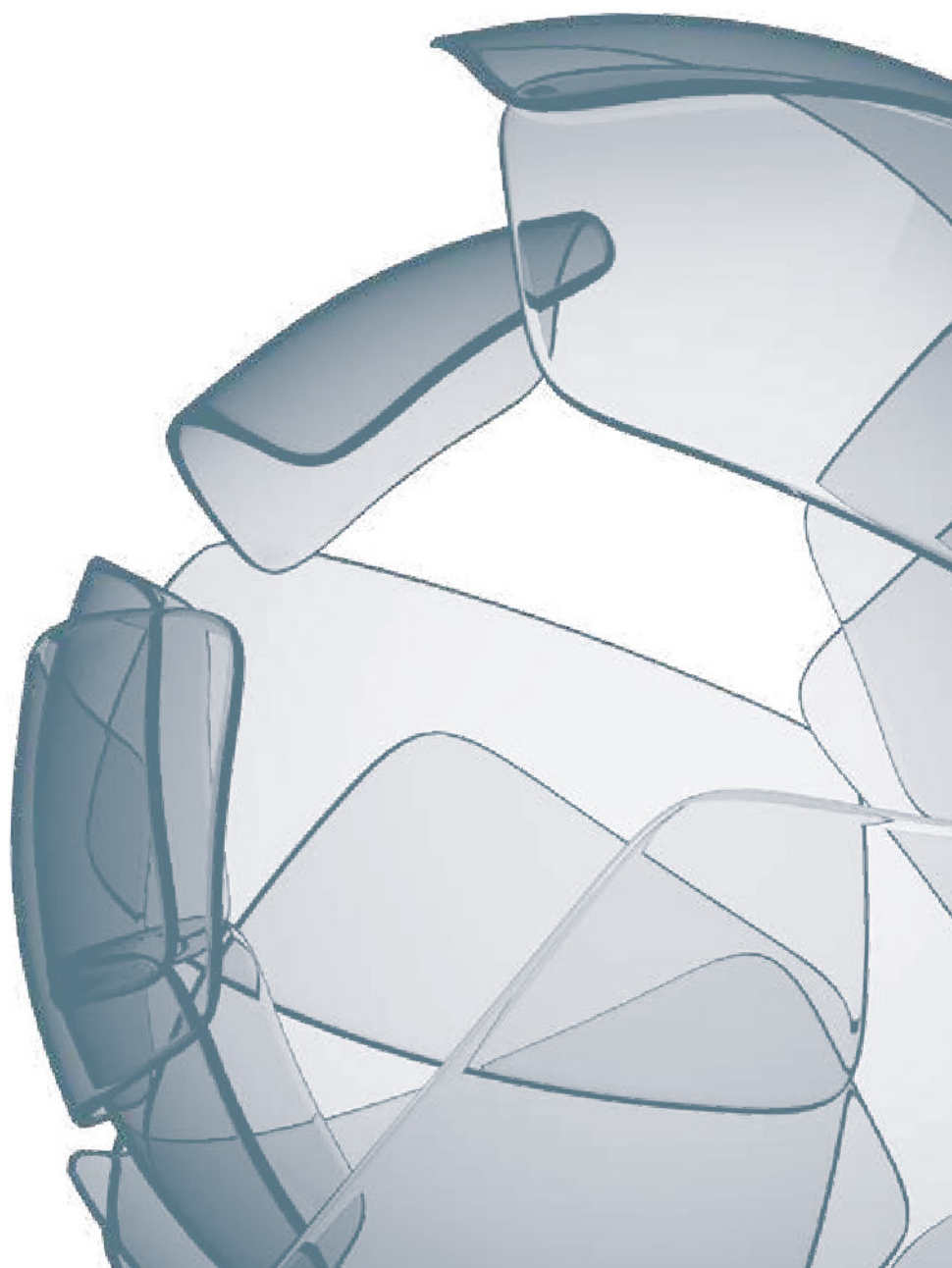


1969

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





# THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

## THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD

### MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD AT THE GRAND HOTEL, JERSEY

ON SATURDAY, 21ST JUNE, 1969

The following constituted the Board:

