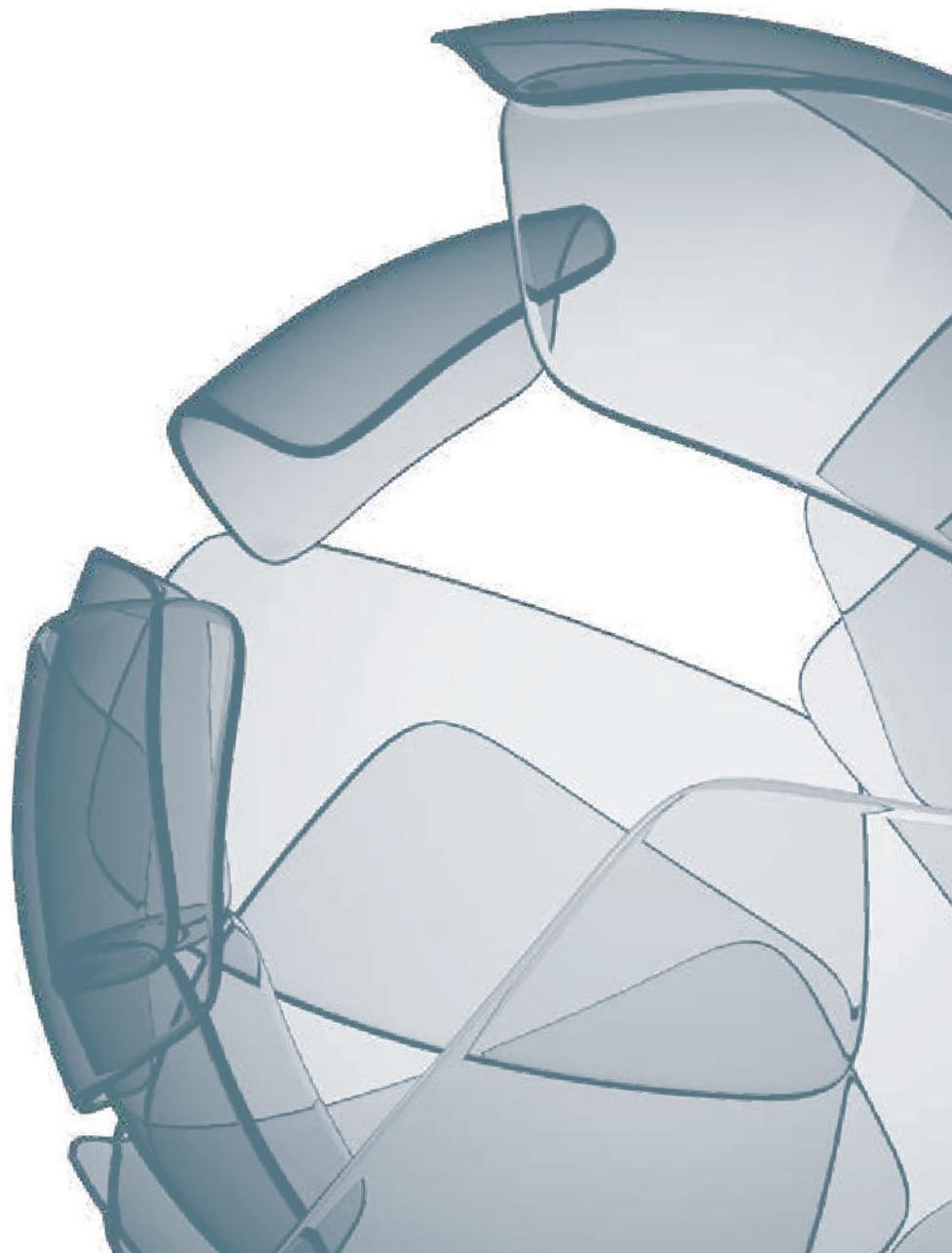


1994

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





**FIFA**

**FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE  
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

**INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL  
ASSOCIATION BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

held at

**FIFA HOUSE, ZURICH, SWITZERLAND**

on

**SATURDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 1994, at 10<sup>00</sup> a.m.**

General Secretary

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**FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE  
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

## PRESENT

## AGENDA

## I CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

## II MINUTES

To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at Hanbury Manor, Hertfordshire, England on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 1993, at 9.00 a.m.

## III LAWS OF THE GAME AND DECISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD

To consider the following proposals and amendments submitted under Rule 4:

- (1) Notes – The Scottish Football Association
- (2) Law I – The Football Association
- (3) Law III – The F.I.F.A.
- (4) Technical Area – The Scottish Football Association
- (5) Law VI – The F.I.F.A.

