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# AGENDA

of a meeting of the

## IFAB Annual General Meeting

Balmoral Hotel – Edinburgh, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2013

### I. Chairman’s remarks

### II. Laws of the Game and decisions of the Board

#### 1. Law 8 – Start and Restart of play

##### (i) Dropped ball – Contested/Uncontested (submitted by FIFA)

Present text (amended at AGM 2012)	Proposed text
<p>Infringements and sanctions If the ball enters the goal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>if a dropped ball is kicked directly into the opponents' goal, a goal kick is awarded</li> <li>if a dropped ball is kicked directly into the teams' own goal, a corner kick is awarded to the opposing team</li> </ul>	<p>Infringements and sanctions If the ball enters the goal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>if a dropped ball is kicked directly (<b>not touched by another player</b>) into the opponent's goal, a goal kick is awarded</li> <li>if a dropped ball is kicked directly (<b>not touched by another player</b>) into the team's own goal, a corner kick is awarded to the opposing team</li> </ul>

#### Reason

Law 8 – Start and Restart of play (dropped ball) was subject to a Law change at the 2012 AGM.

The proposed new text will clarify the interpretation of the word “direct” in the context of any player playing the ball more than once and thereafter scoring a goal without the ball being played by any other player.



2. Law 11 – Offside Interpretation of the Laws of the Game

- (i) Discussion on “interfering with an opponent/gaining an advantage” (submitted by FIFA)

Present text (amended AGM 2012)	Proposed text
<p>In the context of Law 11 – Offside, the following definitions apply: (...)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “interfering with play” means playing or touching the ball passed or touched by a team-mate</li> <li>• “interfering with an opponent” means preventing an opponent from playing or being able to play the ball by clearly obstructing the opponent’s line of vision <del>or movements or making a gesture or movement which, in the opinion of the referee, deceives or distracts an opponent</del></li> <li>• “gaining an advantage by being in that position” means playing a ball that rebounds to him off a goalpost or the crossbar having been in an offside position or playing a ball that rebounds to him off an opponent having been in an offside position</li> </ul>	<p>In the context of Law 11 – Offside, the following definitions apply: (...)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “interfering with play” means playing or touching the ball passed or touched by a team-mate</li> <li>• “interfering with an opponent” means preventing an opponent from playing or being able to play the ball by clearly obstructing the opponent’s line of vision or <b>challenging an opponent for the ball.</b></li> <li>• “gaining an advantage by being in that position” means playing a ball               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) that rebounds <b>or is deflected</b> to him off the goalpost, crossbar or an opponent having been in an offside position</li> <li>(ii) <b>that rebounds, deflected or is played to him from a deliberate save by an opponent having been in an offside position</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>A player in an offside position receiving the ball from an opponent, who deliberately plays the ball (except from a deliberate save), is not considered to have gained an advantage.</b></p>

**Reason**

The current wording creates many discussions as it gives too much room for interpretation and is not precise enough. The new text is more in line with actual game situations and will eliminate the confusion regarding what is meant by rebound, deflection and when the ball has been deliberately saved.



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### **III. Items for discussion and decision**

3. Use of Electronic Performance Monitoring Systems (submitted by the Scottish FA)
4. Goal-line technology
  - (i) Update on all developments (FIFA)
  - (ii) Matters arising with implementation (FIFA)
5. Additional Assistant Referees (FIFA)
6. Law 4 – The Players' Equipment ("Headscarf") (FIFA)
7. IFAB Structure, Planning & Consultation 2013
  - (i) Process for future/wider consultation/structure of IFAB (all members)

### **IV. Miscellaneous**

8. Fairness and potential law amendment of Law 8 – Start and Restart of Play "Dropped Ball" (submitted by FIFA)
9. Development in women's' football and the reference in the Laws of the Game (Submitted by FIFA)
10. Updating text within the Laws of the Game (submitted by the Scottish FA)
11. Next Meeting
  - (i) Future Meeting Dates of Sub Technical Committee
  - (ii) Annual Business Meeting  
24 October 2013, Home of FIFA, Zurich
  - (iii) Annual General Meeting  
28 February – 2 March 2014, Home of FIFA, Zurich