The Football Association:	Doctor A. Stephen, Mr. L. T. Shipman, M.B.E. Mr. A. D. McMullen Mr. D. Follows, C.B.E., B.A. (Secretary) Mr. E. M. Miller
The Scottish Football Association:	Mr. P. Scott Mr. H. S. Nelson, J.P. Mr. J. R. Aitken Mr. A. W. Strachan Mr. W. P. Allan, J.P. (Secretary)
The Football Association of Wales:	Mr. T. E. Russell, F.C.C.S. Mr. T. H. Squire Mr. L. Withers Mr. H. Powell, O.B.E. (Secretary)
The Irish Football Association:	Mr. H. Cavan Mr. S. Walker Mr. W. J. Drennan, J.P. (Secretary)
Federation Internationale de Football Association:	Sir Stanley Rous, C.B.E. Mr. R. Masson Mr. Koe Ewe Teik Mr. K. G. Aston Dr. H. Kaser (Secretary).

Dr. A. Stephen, Chairman of The Football Association, presided and Mr. D. Follows acted as Secretary to the Meeting.

Prior to the business of the Meeting the Chairman:—

- (a) Welcomed the Members to Jersey and particularly the new Members attending their first Meeting, namely:—

Mr. A. D. McMullen (England)  
Mr. L. Withers (Wales)  
Mr. S. Walker (Ireland)  
Mr. J. R. Aitken (Scotland)  
Mr. K. G. Aston (F.I.F.A.)

- (b) Referred with regret to the death of Mr. S. A. Donaldson (Hon. Treasurer of The Football Association) who had attended Meetings of the Board since 1962.



- (c) Referred to the absence of Dr. Andrejevic and Lt.-Col. C. F. Linnitt through illness and Mr. G. Owens.

1.—MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held at Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia on the 15th June, 1968, were approved.

BUSINESS ARISING

- (a) **EXPERIMENTAL MATCHES** The Board considered reports of matches played under the experimental rule.  
It was agreed that the evidence received from the reports was inconclusive and it was decided to continue the experiment for a further year, and that Clubs which had played in the U.S.A. and Canada under the new experimental rule should be asked for their views.
- (b) **CHANGE IN LAWS** The President of F.I.F.A. expressed the view that the Board would be well advised for a period of time to make no fundamental changes in the Laws of the Game.  
He felt that during the next two years the Board should devote some of its time to discussing trends and developments of the game. He instanced many cases in which referees and countries had different interpretations in the existing rules.  
The Board agreed with the President, and it was decided that a working party should be established to meet to consider any minor changes that might be necessary and phraseology in connection with the Laws of the Game, and they should report to the next Meeting of the International Board.
- (c) **LAW 12, SECTION 5** It was decided to re-issue and emphasise once again the decision given at the Meeting in Dubrovnik in connection with the goalkeeper taking four steps.

2.—LAWS OF THE GAME

**(i) Proposal by the Scottish Football Association**

Law V—Referees

PRESENT LAW

(a) Enforce the Laws and decide any disputed point. His decision on points of fact connected with the play shall be final so far as the result of the game is concerned. His jurisdiction begins from the time he signals for the kick-off, and his power of penalising shall extend to offences committed when play has been temporarily suspended or when the ball is out of play. He shall, however, refrain from penalising in cases where he is satisfied that by doing so he would be giving an advantage to the offending team.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Delete the words "and decide any disputed point" occurring in the first sentence.

The proposal was not adopted

**(ii) Proposal by the Scottish Football Association**

Law VIII—The Start of Play

PRESENT LAW

(a) At the beginning of the game, choice of ends and the kick-off shall be decided by the toss of a coin. The team winning the toss shall have the option of choice of ends or the kick-off.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Delete the words "At the beginning of the game" occurring in the first sentence and substitute "before the game starts".