## IV ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- (1) The Offside Law (The Football Association)
- (2) Reckless Challenges (The Football Association)
- (3) Footwear – Law IV (The Football Association)
- (4) The Offside Law (The Scottish Football Association)
- (5) Universal Guide for Referees – The F.I.F.A.
- (6) Experiments with the Laws of the Game – The F.I.F.A.
- (7) Prohibition of the Tackle from Behind – The F.I.F.A.
- (8) Legal Liability of the Referees – The F.I.F.A.

## II. MINUTES

## V 1995 MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD

Venue and Date

## VI OTHER BUSINESS

## PRESENT

### FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Messrs. Dr João Havelange (in the Chair),  
D.H. Will, Dr M. D'Hooghe, J.S. Blatter.

### THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Messrs. Sir Bert Millichip, R.H.G. Kelly, I.H. Stott, K.W. Ridden.

### THE IRISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Messrs. S. Walker, J. Boyce, E.N. Barry, D.I. Bowen.

### THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Messrs. W.H. Dickie, J.C. McGinn, J.Y. Craig, J. Farry.

### THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF WALES

Messrs. J. Hughes, B. Fear, D. Shanklin, A. Evans.

## ALSO PRESENT

Messrs. J.F. McBeth, G.D. Cumming, M. Zen-Ruffinen,  
P. Pullen, Ms M. Huber (minutes).

## I. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The FIFA President opened the proceedings and expressed pleasure at welcoming the delegates to Zurich on this historical occasion, it being the first time that FIFA had ever had the honour of holding the Board meeting at the FIFA offices. He expressed special greetings to the delegates who were attending an International F.A. Board meeting for the first time, namely: Messrs. Dr M. D'Hooghe (FIFA); J. McBeth (Scottish Football Association); J. Hughes (Football Association of Wales); J. Boyce (Irish Football Association).

A minute's silence was observed in memory of Mr Eddef Ellis, former President of the Football Association of Wales, who had passed away since the last International F.A. Board meeting.

## II. MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held at Hanbury Manor, Hertfordshire, England on Saturday, 27 February 1993 were adopted.

The minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of the International Football Association Board held at the Takanawi Prince Hotel in Tokyo, Japan on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1993 were received.

### III LAWS OF THE GAME AND DECISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD

Proposals and amendments submitted under Rule 4

- (1) Proposed by the Scottish Football Association

#### Notes

#### To be added after

“Further modifications are only possible with the consent of the International Football Association Board”,

#### Proposed Text:

References to the male gender within the Laws of the Game in respect of referees, linesmen, players or officials are for simplification and refer to both males and females.

#### Reason:

With the rapid development of women’s football, it is appropriate that this clarification is now made.



(2) Proposed by the Football Association

### Law I – The Field of Play

#### Present text

(6) The goals shall be placed on the centre of each goal-line and shall consist of two upright posts, equidistant from the corner flags and 8 yards apart (inside measurement), joined by a horizontal cross-bar, the lower edge of which shall be 8 foot from the ground.

The width and depth of the cross-bars shall not exceed 5 inches (12 cm).

(remainder unchanged)

#### Reason:

The additional sentence ensures that an essential safety factor is reflected in the Law and applies to all goals, including portable goals.

#### Proposed New Text

(6) The goals shall be placed on the centre of each goal-line and shall consist of two upright posts, equidistant from the corner flags and 8 yards apart (inside measurement), joined by a horizontal cross-bar, the lower edge of which shall be 8 foot from the ground.

For safety reasons, the goals, including those which are portable, must be anchored securely to the ground.

The width and depth of the cross-bars shall not exceed 5 inches (12 cm).

**Amendment submitted by**

**Decision**

The proposal of the Football Association was adopted.

(3) Proposed by the Federation Internationale de Football Association

### Law III – Number of Players

#### Present Text

(2) Substitutes may be used in any match played under the rules of an official competition under the jurisdiction of FIFA, Confederations or National Associations, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) that the authority of the international association(s) or National Association(s) concerned has been obtained.
- (b) that, subject to the restriction contained in the following paragraph (c), the rules of a competition shall state how many, if any, substitutes may be nominated and how many of those nominated may be used.
- (c)

#### Proposed New Text

- (2)
- (a)
- (b) that, subject to the restrictions contained in the following paragraphs (c) and (d), the rules of a competition shall state how many, if any, substitutes may be nominated and how many of those nominated may be used.
- (c)
- (d) Notwithstanding the limitation imposed in (c), a team may also use a third substitute provided that he is nominated as a substitute goalkeeper, who may be used to replace only the goalkeeper. If, however, the goalkeeper is sent off, the nominated substitute goalkeeper may not take part in the match.

