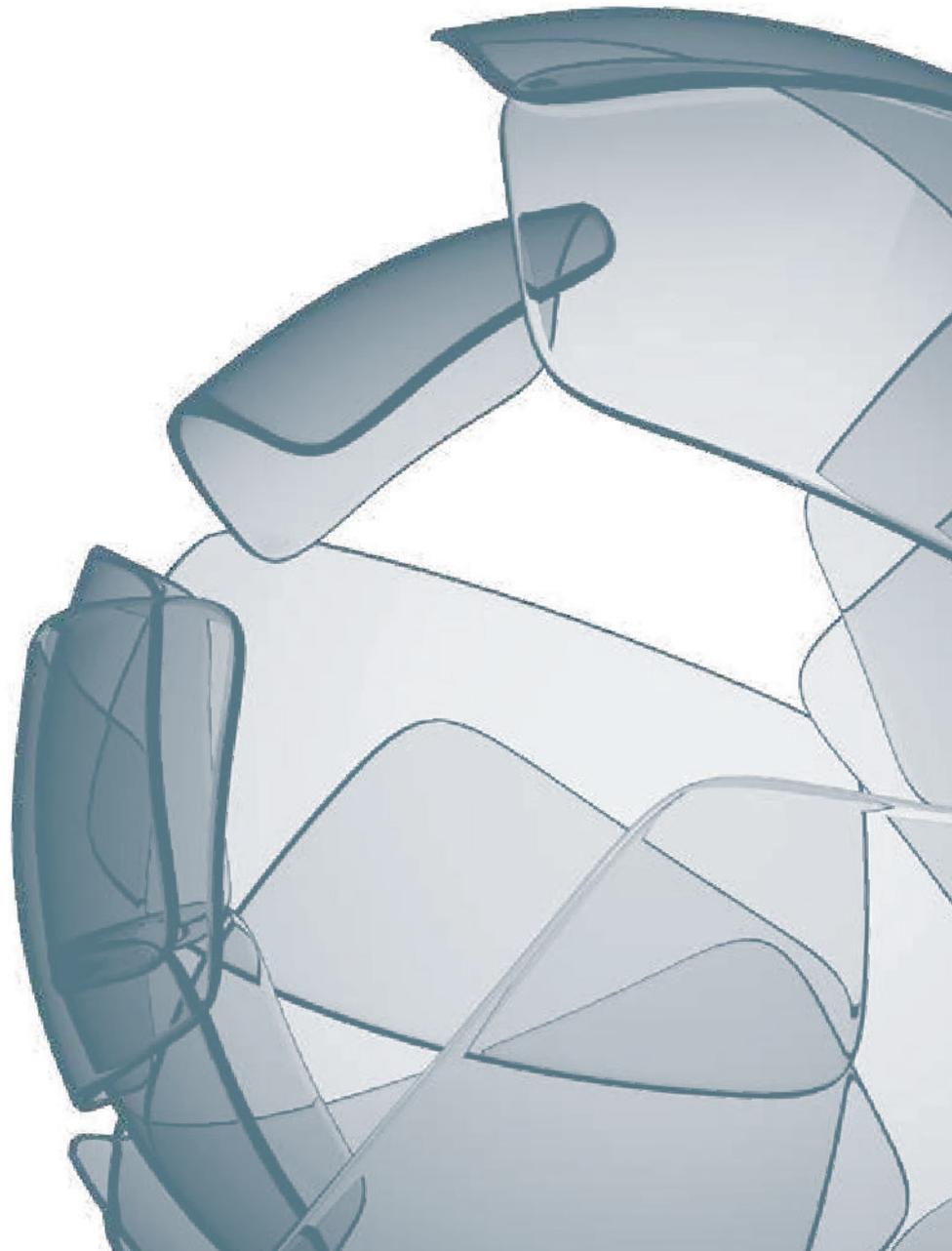


1989

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





# The Scottish Football Association

THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held at

THE CALEDONIAN HOTEL, EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

on WEDNESDAY, 7th JUNE, 1989, at 0930 hrs.

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Secretary

THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

## INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD

### PRESENT:—

#### THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Messrs. P. Gardiner (in the Chair), W. H. Dickie, J. S. Steedman, E. Walker, W. T. Richardson and G. D. Cumming.

#### FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Messrs. J. S. Blatter, T. Wharton, G. Campanati and A. Reginato.

#### THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Messrs. F. A. Millichip, A. D. McMullen, J. J. Dunnett and K. W. Ridden.

#### THE IRISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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

#### THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF WALES

Messrs. T. Jarman, T. R. Forse, I. V. Jones and A. E. Evans.

### APOLOGIES:—

Dr. J. Havelange (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) and Mr. R. H. G. Kelly (The Football Association).

## I CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Gardiner welcomed the delegates to Edinburgh and expressed the Board's sorrow at the absence, due to a temporary indisposition, of the President of F.I.F.A., Dr. Joao Havelange. It was agreed that a message of good wishes for a speedy recovery should be sent immediately to Dr. Havelange on behalf of the International F.A. Board.

Mr. Gardiner made special reference to the fact that Messrs. Reginato, Campanati, Richardson and Cumming were attending their first meeting of the Board.

## II MINUTES

- (1) As the minutes of the meeting of the International F.A. Board held in Wales on 13th June, 1987, had now been re-structured and re-published, it was agreed that they should be adopted (see Item II of the minutes of the meeting of the International F.A. Board of 4th June, 1988).
- (2) The minutes of the meeting held in London on 4th June, 1988, were adopted.