The proposal was not adopted



### **(iii) Proposals by the Scottish Football Association and the Federation**

#### **Internationale de Football Association**

##### **Law XII—Fouls and Misconduct**

###### **PRESENT LAW**

A player shall be cautioned if:—  
(j) he enters the field of play to re-join his team after the game has commenced without first having received a signal from the referee showing him that he is in order to do so. If the game has been stopped (to administer the caution) it shall be restarted by the Referee dropping the ball at the place where the infringement occurred, but if the player has committed a more serious offence he shall be penalised according to that section of the Law infringed.

###### **\*AMENDMENT ADOPTED**

A player shall be cautioned if:—  
(j) he enters or re-enters the field of play to join or rejoin his team after the game has commenced, or leaves the field of play during the progress of the game (except through accident) without, in either case, first having received a signal from the referee showing him that he may do so. If the referee stops the game to administer the caution the game shall be restarted by an indirect free-kick taken by a player of the opposing team from the place where the offending player was when the referee stopped the game. If, however, the offending player has committed a more serious offence he shall be penalised according to that section of the law he infringed.

\*After some discussion it was agreed to consider the four proposals on the Agenda on this subject (see items (iv), (v), (xiii) and (xiv) as a whole and as a result the above composite amendment was agreed.

### **(iv) Proposal by the Scottish Football Association**

##### **Law XII—Fouls and Misconduct**

###### **PRESENT LAW**

A player shall be cautioned if:—  
(j) he enters the field of play to join or re-join his team after the game has commenced without first having received a signal from the referee showing him that he is in order to do so. If the game has been stopped (to administer the caution) it shall be restarted by the Referee dropping the ball at the place where the infringement occurred, but if the player has committed a more serious offence he shall be penalised according to that section of the Law infringed.

- (k) he persistently infringes the Laws of the game;
- (l) he shows by word or action, dissent from any decision given by the Referee;

- (m) he is guilty of ungentlemanly conduct.

For any of these three last offences, in addition to the caution an indirect free-kick shall also be awarded to the opposing side from the place where the offence occurred.

A player shall be sent off the field of play if:—

- (n) in the opinion of the referee he is guilty of violent conduct or serious foul play;
- (o) he uses foul or abusive language;
- (p) he persists in misconduct after having received a caution.

If play be stopped by reason of a player being ordered from the field for an offence without a separate breach of the Law having been committed, the game shall be resumed by an indirect free-kick awarded to the opposing side from the place where the infringement occurred.

###### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

Delete paragraph (j).

Paragraphs (k) (l) (m) (n) (o) and (p) to be re-lettered (j) (k) (l) (m) (n) and (o).

See Item 2(iii)



**(v) Proposal by the Federation Internationale de Football Association****Law XII—Fouls and Misconduct****PRESENT LAW**

A player shall be cautioned if:—

(j) he enters the field of play to re-join his team after the game has commenced without first having received a signal from the referee showing him that he is in order to do so. If the game has been stopped (to administer the caution) it shall be restarted by the Referee dropping the ball at the place where the infringement occurred, but if the player has committed a more serious offence he shall be penalised according to that section of the Law infringed.

(k) .....

(l) .....

(m) .....

For any of these last three offences, in addition to the caution, an indirect free-kick shall also be awarded to the opposing side from the place where the offence occurred.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

Delete and substitute the following:—

“A player shall be cautioned and penalised by an indirect free-kick to be taken from the place where the infringement occurred, if:

(j) he enters the field of play to join or re-join his team after the game has commenced without first having received a signal from the Referee showing him that he is in order to do so.

(k) .....

(l) .....

(m) .....

If the player be guilty of a more serious offence he shall be penalised according to that section of the Law infringed.”

