

1948

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The International Football Association Board

*Minutes of a Meeting
held at Palace Hotel, Montreux
on Saturday 12th June 1948*

Present:

Fédération Internationale de Football Association: Messrs. A. Drewry, H. Delaunay, D. Eie and Dr. J. Schricker (secretary).

The Football Association: Messrs. W. C. Cuff, H. J. Huband and S. F. Rous (secretary).

Scottish Football Association: Hon. Sheriff D. Gray, Provost J. Lamb, Messrs. J. Kirkwood and G. G. Graham (secretary).

F. A. of Wales: Messrs. B. Watts Jones, Milwyn Jenkins, J. Calvin Hughes and H. Powell (secretary).

Irish Football Association: Messrs. F. J. Cochrane, J. MacBride, William R. Hewitt and J. M. Small (secretary).

Before proceeding to the agenda-business, Mr. Arthur Drewry, vice-president of the F.I.F.A., welcomed the delegates and congratulated Messrs. A. Brook Hirst, Chairman of the Football Association on being awarded the Order of the British Empire, and H. Delaunay, Secrétaire de la Fédération Française de Football on being elected an officer of the Legion d'Honneur. Mr. Drewry stated that these distinctions brought honour to their respective Football Associations; he also offered congratulations to the F. A. and the F. F. F. Congratulations were also accorded to Mr. Cochrane upon his recent appointment to the Presidency of the Irish Football Association.

In concluding, Mr. Drewry expressed his best wishes for the success of the meeting of the Board and declared that Mr. D. Eie had been selected by the F. I. F. A. delegates to act as Chairman. Dr. Schricker was appointed Secretary of the Meeting.

Mr. Eie thanked the F. A. for the successful organisation of the last meeting at Torquay and hoped that at Montreux definite decisions would be reached about the proposals which had been submitted.

1. MINUTES. The Minutes of the meeting held at Torquay on 14th June 1947 were confirmed.

2. LAWS OF THE GAME.

Law 1.

The following proposal by the Scottish Football Association was, upon a division, declared to be lost:

Present Law.
Paragraph 4.

The Penalty-Area. At each end of the field of play two lines shall be drawn at right angles to the goal-line, 18 yards from each goal-post. These shall extend into the field of play for a distance of 18 yards and shall be joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal-line. Each of the spaces enclosed by these lines and the goal-line shall be called a penalty-area. A suitable mark shall be made within each penalty-area, 12 yards from the mid-point of the goal-line, measured along an undrawn line at right angles thereto. These shall be the penalty-kick marks. From each penalty-kick mark an arc of a circle, having a radius of 10 yards, shall be drawn outside the penalty-area.

Proposed alteration: the following be substituted:

THE PENALTY-AREA. AT EACH END OF THE FIELD OF PLAY THERE SHALL BE AN AREA CALLED THE PENALTY AREA. THIS SHALL BE FORMED BY DRAWING A SEMICIRCLE EXTENDING INTO THE FIELD OF PLAY, WITH A RADIUS OF 22 YARDS FROM A POINT ON THE GOAL LINE IN THE CENTRE OF THE GOAL. A SUITABLE MARK SHALL BE MADE WITHIN EACH PENALTY AREA 12 YARDS FROM THE MID-POINT OF THE GOAL LINE, MEASURED ALONG AN UNDRAWN LINE AT RIGHT ANGLES THERETO. THESE SHALL BE THE PENALTY KICK MARKS.

Law 3.

The following proposal by Fédération Internationale de Football Association was upon a division, declared to be lost:

Present Law.
Last sentence.

(An International match in which one of the four British Associations is playing is deemed a match under the rules of a Competition.)

Proposed alteration: the following be substituted:

«IN INTERNATIONAL MATCHES BETWEEN ASSOCIATIONS IN MEMBERSHIP WITH THE F.I.F.A. THE GOALKEEPER MAY BE REPLACED BY A SUBSTITUTE AT ANY TIME DURING THE MATCH AND ONE OTHER PLAYER BEFORE THE END OF THE FIRST HALF, IF THEY ARE INJURED AND UNABLE TO RETURN TO THE FIELD.»

The following proposal by the Scottish Football Association was upon a division, declared to be lost:

Present Law third sentence:

Except in a match played under the Rules of a Competition, substitutes may be allowed to replace players receiving injuries during a game, subject to this arrangement being agreed upon by both teams before the start of a match. (An International Match in which one of the four British Associations is playing is deemed a match under the rules of a Competition.)

Proposed alteration: the following be substituted:

«IN EVENT OF THE GOALKEEPER BEING INJURED TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT HE IS UNABLE TO TAKE ANY FURTHER PART IN THE MATCH, A SUBSTITUTE SHALL BE ALLOWED, BUT THIS SUBSTITUTE PLAYER SHALL NOT BE COMPELLED TO TAKE THE GOALKEEPER'S POSITION IN HIS TEAM.»

