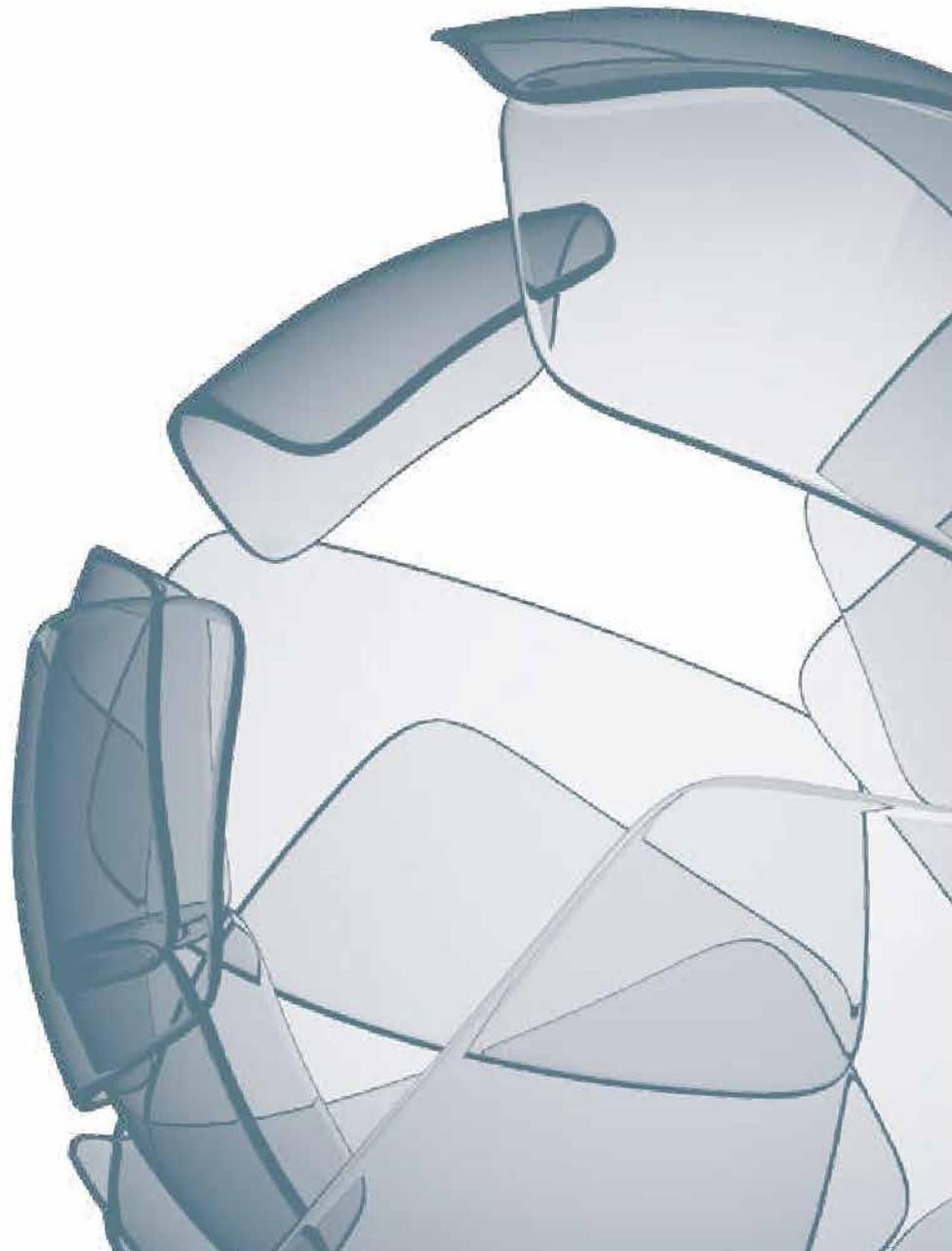


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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



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**(2) Law XII – Decision Nr. 3**

**(Proposed by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association)**

**PRESENT DECISION**

If the cross-bar of the goal, by falling exactly at the moment the ball would have passed into goal, prevents the ball from passing over the goal-line the referee should allow the goal, if in his opinion, the ball would have passed the goal-line under the bar, had it stayed in its normal position.

The proposal was unanimously adopted.

**PROPOSED ALTERATION**

The Board is invited to delete this decision which does not conform to the Law.

**(3 and 4) Law XII, sections 1 and 2**

**(Proposed by the Scottish Football Association)**

**PRESENT LAW**

(1) (g) Holds an opponent with his hand or any part of his arm.

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(2) A player committing any of the five following offences:  
(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.

The proposal was defeated by 3 votes to 2.

**PROPOSED ALTERATION**

Delete paragraph (g) 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.

**PROPOSED ALTERATION**

In the opening sentence, delete "five" and substitute "four" making it read:

"A player committing any of the four following offences, etc."

Delete the following number (3) and its accompanying paragraph viz. "When not playing the ball, . . . to an opponent."

Re-number paragraphs (4) and (5) as (3) and (4).

**IV. RULES OF THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD**

The following new text, including the proposal to alter the voting powers, submitted by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association, was unanimously adopted.

**PRESENT RULES**

(old text)

I. This Board shall be called the International Football Association Board. The Football Association, the Scottish Football Association, the Football Association of Wales, the Irish Football Association, and the Fédération Internationale de Football Association, shall each be entitled to send two representatives, who shall constitute the Board.

II. The Board shall discuss and decide proposed alterations in the Laws of the Game, and such matters affecting Association Football in its International relations, as may be referred to them after consideration by either the governing bodies or General Meetings of the Associations forming the Board.