### III LAWS OF THE GAME, DECISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD, AND INTRODUCTORY NOTES TO THE LAWS OF THE GAME

#### (1) LAWS OF THE GAME

#### Law IV—Players' Equipment

Proposed by The Fédération Internationale de Football Association:

**Present Text**

- (1) Unaltered.
- (2) Footwear (boots or shoes) must conform to the following standard:—
  - (a) and the following—unaltered.

**Proposed New Text**

- (1) Unaltered.
- (2) Footwear must be worn by players and conform to the following standard:—
  - (a) and the following—unaltered.

**Reason:**

It reflects widespread current practice considering that nowadays no footballer plays (at least in official matches) without footwear.

AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY

DECISION

The proposal of The Fédération Internationale de Football Association was adopted.

## (2) DECISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD

### Law IV—Players' Equipment

Proposed by The Fédération Internationale de Football Association:

#### Present Text

(1) The usual equipment of a player is a jersey or shirt, shorts, stockings and footwear. In a match played under the rules of a competition, players need not wear boots or shoes, but shall wear jersey or shirt, shorts, track suit or similar trousers, and stockings.

(2) The Law does not insist that boots or shoes must be worn. However, in competition matches Referees should not allow one or a few players to play without footwear when all the other players are so equipped.

#### Proposed New Text

(1) The basic equipment of a player is a jersey or shirt, shorts, stockings and footwear.

(rest of the paragraph to be deleted)

(2) To be deleted.

(3) becomes (2)

(4) becomes (3)

(5) becomes (4)

(6) becomes (5)

#### Reason:

It reflects widespread current practice considering that nowadays no footballer plays (at least in official matches) without footwear.

AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY

DECISION

The proposal of The Fédération Internationale de Football Association was adopted.

### (3) INTRODUCTORY NOTES TO THE LAWS OF THE GAME

Proposed by The Fédération Internationale de Football Association:

These Notes should be modified as follows (according to the wish expressed by the members of the Editorial Committee of the International F.A. Board):—

#### **Present Text**

Provided the principles of these Laws be maintained, they may be modified in their application.

- (1) To players of school age, as follows:—
  - (a) size of playing pitch;
  - (b) size, weight and material of ball;
  - (c) width between the goal-posts and height of the cross-bar from the ground;
  - (d) the duration of the periods of play;
  - (e) number of substitutions.
- (2) For matches played by women:—
  - (a) size, weight and material of ball;
  - (b) duration of the periods of play;
  - (c) further modifications are only permissible with the consent of the International Football Association Board.

#### **Proposed New Text**

Subject to the agreement of the National Associations concerned and provided the principles of these Laws be maintained, they may be modified in their application.

- (1) For matches for players of under 16 years of age, as follows:—
  - (a) size of playing pitch;
  - (b) size, weight and material of ball;
  - (c) width between the goal-posts and height of the cross-bar from the ground;
  - (d) the duration of the periods of play;
  - (e) number of substitutions.
- (2) For matches played by women:—
  - (a) size, weight and material of ball;
  - (b) duration of the periods of play.

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

#### IV ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Submitted by The Fédération Internationale de Football Association:

1. **Shin-guards**

The Board accepted the Editorial Committee's recommendation that there should be included in the Laws of the Game a requirement for players to wear shin-guards, to the extent that the Editorial Committee be requested to consider the position in detail and come forward with a suitably worded proposal for consideration by the Board at its meeting in 1990.

2. **Temporary expulsion**

On being informed by F.I.F.A. that certain National Associations were continuing to make use of the illegal system of temporary expulsions, the Board reaffirmed its refusal to sanction such practices for football at any level. F.I.F.A. was requested to convey this decision to the Associations concerned and to ask that they desist immediately.

3. **Indoor Football/F.I.F.A. Laws on Five-a-Side Football**

F.I.F.A. advised the Board of the experience which it had gained following upon the playing of the 1st World Championship for Five-a-Side Football in the Netherlands in 1989, and indicated that it would now be making some minor amendments to the recently drafted Laws on Five-a-Side Indoor Football. Thereafter, it was hoped that a final edition of the Laws, which will apply only for matches between national teams, would be available for submission to the Board at an early opportunity.

#### V 1990 MEETING—DATE AND VENUE

On behalf of The Fédération Internationale de Football Association, the General Secretary extended an invitation to the members of the International F.A. Board to meet in Rome on Monday, 11th June, 1990, during the course of the F.I.F.A. World Cup Final Competition.

#### VI OTHER BUSINESS

- (1) The Board's attention was drawn to Item IV(1) of the minutes of the meeting of the International Football Association Board of 4th June, 1988, in which it was agreed that F.I.F.A. would produce a separate booklet containing "Questions and Answers" on the Laws of the Game, the content of which would be approved by the Editorial Committee on behalf of the International F.A. Board prior to publication. It was reported that, subject to some minor editing details, the Sub-committee appointed to carry out the revision and restructuring of the "Questions and Answers" had now completed its work.

The Board thanked the members of the Sub-committee for their efforts and agreed that F.I.F.A. should publish the new "Questions and Answers" booklet in the latter part of 1989.

- (2) In conclusion, Mr. Gardiner thanked the members for their helpful and co-operative attitude during the course of the meeting and expressed the wish that each of them would have a safe and comfortable journey home.

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CALEDONIAN HOTEL, EDINBURGH  
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