Law 10.

The following question submitted by the Scottish Football Association was considered. —

«Whether, or in what manner, any departure may be allowed from the provisions of Law 10, second paragraph, in deciding competitive matches.»

The Board decided that as Law 10 defines the only method by which a game can be won or drawn, no variation therefrom may be permitted under any circumstances.

Law 12.

The following proposal by the Scottish Football Association was upon a division, declared to be lost:

Present Law.

- e) Charges in a violent or dangerous manner; or charges an opponent from behind unless the latter be obstructing. N.B. This is not intended to penalise all charging; it is permissible as long as, in the opinion of the Referee, it is fair and is made when the ball is within playing distance of the players concerned and they are definitely attempting to play it.

Proposed alteration: the following be substituted:

- e) «CHARGES AN OPPONENT UNFAIRLY, i. e. EITHER VIOLENTLY OR DANGEROUSLY, OR FROM BEHIND UNLESS THE OPPONENT IS OBSTRUCTING, OR WHEN THE BALL IS NOT WITHIN PLAYING DISTANCE AND HE IS NOT ATTEMPTING TO PLAY IT.»

The following proposal by Fédération Internationale de Football Association and by the Football Association was adopted:

Present Law

A player shall be PENALISED if he intentionally:—

- a) Kicks, strikes, or jumps at an opponent.
- b) Trips, including throwing or attempting to throw an opponent by use of the legs, or by stooping in front or behind him.
- c) Handles the ball, *i. e.*, carries, strikes or propels it with the hand or arm. (This does not apply to the goalkeeper within his own penalty area.)
- d) Holds or pushes an opponent with his hand, or with his arms extended from his body.
- e) Charges in a violent or dangerous manner; or charges an opponent from behind unless the latter be obstructing. (N.B.—This is not intended to penalise *all* charging; it is permissible as long as, in the opinion of the Referee, it is fair, and is made when the ball is within playing distance of the players concerned and they are definitely attempting to play it.)

Proposed alteration

(N.B.—New wording in the Rule is underlined.. All the punishment paragraphs have been re-written except No. 1.)

A player shall be penalised if he intentionally:—

- a) Kicks, strikes, ATTEMPTS TO KICK OR STRIKE, or jumps at an opponent.
- b) Trips, including throwing or attempting to throw an opponent by use of the legs, or by stooping in front of or behind him.
- c) Handles the ball, *i. e.* carries, strikes or propels it with the hand or arm. (This does not apply to the goalkeeper within his own penalty area.)
- d) Holds or pushes an opponent with his hand, or with any part of his arm.
- e) Charges in a violent or dangerous manner or charges an opponent from behind unless the latter be obstructing.

Also, if he:—

- f) Charges a goal-keeper, except when he is holding the ball or obstructing an opponent, or when he has passed outside the goal area.
- g) When playing as goal-keeper, carries the ball, i. e., takes more than four steps while holding the ball, without bouncing it on the ground.
- h) Joins his team after the game has commenced or returns to the field of play while the game is in progress, without reporting to the Referee.
- i) Plays in a manner considered by the Referee to be dangerous.
- j) Is guilty of ungentlemanly conduct.

Punishment:

1. OUTSIDE THE PENALTY AREA—For any infringement of a), b), c), d), e), a direct free-kick shall be taken by a player of the opposite team from the place where the infringement occurred.
2. INSIDE THE PENALTY AREA:—
 - A. For any infringement of a), b), c), d), e), by the attacking team the punishment shall be a direct free-kick for the defending team from the place where the infringement occurred. For an infringement of g), the punishment shall be an indirect free-kick.
 - B. For any infringement of a), b), c), d), e), by the defending team, the punishment shall be a penalty-kick. A penalty-kick can be awarded, irrespective of the position of the ball, if in play, at the time an offence within the penalty-area is committed.
 - C. For any infringement of f) the punishment shall be an indirect free-kick.

- f) CHARGES FAIRLY, i. e. WITH THE SHOULDER, WHEN THE BALL IS NOT WITHIN PLAYING DISTANCE OF THE PLAYERS CONCERNED AND THEY ARE DEFINITELY NOT ATTEMPTING TO PLAY IT.
- g) Charges a goalkeeper except when he is:—
 - i) holding the ball, or
 - ii) obstructing an opponent, or
 - iii) has passed outside the goal area.
- h) When playing as goalkeeper, carries the ball, i. e. takes more than four steps while holding the ball, without bouncing it on the ground.
- i) Joins his team after the game commences or returns to the field while the game is in progress, without reporting to the Referee.
- j) Plays in a manner considered by the Referee to be dangerous, e. g. ATTEMPTING TO KICK THE BALL WHEN HELD BY THE GOALKEEPER.
- k) COMMITTS UNGENTLEMANLY CONDUCT WHICH SHALL BE DEEMED TO INCLUDE:—
 - i) PERSISTENT INFRINGEMENT OF THE LAWS OF THE GAME, AND
 - ii) SHOWING, BY WORD OR ACTION, DISSENT FROM ANY DECISION GIVEN BY THE REFEREE.

