

1999

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



### **III. LAWS OF THE GAME AND DECISIONS OF THE BOARD**

To consider the following proposals and amendments under the International Football Association Board's regulations.

#### **1. Notes on the Laws of the Game**

(Submitted by the Football Association)

##### **Modifications**

Subject to the agreement of the national associations concerned and provided the principles of these Laws are maintained, the Laws may be modified in their application for matches for players of under 16 years of age, for women footballers and for veteran footballers (over 35 years).

##### **Present text:**

\* number of substitutions

##### **Proposed text:**

\* substitutions

##### **Reason:**

To allow greater flexibility and to permit national associations to approve the concept of "rolling substitutions" if they wish to do so, especially in veteran matches.

## Amendments

## Decisions

The proposal submitted by The Football Association was adopted



## 2. Law 1 – The Field of Play

(Submitted by FIFA)

IFAB Decision 3 to be amended:

### **Present text:**

No kind of commercial advertising whether real or virtual, is permitted on the field of play and the field equipment (including the goal nets and the areas they enclose) from the time the teams enter the field of play until they have left it at half time and from the time the teams re-enter the field of play until the end of the match.

In particular, no advertising material of any kind may be displayed on goals, nets, flagposts or their flags. No extraneous equipment (cameras, microphones, etc.) may be attached to these items.

### **Proposed text:**

No kind of commercial advertising whether real or virtual, is permitted on the field of play or on the immediate perimeter turf, (e.g. between the boundary lines and the real advertising boards and the field equipment (including the goal nets and the areas they enclose) from the time the teams enter the field of play until they have left it at half time and from the time the teams re-enter the field of play until the end of the match.

In particular, no advertising material of any kind may be displayed on goals, nets, flagposts or their flags. No extraneous equipment (cameras, microphones, etc.) may be attached to these items. Furthermore, there shall be no advertising of any kind between the main TV cameras and the field of play.

## Amendments

## Decisions

The proposal submitted by FIFA was withdrawn



### 3. Law 5 – The Referee

(Submitted by the Football Association of Wales)

Amend the third bullet point.

**Present text:**

\* ensures the ball meets the requirements of Law 2

**Proposed text:**

\* ensures the balls meet the requirements of Law 2

**Reason:**

Following the introduction of the “multi-ball” system now in use at major matches, the wording should reflect the plural “balls”, rather than the singular “ball”.

## Amendments

Submitted by  
The Scottish Football Association

\* ensures the match ball meets the  
requirement of Law 2.

## Decisions

The proposal submitted by the Football  
Association of Wales was adopted with the  
following modification:  
“Ensures that any ball used meets the  
requirement of Law 2”.

The amendment submitted by the Scottish  
Football Association was withdrawn



**4. Law 7 – The Duration of the Match**  
(Submitted by the Football Association)

Half-Time Interval

Amend the fourth paragraph.

**Present text:**

The duration of the half time interval may be altered only with the consent of the referee.

**Proposed text:**

The duration of the half time interval may be altered only in exceptional circumstances and then only with the agreement of the referee.

**Reason:**

The proposed new wording indicates more clearly that the half time interval may be altered only in exceptional circumstances.



## Amendments

## Decisions

The proposal submitted by The Football Association was not adopted

**5. Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct**

(Submitted by FIFA)

New IFAB Decision 6:

**Proposed text:**

Any simulating action anywhere on the field, which is intended to deceive the referee, should be deemed as unsporting behaviour and the offender should be cautioned.



## Amendments

## Decisions

The proposal submitted by FIFA was adopted with the following modification:  
 “Any simulating action anywhere on the field, which is intended to deceive the referee, must be sanctioned as unsporting behaviour”.



**6. The Fourth Official**

(Submitted by FIFA)

Recommendations to be made to the national associations on behalf of the IFAB:

**Proposed text:**

A fourth official shall be appointed for matches which are of the highest divisions in competitions organised by national associations or their leagues.

## Amendments

Submitted by  
The Scottish Football Association

### Bullet Point 6 (Amend)

- \* He has the authority to check the equipment of substitutes before they enter the field of play. If their equipment does not comply with the Laws of the Game, he informs the referee.

### New Bullet Point 7

- \* He has the authority to inform the referee of irresponsible behaviour by any occupant of the technical area.

## Decisions

The proposal submitted by FIFA was adopted with the following modification:  
“It is recommended to National Associations, on behalf of the International Football Association Board, that a fourth official shall be appointed for matches which are of the highest divisions in competitions organised by national associations or their leagues”.

The amendments submitted by the Scottish FA were adopted



#### **IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

##### **1. Experiments to the Laws**

(Submitted by the Football Association)

To give consideration to experiments currently being conducted on the Laws of the Game.

The Football Association reported positively on the evaluation to date of the Jersey FA experiment, conducted in the terms approved by the International Football Association Board in 1998 and recommended that consideration should be given to the experiment being pursued further in a semi-professional or professional football competition.

The Board agreed to the continuation of the experiment by the Jersey FA.