III. The governing bodies of each Association shall forward in writing, on or before the 8th day of March in each year, to the Secretary of the Association entitled to convene the next meeting, any suggestions or alterations deemed desirable, which shall be printed and distributed on or before the 20th day of March for consideration at the Annual General Meetings of the Associations.

**PROPOSED ALTERATIONS**

(new text)

Delete the present Rules and substitute:

I. The title of the Board shall be the International Football Association Board. The Football Association (England), The Scottish Football Association, The Football Association of Wales, The Irish Football Association and the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (F.I.F.A.) hereinafter called Associations, shall constitute the Board and each shall be entitled to be represented by four delegates.

II. The objects of the Board shall be to discuss and decide proposed alterations to the Laws of the Game and such other matters affecting association football as may be referred to the Board after consideration by the Annual General Meetings or other appropriate meetings of the Associations forming the Board.

III. Each Association shall forward in writing on or before the eighth day of March in each year to the Secretary of the Association convening the meeting of the Board in that year suggestions or proposed alterations to the Laws of the Game which shall be printed and distributed on or before the twentieth day of March for consideration at the Annual General Meetings or other appropriate meetings of the Associations.

IV. The Board shall meet annually on the third Saturday in June. The meetings shall be held in rotation in England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and in the territory of a Continental National Association, at the invitation of each Association or of the Fédération, the venue to be notified at the previous Board meeting. One of the representatives of the Association or of the Fédération, which convened the meeting, shall preside. Each Association may send its Secretary and Treasurer to the Board Meetings. The Secretary of the Association or of the Fédération, which convened the meeting, shall act as Secretary of the meeting. The Secretaries and Treasurers, unless appointed as representatives under Rule I, shall not have voting power.

V. The Minute Book of the proceedings shall be fully entered up by the Secretary, and forwarded to the Association next in rotation before the 1st of June ensuing.

VI. Business shall not be proceeded with at any meeting unless four Associations are represented.

VII. No alterations shall be made in the Laws of the Game except at the Annual Meeting in June, and then only if agreed to by at least four-fifths of the representatives present. Other resolutions shall not be adopted unless agreed to by four-fifths of those present.

VIII. The Association, which by order of rotation is entitled to convene the Annual Meeting for the current year (a), on receiving a written requisition signed by two of the Associations, accompanied by a copy of the proposals intended to be submitted, shall call a Special Meeting of the Board. Such Special Meeting must be held within 28 days of the receipt of the requisition, and the Associations forming the Board must receive 21 days' notice, together with a copy of the proposals.

IX. The decisions of the Board shall be binding on all the Associations on and after the 25th July following each Annual Meeting, and no alterations in the Laws of the Game shall be made by any Association until the same shall have been passed by the Board.

\* The current year shall be understood to commence on the day following the previous Annual Meeting.

IV. The Board shall meet annually in the month of June and the date and venue shall be fixed at the previous Board meeting. The meeting shall be held in rotation in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland; but when the F.I.F.A. Congress and the World Cup coincide the meeting of the Board shall be convened by F.I.F.A. and, if practicable, held at the venue of the World Championship. One of the representatives of the Association convening the meeting shall preside.

V. The Minutes of the meetings shall be recorded by the Secretary of the Association convening the meeting and shall be fully reported in the official Minute Book which shall be forwarded to the Association next in rotation before the first of June ensuing.

VI. The business of a meeting shall not be proceeded with unless four Associations, one of which shall be the F.I.F.A., are represented. The Four British Associations shall each have one vote and the F.I.F.A. shall have four votes on behalf of all other National Associations in membership with it.

VII. No alterations shall be made to the Laws of the Game except in the Annual Meeting of the Board in June and then only if agreed by at least three quarters of those present and entitled to vote.

VIII. The Association entitled to convene the Board meeting for the current year\* shall on receiving a written requisition signed by any two of the British Associations or by the F.I.F.A., accompanied by a copy of the proposals to be submitted, call a Special Meeting of the Board. Such Special Meeting shall be held within twenty eight days of the requisition and the Associations forming the Board shall receive twenty one days' notice together with a copy of the proposals.

IX. The decisions of the Board shall be binding on all National Associations on and after the twenty fifth of July following each Annual Meeting of the Board and no alterations to the Laws of the Game shall be made by any Association until they have been passed by the Board.

## V. MEETING 1959 - VENUE

Mr. A. Drewry, on behalf of The Football Association, extended an invitation to the Board to meet next year in England. London, Jersey and the Isle of Wight were mentioned as likely venues. The Chairman announced that the place would be communicated to all concerned as soon as it was decided.

A Vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

## MEETING OF THE FOUR BRITISH ASSOCIATIONS

The delegates as printed on page 1 were present and Mr. A. Drewry presided.

### i. Rule III of the International Youth Championship Rules (Proposed by the Irish Football Association)

#### PRESENT RULE

(3) Age: Players under 18 years of age on the 1st September of the then current season shall be eligible to take part in the Competition.

Birth: The International Board Agreement of 17th June, 1895, shall apply.

Club: Players shall be recognised members of an "Amateur" Club under the jurisdiction of a National Football Association.

The proposal was lost.

#### PROPOSED ALTERATION

Delete wording under Club qualification and substitute:

"Amateur players under the jurisdiction of a National Football Association shall be eligible to compete in the Competition."

### ii. Payments to professional players representing the four British Associations in the World Championship – Jules Rimet Cup 1958

The delegates from the British Associations were informed by the Scottish Football Association that an agreement made on behalf of all four Associations to dispense with the daily allowance to players representing the respective Associations had not been accepted by The Football Association.

The Chairman assured the Scottish F.A. delegates that the matter would receive attention.

### iii. Substitutes-Law III

The Members agreed that substitutes would not be permitted in the British Championships during season 1958/59.

*Leslie P. Bowdler*  
20.6.1959

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