Punishment:

1. OUTSIDE THE PENALTY AREA. For any infringement of a), b), c), d), e), a direct free-kick shall be taken by a player of the opposite team from the place where the infringement occurred.
2. INSIDE THE PENALTY AREA:—
 - A. For any infringement of a), b), c), d), e), by the attacking team the punishment shall be a direct free-kick for the defending team from the place where the infringement occurred. For an infringement of h) the punishment shall be an indirect free-kick.
 - B. For any infringement of a), b), c), d), e) by the defending team, the punishment shall be a penalty-kick. A penalty-kick can be awarded irrespective of the position of the ball, if in play, at the time an offence within the penalty area is committed, but it shall be awarded only for the following nine offences, intentionally committed by a player of the defending side within the penalty area:—
 1. Handling the ball.
 2. Holding an opponent.
 3. Striking or attempting to strike an opponent.
 4. Pushing an opponent.
 5. Tripping an opponent.
 6. Kicking or attempting to kick an opponent.
 7. Jumping at an opponent.
 8. Charging violently, or in a dangerous manner.
 9. Charging from behind.
 - C. For any infringement of g) the punishment shall be an indirect free-kick.

3. **INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE PENALTY AREA—**
For any infringement of i), or j), an indirect free-kick shall be taken by a player of the opposite team from the place where the infringement occurred.

4. If a player liable to be penalised under h) commits a more important offence, he should be penalised according to that portion of the Law he infringes.

A Player shall be **CAUTIONED** if he:—

1. Joins his team after the kick-off or returns to the field of play while the game is in progress without reporting to the Referee.
2. Persistently infringes any of the Laws of the Game.
3. Shows, by word or action, dissent from any decision given by the Referee.
4. Commits ungentlemanly conduct.

In addition to the caution, if play has been stopped by reason of such misconduct it shall be resumed a) if under paragraph 1, by the Referee dropping the ball at the place where the infringement occurred and b) if under paragraphs 2., 3. and 4. by an indirect free-kick taken by a player of the opposite team from the place where the infringement occurred.

A Player shall be **ORDERED OFF** if he:—

1. Persists in misconduct after having received a caution.
2. Is guilty of Violent Conduct, *i.e.*, using foul or abusive language or if, in the opinion of the Referee, he is guilty of serious foul play.

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

3. **INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE PENALTY AREA.**
For any infringement of f) or j), an indirect free kick shall be taken by a player of the opposite team from the place where the infringement occurred.

4. For any infringement of i) the offending player shall be cautioned and, if the game has been stopped, it shall be restarted by the Referee dropping the ball at the place where the infringement occurred, but if the player commits a more important offence he shall be penalised according to that portion of the Law infringed.

5. For any infringement of k) the offending player shall be cautioned and an indirect free-kick shall be taken by a player of the opposite team from the place where the infringement occurred.

A player shall be **ORDERED FROM THE FIELD OF PLAY** if he:—

1. Persists in misconduct after having received a caution.
2. Is guilty of violent conduct, *i.e.* using foul or abusive language, or if, in the opinion of the Referee, he is guilty of serious foul play.

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 to be taken by a player of the opposite team from the place where the infringement occurred.

Law 16.

The following proposal by the Football Association (deferred from the last meeting) was adopted:

Last Sentence:

Players of the Team opposing that of the player taking the goal-kick shall not approach within 10 yards of the ball whilst the kick is being taken.

Proposed alteration:

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.

3. INTERNATIONAL BOARD AGREEMENTS.

The following proposal by the Football Association of Ireland was not deemed to be a matter for the Board's decision.

INTERNATIONAL BOARD AGREEMENT, 17th JUNE 1895.

«The Football Association of Ireland through the Fédération Internationale de Football Association seeks that a declaration be made stating that the above agreement does not allow the Irish Football Association Ltd. the right to select for International Matches players born within the area of jurisdiction of the Football Association of Ireland.»

A suggestion by the Football Association that the matter should be referred to a conference of the British Associations before the meeting of the Congress of the F. I. F. A. in London was not accepted.

4. NEXT MEETING.

An invitation from the Scottish F. A. for the next meeting of the Board to be held at Pitlochry (Scotland) was unanimously accepted.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

John Lamb
Chairman
11th June 1949

Fédération Internationale de Football Association

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MONTREUX 12th JUNE 1948

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