See Item 2(iii)

**(vi) Proposal by the Scottish Football Association****Law XVI—Goal-Kick****PRESENT LAW**

When the whole of the ball passes over the goal-line, excluding that portion between the goal-posts, either in the air or on the ground, having last been played by one of the attacking team, it shall be kicked direct into play beyond the penalty-area from a point within that half of the goal-area nearest to where it crossed the line, by a player of the defending team. A goalkeeper shall not receive the ball into his hands from a goal-kick in order that he may, thereafter, kick it into play. If the ball is not kicked beyond the penalty-area, i.e., direct into play, the kick shall be retaken. The kicker shall not play the ball a second time until it has touched or been played by another player. A goal shall not be scored direct from such a kick. Players of the team opposing that of the player taking the goal-kick shall remain outside the penalty-area whilst the kick is being taken.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

Insert a new second sentence, as follows:—

“Likewise, when, from a kick-off, a goal-kick, an indirect free-kick or a throw-in, the whole of the ball passes over the opposing team’s goal-line, between the goal-posts, either in the air or on the ground, without its having been played or touched by another player, the game shall be re-started by a goal-kick.”

The proposal was not adopted

**(vii) Proposal by the Scottish Football Association****Law XVII—Corner Kick****PRESENT LAW**

When the whole of the ball passes over the goal-line, excluding that portion between the goalposts, either in the air or on the ground, having last been played by one of the defending team, a member of the attacking team shall kick the ball from within the quarter circle at the nearest corner flagpost, which must not be moved, i.e., a corner-kick. A goal may be scored direct from such a kick. Players of the team opposing that of the player taking the corner-kick shall not approach within ten yards of the ball until it is in play, i.e., it has travelled the distance of its own circumference, nor shall the kicker play the ball a second time until it has been touched or played by another player.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

Insert a new second sentence, as follows:—

“Likewise, when, from a kick-off, a goal-kick, a direct or an indirect free-kick, or from a throw-in, a player kicks or throws the ball wholly over his own team’s goal-line, between the goalposts, either in the air or on the ground, without its having been played or touched by another player, the game shall be re-started by a corner-kick.”

The proposal was not adopted



### 3.—DECISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD

#### (viii) Proposal by the Scottish Football Association

##### Law IV—Player's Equipment

###### PRESENT DECISION No. 3

In International Matches, International Competitions and friendly matches between clubs of different National Associations, the referee, prior to the start of the game, shall inspect the players' boots and prevent any player whose boots do not conform to the requirements of Law IV from playing until they comply with the Law. Leagues and Competitions may include a similar provision in their rules.

###### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

After the word "Competitions" first occurring in this decision, insert the words "International Club Competitions".

The proposal was adopted

#### (ix) Proposal by the Scottish Football Association

##### Law IV—Player's Equipment

###### PRESENT DECISION No. 6

If a player has been prevented from taking part in a game or has been sent off because of an infringement of Law IV, and enters or re-enters the field of play to join or re-join his team in breach of the conditions of Decision 5 the Referee shall stop the game, unless by doing so the offending team would gain an advantage. The player shall be cautioned, and if the game has been stopped to administer the caution it will be restarted by the Referee dropping the ball at the place where the infringement occurred.

###### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Delete and substitute:—

"6. A player who has been prevented from taking part in a game or who has been sent off because of an infringement of Law 4, and who enters or re-enters the field of play to join or re-join his team, shall be cautioned.

If the Referee stops the game to administer the caution, the game shall be restarted by an indirect free-kick, taken by a player of the opposing side, from the place where the offending player was when the referee stopped the game."

The proposal was adopted

#### (x) Proposal by the Federation Internationale de Football Association

##### Law IV—Player's Equipment

###### PRESENT DECISION No. 6

If a player has been prevented from taking part in a game or has been sent off because of an infringement of Law IV, and enters or re-enters the field of play to join or re-join his team in breach of the conditions of Decision 5, the Referee shall stop the game, unless by doing so the offending team would gain an advantage. The player shall be cautioned, and if the game has been stopped to administer the caution it will be restarted by the Referee dropping the ball at the place where the infringement occurred.

###### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Delete and substitute the following:—

"If a player has been prevented from taking part in a game or has been sent off because of an infringement of Law IV, and enters or re-enters the field of play to join or rejoin his team in breach of the conditions of Decision 5, he shall be cautioned and be penalised by an indirect free-kick to be taken from where he was at the moment the game was stopped by the Referee."

The proposal was withdrawn

#### (xi) Proposal by the Scottish Football Association

##### Law X—Method of Scoring

###### PRESENT DECISION No. 3

If the ball is going into goal, but before it passes wholly over the goal-line, a spectator enters the field and tries to prevent the goal but fails to make contact with the ball which then goes into goal, the referee shall allow the goal.

###### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Delete and substitute:—

"3. If, when the ball is going into goal, a spectator enters the field before it passes wholly over the goal-line, and tries to prevent a score, a goal shall be allowed if the ball goes into goal, unless the spectator has made contact with the ball or has interfered with play, in which case the referee shall stop the game and restart it by dropping the ball at the place where the contact or interference occurred."

The proposal was adopted



**(xii) Proposal by the Federation Internationale de Football Association**

**Law XII—Fouls and Misconduct**

**PRESENT DECISION No. 8**

"If a player intentionally stretches his arms to obstruct an opponent and steps from one side to the other, moving his arms up and down to delay his opponent, forcing him to change course, but does not make 'bodily contact' the referee shall caution the player for ungentlemanly conduct and award an indirect free-kick."

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

Add the following words:—

"This applies also to players who attempt to prevent the goalkeeper from putting the ball into play in accordance with Law XII, 5(a)."

The proposal was adopted

**(xiii) Proposal by the Federation Internationale de Football Association**

**Law XII—Fouls and Misconduct**

**PRESENT DECISION No. 13**

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 and shall be dealt with accordingly.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

Delete and substitute the following:—

"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. If he rejoins his team he shall be cautioned and penalised by an indirect free kick to be taken from where he was when the game was stopped by the Referee."

See Item 2(iii) for the decision in connection with this proposal. As a result of this decision, Decision No. 13 is deleted and Decision No. 14 becomes Decision No. 13.

**(xiv) Proposal by the Scottish Football Association**

**Law XII—Fouls and Misconduct**

**PRESENT DECISIONS 13 and 14**

13. 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 and shall be dealt with accordingly.

14. The offence of spitting at opponents, officials or other persons, or similar unseemly behaviour shall be considered as violent conduct within the meaning of section (n) of Law XII.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

Insert the following as a New Decision 13 and re-number present Decisions 13 and 14 respectively Decisions 14 and 15:—

"13. Any player who enters the field of play to join, or re-join his team, after the game has commenced, without first having received a signal from the Referee showing him that he may do so, shall be deemed guilty of ungentlemanly conduct and shall be dealt with accordingly.

If the Referee stops the game to administer the caution, it shall be re-started by an indirect free-kick, taken by a player of the opposing team from the place where the infringement occurred, unless the offending player has committed a more serious offence, in which case he shall be penalised, and the game shall be restarted, according to that section of the Law infringed."

See Item 2(iii) for the decision in connection with this proposal. As a result of this decision, Decision No. 13 is deleted and Decision No. 14 becomes Decision No. 13.

**(xv) Proposal by the Scottish Football Association**

**Law XIV—Penalty-Kick**

**PRESENT DECISION No. 3**

If a player of the defending side encroaches into the penalty area or within ten yards of the penalty mark before the ball has been kicked the Referee will not intervene. If a goal has been scored it shall be awarded.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

Delete and substitute:—

"3. If, when a penalty kick is being taken, a player of the defending side encroaches into the penalty area, or within 10 yards of the penalty mark, before the ball has been kicked, the Referee will not intervene. If a goal has been scored, it shall be allowed.

The player shall be cautioned."

The proposal was adopted



Law XIV—Penalty-Kick

PRESENT DECISION No. 5

If a colleague of the player taking the penalty-kick, encroaches into the penalty-area or within 10 yards of the penalty-mark before the ball is in play, and the ball rebounds into play from the goal-posts, cross-bar or goalkeeper, the Referee shall stop the game and caution the player at fault. The game shall be restarted by an indirect free-kick.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Delete and substitute:—

5. If a colleague of the player taking the penalty-kick encroaches into the penalty area, or within 10 yards of the penalty mark, before the ball is in play, he shall be cautioned.

