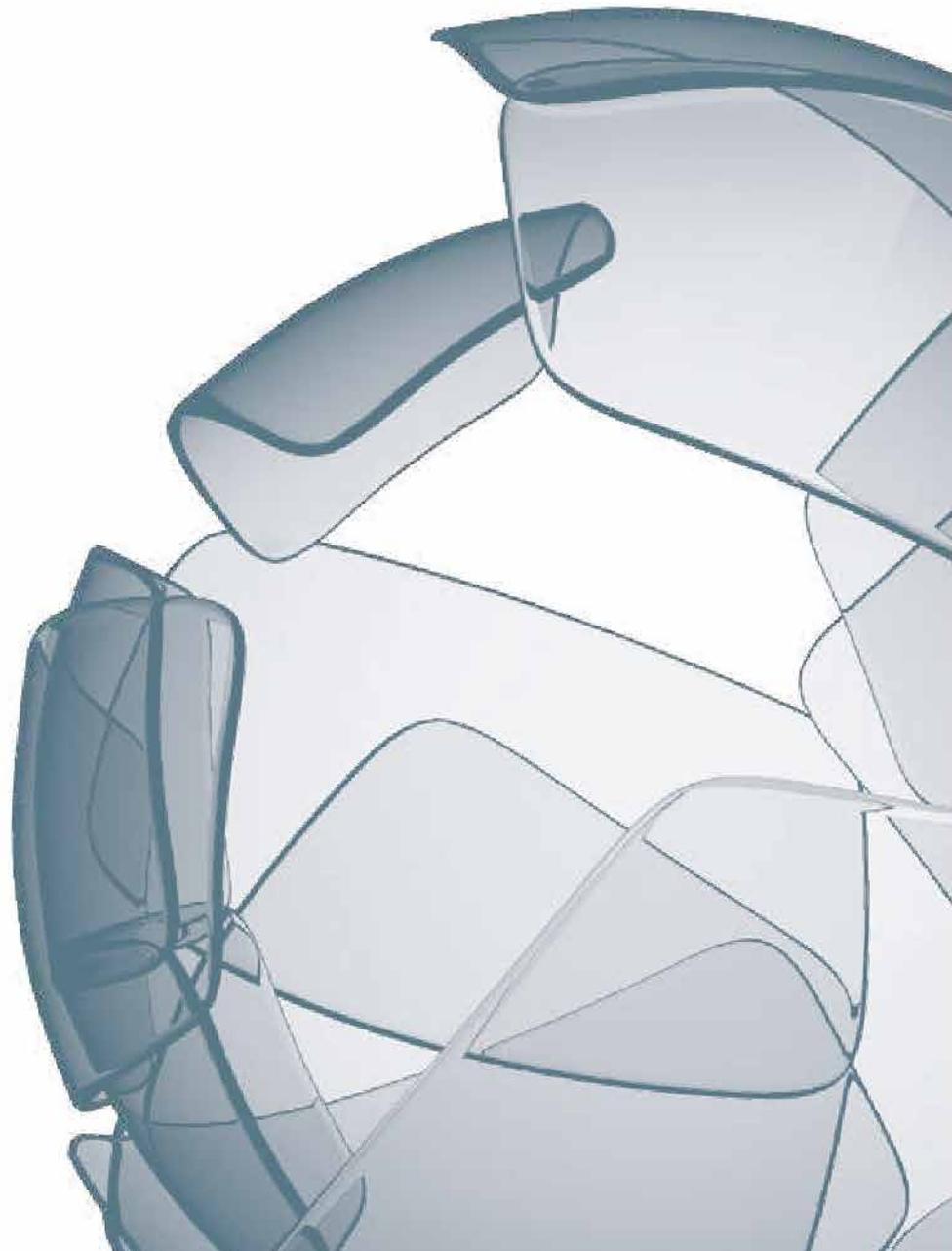


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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



IRISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED.



THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD.

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD,**

HELD AT THE NORTHERN COUNTIES HOTEL, PORTRUSH,  
ON SATURDAY, 15th JUNE, 1957, AT 10 a.m.

The following constituted the Board :—

THE IRISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION : Mr. F. J. Cochrane, J.P., Mr. J. MacBride, Mr. G. H. Jones, J.P. (Hon. Treasurer), and Mr. W. J. Drennan (Secretary).

