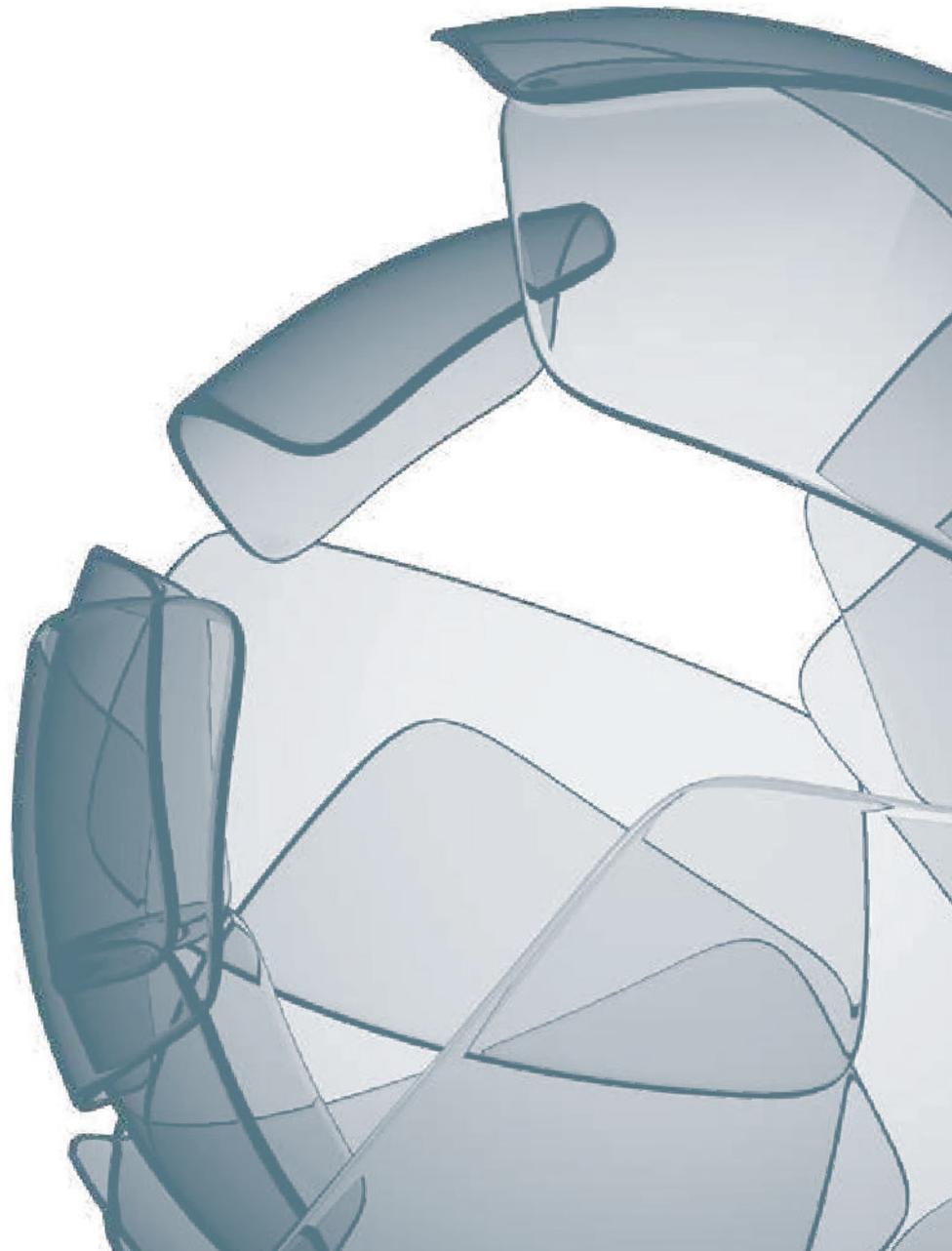


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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





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The Annual Meeting of the Board was held in Belfast on June 18th 1889, the delegates present being Messrs. Crumpp & Gregson (England), Campbell & Park (Scotland), Treves (Wales), & Bradshaw & Reid (Ireland). Mr Bradshaw presided. The minutes of last meeting were read & passed Mr Campbell moving & Mr Crumpp seconding.

[Re: Law 5. Mr Gregson moved & Mr Park seconded that the following part of the present law be adopted "When the ball is in touch a player of the opposite side to that which kicked it shall throw it from the point on the boundary line where it left the ground." Mr Gregson moved that the latter part be altered as follows, Mr Campbell seconding. "That the thrower facing the field of play shall throw the ball over his head with both hands in any direction & it shall be in play when thrown in"

Mr Campbell moved & Mr Gregson seconded that the thrower shall not play until the ball has been played by another player.

[Mr Crumpp proposed & Mr Gregson seconded "That at the commencement of the game the weight of the ball in International matches be from 13 to 15 ounces.

[Mr Crumpp moved that English Assⁿ rule 21 shall be added to Law 12 viz
"It shall be the duty of the referee to decide in all cases in which the umpires do not agree or in which one umpire does not give a decision. He shall also keep a record of the game & act as timekeeper & in the event of ungentlemanly behaviour on the part of any of the contestants the offender or offenders shall in the presence of the umpires be cautioned & if the offence is repeated, or in the case of violent conduct without any previous caution, the referee shall have power to rule the offending player or players out of play and to transmit the name or names of such player or players to the Council of their (National) Association in whom shall be solely vested the right of accepting an apology. The referee shall have power to stop the game whenever he by reason of darkness, interference of spectators or other cause he shall think fit & he shall report the same to the Assⁿ who shall have full power to deal with the matter. Any undue interference by an umpire shall be reported by the referee to the National Assⁿ to which the umpire belongs who shall deal with the matter in such manner as they may deem necessary. The referee shall have power to award a free kick without any appeal in any case where he thinks the conduct of a player is dangerous or likely to prove dangerous but not sufficiently so as to justify him putting in force the greater powers vested in him as above". The addition was passed unanimously.

The proceedings are to be printed, approved & signed by each member of the Board.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman furnished the proceedings.

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