If the ball rebounds into play from the goalposts, crossbar, or goalkeeper, the referee shall stop the game and caution the player at fault. The game shall be restarted by an indirect free-kick taken by a player of the opposing team, from the place where the infringement occurred.

The proposal was adopted

**(xvii) Proposal by the Scottish Football Association**

Law XIV—Penalty-Kick

PRESENT DECISION No. 6

If a player or players of each side encroach into the penalty-area or within 10 yards of the penalty-mark before the ball is in play, the penalty-kick must be retaken.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Add a second paragraph, viz:—

“The players concerned shall be cautioned.”

The proposal was adopted

**4.—LAWS OF THE GAME AND UNIVERSAL GUIDE FOR REFEREES—  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**(xviii) Proposal by the Scottish Football Association**

LAW IX—Ball in and out of Play

PRESENT ANSWER TO QUESTION 2

Provided the player was on-side and, in the opinion of the Referee he gained no unfair advantage by doing so, allow the goal to stand.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Delete and substitute:—

“The player shall be cautioned. The game shall be restarted by an indirect free-kick, taken by a player of the opposing team, from the place where the infringement occurred.”

The proposal was adopted

**(xix) Proposal by the Scottish Football Association**

Law XIV—Penalty-Kick

PRESENT ANSWER TO QUESTION 4

No. The goal should be disallowed and the penalty-kick re-taken.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Add the following new paragraph:—

“The player shall be deemed guilty of ungentlemanly conduct and shall be cautioned.”

The proposal was not adopted



**(xx) Proposal by the Scottish Football Association****Law XIV—Penalty-Kick****PRESENT ANSWER TO QUESTION 5**

Yes. Provided all the players are outside the penalty-area at the time the kick is taken, with the exception of the player taking the penalty-kick and the goal-keeper, it will be in order for the player taking the penalty-kick to push the ball forward for one of his colleagues to run to it and score, provided the penalty-kick is taken in normal time. The ball must travel the distance of its circumference before it would be in order for it to be played by the second player.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

Delete and substitute:—

“Yes, provided—

(a) all of the players, with the exception of the player taking the penalty-kick and the opposing goal-keeper, are outside the penalty area and not within 10 yards of the penalty mark, at the time the kick is taken.

(b) the colleague to whom the ball is passed is not in an offside position when it is kicked, and

(c) the penalty-kick is taken in normal time and the requirements of the Law are satisfied.”

The proposal was adopted

**(xxi) Proposal by the Scottish Football Association****Law XVI—Goal-Kick****PRESENT QUESTION 2**

Should the Referee award a penalty-kick if a player other than the goalkeeper takes a goal-kick and the ball passes out of the penalty-area into play but is blown back by a strong wind without any other player having touched it, and the back plays the ball with his hand within the penalty-area?

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

Delete the words “the back” and substitute “a player of the defending side other than the goalkeeper”.

The proposal was adopted

**(xxii) Proposal by the Scottish Football Association****Law XVI—Goal-Kick****PRESENT ANSWER TO QUESTION 3**

No, because the ball was not in play at the time the offence was committed. The offending player must be cautioned and/or dismissed from the field of play and the goal-kick re-taken.

If the ball has passed outside the penalty-area before the game is stopped, a goal-kick should still be re-taken as the player of the attacking side has entered the penalty-area before the ball was in play.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

Delete the second sentence of the first paragraph and substitute:—

“The offending player shall be cautioned or ordered off, according to the nature of the offence, and the goal-kick re-taken.”