FIFA reported that the Belgium FA's "kick in" experiment was now concluded. While no problems had been highlighted no major improvements in the game had been identified and it was agreed by the Board that no further sanction of this experiment would be given and no changes would take place to the Laws of the Game.

##### **2. Substitution Procedure**

(Submitted by the Scottish Football Association)

Multiple substitutions taking place at the same time is causing problems for the fourth official.

The Scottish Football Association outlined the difficulties associated with the multiple substitution procedure.

The Board unanimously approved that its sub committee would study the matter.

##### **3. The Assistant Referee**

(Submitted by FIFA)

A possible extension to the responsibilities awarded to the assistant referees.

FIFA reviewed the role of the assistant referee. It was FIFA's view that the assistant referee should have more authority and responsibility especially with regard to time keeping, noting cautions and encroachment.

The Board unanimously agreed that the sub committee would prepare a proposal for a future board meeting.



#### 4. **The Player's Equipment**

(Submitted by FIFA)

The equipment worn by players.

FIFA outlined the issues surrounding the difficulties that had arisen with players' footwear following the removal of specifications from the Laws of the Game. FIFA further highlighted that they wished to see that players of the same team should wear boots of one colour.

The Board agreed that this should be discussed by the sub committee and the matter reported to a future business meeting.

#### 5. **Laws of the Game**

(Submitted by FIFA)

The composition and presentation of the Laws of the Game booklet.

FIFA stated that the new Laws of the Game booklet had been extremely well received throughout the world. FIFA wished to compliment the Board, especially the Scottish FA, for its invaluable help in producing this new book. FIFA informed the Board that FIFA's adhoc sub committee including members of the Board sub committee, were working on the production of a new Questions and Answers Booklet and this would be submitted to the Board at a future meeting.

#### 6. **Goal-Line Technology**

(Submitted by FIFA)

Update on the investigations into goal line technology.

The Football Association gave a detailed report on the investigations carried out in England with regard to goal-line technology. An indication was given of the considerable installation and running cost. It was agreed that The Football Association would make a detailed presentation to FIFA.

#### 7. **Experiments to the Laws**

(Submitted by FIFA)

Possible new experimentation of matches being managed by two referees and two assistant referees.

FIFA outlined the reasons why it was seeking permission to experiment with two referees.

The Board supported the experiment provided the sub committee drew up detailed proposals for the experiment. The Board further emphasised that the experiment should take place in the top division of a national association. FIFA would report to a future AGM on the outcome of the experiment.



**V. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**i. CD ROM**

FIFA reported to the Board that they were in the process of producing on cd roms, all the past minutes of the International Football Association Board. FIFA undertook to make copies available to the other members of the Board.

**ii. The Irish Football Association raised with the Board the issues that had followed the Arsenal v Sheffield United Cup match in England.**

The Board decided that it was not a matter for the International Football Association Board, as the Laws of the Game had been complied with and it was the Board's opinion that the result should stand in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

**iii. FIFA informed the Board that the FIFA Sports Medical Committee had asked that in extra time the number of substitutions to be used in the match be increased by two.**

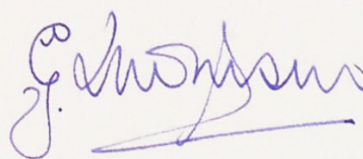
The Board unanimously approved that its sub committee should investigate.

Mr J. S. Blatter, President of FIFA, on behalf of the Board, thanked the Chairman, Mr J. O. Hughes for his hospitality and the excellent way he had conducted the meeting.

Mr. Hughes thanked the Board members for their participation and added his special thanks to Mr D. G. Collins, Secretary General of the FAW and his Staff for their assistance. Mr. Hughes concluded by wishing everyone a pleasant stay in Wales.

**VI. 2000 MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD**

The Football Association stated they would be delighted to host the next Annual General Meeting of the Board in Cliveden on 19th February 2000.



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# INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING 1999 VALE OF GLAMORGAN

## LIST OF DELEGATIONS

### FIFA:

Mr. J.S. Blatter

Mr. L. Johansson

Mr. S. Erzik

Mr. M. Zen-Ruffinen

### Football Association:

Mr. D.G. Richards

Mr. D. Davies

Mr. K. Ridden

### Scottish F.A:

Mr. J. McGinn

Mr. J. McBeth

Mr. G. Peat

Mr. J. Farry





Irish FA:

Mr J. Boyce

Mr. I. Marshall

Mr. D.J. Martin

Mr. D. Bowen

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*I. Marshall*  
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*D. Bowen*

F.A. of Wales:

Mr. J.O. Hughes

Mr. D.W. Shanklin

Mr. P. Rees

Mr. D.G. Collins

*J.O. Hughes*  
*D.W. Shanklin*  
*P. Rees*  
*D.G. Collins*

Also Present:

Scotland:

Mr. G. Cummin

N Ireland:

Mr. W.E. Campbell

Wales:

Mr. M. Evans

Wales:

Mr. J.C. Deakin

Wales:

Mrs. J. Hoskin

*George D. Cummin*  
*William Campbell*  
*M. Evans*  
*J.C. Deakin*  
*J. Hoskin*