#### Reason:

This amendment corresponds with a wish expressed by numerous football coaches. It appears to be a logical step in view of the development of football.

**Amendment submitted by**

**Decision**

The proposal of the Fédération Internationale de Football Association was adopted after having been reworded to read as follows:-

**New Text**

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**(d) Notwithstanding the limitation imposed in (c), a team may also use a third substitute provided that he is designated as a substitute goalkeeper, who may be used to replace only the goalkeeper.**

**If, however, the goalkeeper is ordered off, the designated substitute goalkeeper may subsequently replace another player of the same team and play as goalkeeper.**

## IV ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### Offside Law

Item (1) submitted by the Football Association and Item (4) submitted by the Scottish Football Association

The discussion papers on Law XI, submitted by the two forementioned associations (which were combined for discussion) were duly noted and it was agreed that since this matter was of major importance a decision should be deferred until the 1995 IFAB annual meeting so that it could be further studied by the Task Force - Football 2000 and other bodies concerned before a possible proposal were submitted.

(2) submitted by the Football Association

### Reckless challenges

It was agreed that, in the circular to the national associations regarding amendments to the Laws made at this meeting, FIFA should underline the importance of referees taking stringent measures against such reckless challenges. If this produced no obvious improvement, the matter would be further looked into by the Sub-Committee before FIFA prepared a proposal for submission to the 1995 IFAB meeting.

(3) submitted by the Football Association

### Footwear

It was agreed that the Sub-Committee should ascertain whether any measures were required with respect to a revision of Law IV.

As point (4), submitted as enclosure 2, also dealt with the Offside Law, it was discussed in conjunction with point (1).

(5) Submitted by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association

### Universal Guide for Referees

After hearing the views of the Board members, it was decided that the contents of the current Universal Guide be totally re-edited. The Sub-Committee was assigned this task.

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### Experiments with the Laws of the Game

It was agreed that experiments with the golden goal and the kick-in should be continued. The International F.A. Board formally authorised FIFA to conduct such further experiments within a suitable professional league or leagues.

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### Ban on the tackle from behind

The Board was of the opinion that the provisions of the current Laws of the Game already ban tackles from behind which are unfair. Referees should be instructed to take stringent measures against this practice as it constitutes a serious hazard to players.

(8) Submitted by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association

### Legal liability of the referee

After discussing this question it was agreed that a clause be inserted in the re-edited Universal Guide to the effect that, although they were accountable to the football authorities, referees should not be held legally liable for any decision taken in the pursuit of their duties defined under Law V of the Laws of the Game.

## **Amendment submitted by**

## **Decision**

The proposal of the Scottish Football Association was adopted, subject to the replacement of the word "may" by the word "shall" in both cases where it appears in point 1, as follows:

**1. The Technical Area shall be considered as extending 1 metre on either side of the designated seated area and shall extend forward up to a distance of 1 metre away from the touchline.**

(5) Proposed by the Federation Internationale de Football Association

### Law VI – Linesmen

#### Decisions of the International Football Association Board

##### Present Text

(2) National Associations are advised to appoint official referees of neutral nationality to act as linesmen in international matches.

##### Proposed New Text

(2) In international “A” matches, National Associations should appoint linesmen from the International List.

##### Reason:

This amendment is necessary now that there is an official FIFA List of International Linesmen.

**Amendment submitted by**

**Decision**

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OF THE INTERNATIONAL

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OF THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD**

It was noted that the 1995 International Football Association Board meeting would be held at the Turnberry Hotel, Ayrshire, Scotland on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1995.

The Annual Business Meeting of the International Football Association Board would be held at the offices of the Scottish Football Association in Glasgow on 15<sup>th</sup> September 1994.



## VI OTHER BUSINESS

Sir Bert Millichip proposed a vote of thanks to the FIFA President for the way he had conducted the debates.

The FIFA President reciprocated the thanks of the members and emphasised how highly honoured he had been to chair this important meeting.

He stated that at the start of his presidency, an opinion had been expressed that the further existence of the International F.A. Board should be called in question. FIFA had hence always sought to impress upon the football community that this longstanding institution should be respected due to its dedicated work over the years for the benefit of the game. He vowed to continue to do so.

The FIFA President concluded by thanking the FIFA administration for its preparations for the meeting and expressing thanks to the members for their co-operative attitude.



## NOTES

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