The proposal was adopted

**5.—PROPOSALS BY F.I.F.A.**

- (a) **EXPLANATION OF THE EXACT INTERPRETATION OF CHANGES TO THE LAWS OF THE GAME**  
It was agreed that when significant changes to the Laws were made, the text of such changes should be accompanied by an explanation of the exact interpretation given by the International Board which must be followed by all Associations.
- (b) **MEMORANDUM “CO-OPERATION BETWEEN REFEREE AND LINESMEN”**  
The changes put forward for alterations to be made to the diagram and text of the above in order to make them consistent with the text and scenes illustrated in the F.I.F.A. film “Referee and Linesmen—A Team” were approved.

**6.—OTHER BUSINESS**

- (a) The following request for clarification submitted by the F.A. of Wales was considered:—  
‘**LAW 5 OF THE LAWS OF THE GAME—REFEREES**  
In paragraphs (c) and (d) it is stated that Referees shall report misconduct to the National or Affiliated Association concerned—  
“within two days after the occurrence (Sundays not included)”



In the F.I.F.A. Laws of the Game and Universal Guide for Referees it reads:—  
“within the stipulated time”

The Referees' Chart also shows “within the stipulated time”, although on page 36 which shows a specimen misconduct report, the words “within two days (Sundays not included)” appear.

No amendment has been made at the International Board as far as can be ascertained.

The Board studied the difference in phraseology between the relevant sections of the Laws of the Game as printed in the Universal Guide for Referees and the Referees' Chart. It was agreed that the phraseology in The Referees' Chart should conform to the wording in the Universal Guide for Referees, but where the British Associations had stipulated a time in which a referee should make his report that time should be incorporated as a footnote.

- (b) A request from The Football Association for reconsideration of International Board Decision 10 of Law 12 of the Laws of the Game was considered. It was agreed to amend International Board Decision 10 of Law 12 of the Laws of the Game to read “he shall be dealt with as if the offence were committed on the field of play”.

7.—MEETING 1970 The invitation of the Scottish Football Association to hold the 1970 Meeting at Inverness over the week-end of the 27th and 28th June, 1970 was accepted.

A Vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.



## THE FOUR BRITISH ASSOCIATIONS

### MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD AT THE GRAND HOTEL, JERSEY,  
ON SATURDAY, 21ST JUNE, 1969

(Present as for the Meeting of the International Board with the exception of the Delegates of the F.I.F.A.)

#### 1.—STATUS OF PLAYERS The Meeting discussed the following proposals by the Irish Football Association:—

- (a) the deletion from Articles of Association and Rules of all references to 'amateur' and 'professional' players.
- (b) to refer in future only to players with, for example, the following main registration classifications:—
  - 1. Full time players in receipt of wages.
  - 2. Part time players in receipt of wages.
  - 3. Players receiving no remuneration except necessary travel and hotel expenses and payment for loss of time.
  - 4. Players receiving no remuneration except necessary travel and hotel expenses.

It was agreed that the Four British Associations should give active examination to the proposals with a view to reaching conclusions at the Meeting of the Four British Associations in June 1970.

It was also agreed that the Four British Associations should decide on a common approach to the position if that were possible.

#### 2.—HOME INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

##### (a) BREACH OF TELEVISION AGREEMENT FOR 1968/69

The Meeting deplored the breach of the Agreement whereby an announcement had been made by an Independent Television Company that the matches would be televised live contrary to the specific clause of the Agreement which forbade such announcements. The Committee felt that the breach of the Agreement might very well have been a reason for certain low attendances.

The Independent Television Company should be left in no doubt as to the attitude of the Four British Associations, and it was agreed, therefore, that in any future Agreements a penalty clause should be inserted which would come into effect if a television Company was in any way in breach of the Agreement.

##### (b) TELEVISION ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1969/70

It was agreed that there should be no live television of the Home International Tournament in 1970 because of the difficulties which might arise in connection with other matches, not necessarily in The Football League, which might be played at the same time. It was further agreed, therefore, that the television Companies should be invited to tender for the right to show recordings of the matches in the Tournament.