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION : 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. (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. T. Reid (Hon. Treasurer) and Sir George Graham, O.B.E., D.L., J.P. (Secretary).

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

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION : Dr. P. J. Bauwens, Mr. E. Coppola and Mr. K. Gassmann (Secretary).

Mr. F. J. Cochrane presided and Mr. W. J. Drennan acted as Secretary to the meeting.

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

- (a) Made special reference to the absence of Mr. A. Drewry owing to indisposition.
- (b) Welcomed the following on their first visit to the Board :— Sir Leslie Bowker (The Football Association), Mr. J. Richards (The Football Association), Mr. T. Reid (Hon. Treasurer of The Scottish Football Association).
- (c) Congratulated Mr. J. Richards upon his appointment as President of The Football League.

Sir Leslie Bowker, on behalf of the Members of the Board congratulated the Chairman, Mr. F. J. Cochrane, President of the Irish Football Association on the honour which Her Majesty The Queen had bestowed upon him by the award of Officer of The Order of the British Empire.

## MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 16th June, 1956, at Llandudno, were confirmed.

PROPOSALS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 3  
OF THE BOARD :

1.—Laws of the Game.

- (a) The following proposal by Federation International 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

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 only once 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 players 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.

(Although the resolution put forward by F.I.F.A. to change Law 3 was not accepted the Board expressed its sympathy with the underlying principle and requested each member Association of the Board, prior to the next meeting of the Board, to examine the possibility of changing the Law in such a way that each National Association could determine on what basis substitutes could be permitted in the competitions under their control).

- (b) The following proposal by The Scottish Football Association was considered :—

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 within the penalty-area is committed.

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.

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.”

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).

The proposal was defeated by 3 votes to 2.

2. MEMORANDUM ON THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF THE GAME.

A draft memorandum on the application of the Laws of the Game throughout the world was considered (reference decision of International Board, 16th June, 1956) and after a general discussion the memorandum, slightly amended, was approved for issue to all National Associations.

3. NEXT MEETING—1958.

The invitation of The Federation Internationale de Football Association that the Board should meet at Stockholm, was accepted.

#### 4. RETIREMENT OF SIR GEORGE GRAHAM.

The Chairman referred to the retirement of Sir George Graham, Secretary of The Scottish Football Association and paid tribute to his work during the past 30 years. The Board unanimously agreed to place on record its thanks to Sir George and conveyed sincere good wishes to him in his retirement.

#### 5. THE CHAIRMAN.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

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FOLLOWING THE MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOUR BRITISH ASSOCIATIONS MET AND DECIDED:—

##### 1. LOTTERIES :

To recommend to the Associations that clubs in membership of a National Association or any Association affiliated thereto should not be permitted to organise lotteries under the name and title of the Club, nor should a Club's premises be used in connection with the organisation of lotteries.

##### 2. BRITISH CUP COMPETITION.

To accept in principle a proposal to institute a British Challenge Cup Competition to be played annually during the third week in May by the Cup Winners of England, Scotland and Ireland and the Welsh Club in the highest position in the Football League Competition. The draft rules were remitted for further consideration to a Committee of the Four Associations to be appointed as provided in the proposed Competition Rules.

##### 3. TELEVISION APPEARANCE FEES :

To recommend that in matches which are televised direct, the home Association shall pay the following appearance fees to each of the twenty-two players taking part in the match—such appearance fee to be in addition to the match fee paid by the Association to which the player belongs :—

Full International Matches : £5 per player.

" B " and " Under 23." International Matches. : £3 per player.

Other Matches : £2 per player.

##### 4. ADMISSION PRICES :

That it was considered advisable that admission to the ground at British International Championship matches should be uniform and that a minimum charge of 3/6 be recommended to the Associations.

##### 5. APPROACHING PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS:

That The Football Association should submit a proposal to the next F.I.F.A. Congress that a rule be incorporated in the F.I.F.A. Constitution to the effect that during the period of an existing engagement, a player shall not be approached by an Official of any other club of any Country or by any other person with a view to inducing him to leave the club for which he is registered when his engagement has terminated.

##### 6. PROPOSED U.E.F.A. INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP :

That the British Associations would not oppose the proposed European International Championship but would inform the Congress of the Union of European Football Associations to be held in Copenhagen on 28th June, 1957, that the British Associations were unlikely to take part.

Northern Counties Hotel, Portrush.  
15th June, 1957.

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