

**INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL
ASSOCIATION BOARD**

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Held at 22, Rue de Londres, Paris

on Saturday, 13th June 1925.

Present : Messrs. W. Pickford and J. McKenna (The Football Association); T. White and R. Campbell (Scottish Football Association); T. E. Thomas and S. H. Nicholls (Football Association of Wales); J. Mc Bride and J. M. Small (Irish Football Association); H. Delaunay (La Fédération Internationale de Football Association).

Mr. H. Delaunay also acted as Secretary to the Meeting.

Also present . Messrs. F. J. Wall (Secretary, The Football Association); J. K. McDowall (Secretary, Scottish Football Association); T. Robbins (Secretary, Football Association of Wales); and C. Watson (Secretary, Irish Football Association).

Mr. J. Rimet, President of the Fédération Internationale de Football Association and of the Fédération Française de Football Association welcomed the members of the Board to Paris, and retired.

Mr. H. Delaunay, in the absence of the other representative of the Fédération, requested the Board to appoint a chairman, and proposed Mr. T. White, president of the Scottish F. A. which was agreed to.

Minutes of Meeting of the 14th June 1924 were confirmed, subject to the following minutes being amended by the substitution of Season 1924-25 for Season 1925-26 —

«That the Board recommend the Associations of the United Kingdom, and La Fédération Internationale de Football Association, to consider the desirability of giving a trial in Season 1925-26 to the Proposals of the Scottish F.A. to alter Laws 1 and 6.»

The Irish F.A. voted against.

RULES OF THE BOARD

The following Proposal by the Football Association of Wales was adopted :—

PRESENT RULE.

IV.—The Board shall meet annually on the second Saturday in June. The meetings shall be held in rotation in England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and Paris, at the invitation of each Association in order of seniority. The invitation for the year 1925 shall be given by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association and for 1926 by Scotland.

One of the representatives of the Association convening the meeting shall preside and the other shall act as Secretary.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

For the last sentence substitute the following:—

“ One of the representatives of the Association or the Federation, which convened the meeting, shall preside. Each Association may send its Secretary 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, unless appointed as representatives under Rule I shall not have voting power.”

The following Proposal by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association was by leave withdrawn :—

PRESENT RULE.

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.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

Substitute “ Inter-British ” for “ International.”

LAWS OF THE GAME

The following Proposals by the Scottish Football Association were by leave withdrawn :—

Law 1.—Delete the sentence “ A half-way line shall be marked out across the field of play ” and substitute “ Lines shall be marked 40 yards from each goal-line across the field of play, opposite which flags with staffs not less than 5 feet high shall be placed 1 yard outside field of play.”

Law 6.—From the second sentence delete the following words: “ within his own half of the field of play ” and substitute “ not within his opponents’ 40 yards’ area.”

Law 6.—(a) Decision of the International Board.
Delete this Footnote.

The following Proposals by the Scottish Football Association were adopted :—

PRESENT LAW.

6.—When a player plays the ball, any player of the same side who at such moment of playing is nearer to his opponents' goal-line is out of play and may not touch the ball himself nor in any way whatever interfere with an opponent, or with the play, until the ball has been again played, unless there are at such moment of playing at least three of his opponents nearer their own goal-line.

A player is not out of play when the ball is kicked off from goal, when a corner-kick or a throw in is taken, when the ball has been last played by an opponent, or when he himself is within his own half of the field of play at the moment the ball is played by any player of the same side.

7.—When the ball is played behind the goal-line by a player of the opposite side, it shall be kicked off by any one of the players behind whose goal-line it went, within that half of the goal area nearest the point where the ball left the field of play; but, if played behind by any one of the side whose goal-line it is, a player of the opposite side shall kick it from within 1 yard of the nearest corner flagstaff (a). In either case an opponent shall not be allowed within 10 yards of the ball until it is kicked off.

The following Proposals by The Football Association were adopted :—

PRESENT LAW.

Law 3.—Ends shall only be changed at half-time. The interval at half-time shall not exceed five minutes, except by consent of the Referee. After a goal is scored the losing side shall kick off, and after the change of ends at half-time the ball shall be kicked off by the opposite side from that which originally did so; and always as provided in Law 2.

Law 5.—When the ball is in touch, a player of the opposite side to that which played it out shall throw it in from the point on the touch-line where it left the field of play. The player throwing the ball must stand on the touch-line facing the field of play, and shall throw the ball in over his head with both hands in any direction, and it shall be in play when thrown in. A goal shall not be scored from a throw-in, and the thrower shall not again play until the ball has been played by another player. This Law is complied with if the player has any part of both feet on the line when he throws the ball in.

The following Proposals by The Football Association was upon a division declared to be lost :—

PRESENT LAW.

10.—When a free kick has been awarded, the kicker's opponents shall not approach within 10 yards of the ball until the kick is taken, unless they are standing on their own goal-line. The ball must at least be rolled over before it shall be considered played—i.e., it must make a complete circuit or travel the distance of its circumference. The kicker shall not play the ball a second time until it has been played by another player. The kick-off (except as provided by law 2), and goal kick shall be free kicks within the meaning of this Law.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

From the first sentence of Law 6 delete the word "three" and substitute the word "two."

Add— "and the kicker shall not again play the ball until it has been played by another player."

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

Substitute "but" for "and."

For the second sentence substitute the following:—
"The player throwing the ball must stand with both feet on the ground outside the touch-line facing the field of play, and shall throw the ball in over his head with both hands in any direction, and it shall be in play when thrown in."

Delete the last sentence.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

Last sentence. Re-insert the words "corner-kick." The sentence to read as follows:—
"The kick-off (except as provided by Law 2), corner-kick and goal-kick shall be free kicks within the meaning of this Law."

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES OF 14th JUNE 1924

Proposal re Law 17

Excerpt from Minutes :—

The Board considered as a principle the practice involved in the proposed third sentence of Law 17, and agreed that the Associations of the United Kingdom, and the International Federation, be asked to consider the following proposed alteration of the Law, with a view to its adoption by the Board at its next Meeting :—

«In the event of any intentional infringement of Law 9 outside the penalty area but inside the area between the existing penalty area lines and a line drawn across the field at a distance of thirty yards from the goal-line, a free kick shall be awarded to the opposite side, and shall be taken under the following conditions :—
The free kick shall be taken from the place at which the infringement occurred and all players shall stand outside the defending side's thirty yard's area except the player taking the free kick and the opponents' goalkeeper, and the defending players shall stand at least ten yards away from where the kick is taken.»

No action taken.

A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the Chairman and to the Secretary.

W. Campbell
Chairman