##### (c) SUBSTITUTES

It was agreed to confirm the practice of having one substitute in the Home International matches to all International matches at all levels played between the four Associations but in addition to permit the substitute to be chosen from up to five named substitutes and in accordance with normal practice they would be named to the referee prior to the start of the game.



### 3.—INTERNATIONAL BOARD AGREEMENTS—Relations between National Associations concerning Clubs and Players

#### (a) AGREEMENT 2(f)—20TH JUNE, 1953

The Committee examined the agreements which had been reached in connection with the approaching of schoolboys and it was confirmed that the new agreements which remained after various amendments had been effected over the years were functioning satisfactorily.

#### (b) AGREEMENT 2(g)—17TH JUNE, 1961

The Committee considered deleting the following Agreement:—

“Players under 17 years of age born in Scotland or Northern Ireland are not eligible for registration as Apprentice Players in England or Wales unless immediately prior thereto they have resided in these countries for at least two years.”

The Committee reviewed the discussions which had been held in connection with the above Agreement and it was proposed that subject to the agreement of The Football League, the following note should be recorded in the Minutes of the Meeting as a new Agreement:—

“Notwithstanding the restrictions imposed by the rules of The Football Association, and The F.A. of Wales, relating to Apprentices, it was agreed that any player who was born in Scotland or Northern Ireland and who is registered as an apprentice, either in England or Wales, shall be permitted to return to the country in which he was born in order to play for a club there, either during the currency of his registration, which shall be cancelled on his submitting the appropriate request, or on his attaining his eighteenth birthday.

Any player who does elect to play in Scotland or Northern Ireland under these circumstances, shall, if he returns to England or Wales within a period of two years of the date on which his registration as an apprentice was cancelled or of his attaining his eighteenth birthday, be regarded as belonging to the club for which he was an apprentice, and his subsequent movements shall be determined accordingly.”

Following acceptance of the above, the present agreement would be deleted.

4.—OLYMPIC GAMES The Committee considered the steps to be taken to form a Joint Committee on the lines suggested at a Meeting of the Sports Council in connection with the preparation of an International team to compete in the Olympic Games.

The Meeting was in agreement with the proposal that a Joint Committee be formed for that purpose, and that the Minister with Special Responsibility for Sport should be so informed.

### 5.—OTHER BUSINESS

#### (a) F.I.F.A. LEVY

The Committee considered the lengthy exchanges of correspondence there had been in connection with the payments of 1 per cent levy to the F.I.F.A. for matches played in the Henri Delaunay Cup for Seasons 1966/67 and 1967/68, which matches constituted a Qualifying Competition for the European Championship.

During the course of the discussion the Meeting was joined by Sir Stanley Rous, President of F.I.F.A., and Doctor H. Kaser, General Secretary of F.I.F.A. After the withdrawal of the two F.I.F.A. Officials the Associations decided that the Four British Associations should pay the levy to F.I.F.A. in accordance with the provisions of the Rules of the Henri Delaunay Cup without in any way prejudicing the position of the Four British Associations in relation to future matches played between the four Home Countries.

#### (b) PRESIDENT OF THE F.I.F.A.

The Four British Associations agreed that The Football Association should recommend that Sir Stanley Rous should be renominated as President of the F.I.F.A.

#### (c) HOME INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The representatives of The Football Association of Wales reported that they had difficulties in securing the release of their players for matches in the Home International



Tournament. They drew attention to the fact that one of the conditions under which it had been agreed with The Football League to play the Home International Tournament at the end of the Season was that there was to be no restriction placed upon any players who were required to play for their National Associations. The meeting reiterated their belief that the playing of the Home International Tournament at the end of the Season required that all players requested to play for their National Associations should be released by their Clubs during the period of the Tournament.

(d) WALES V. REST OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

The Committee discussed the arrangements for the above match to be played on the 28th July, 1969. The Associations of England, Scotland and Northern Ireland agreed to the composition of the party and to invite Sir Alf Ramsey to act as Team Manager and Mr. Harold Shepherdson to act as Trainer of the Rest of the United Kingdom team.



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