

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS OF  
THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED

Companies Act 1985  
No. 77797

Passed 23 May, 1990

At the Annual General Meeting of the Football Association Limited held at The Great Western Royal Hotel, London W2, on 23 May, 1990, the amendments to the Articles of Association set out on pages 3 to 20 of the document accompanying the Notice of Annual General Meeting, a copy of which has been signed for identification by the Chairman of the Meeting, were passed as Special Resolutions.

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# THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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27 April 1990

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Eighty-Seventh Annual General Meeting of The Football Association Limited will be held at The Great Western Royal Hotel, Paddington, London, W2, on Wednesday 23 May 1990 at 2.30pm, precisely, for the transaction of the Ordinary and Special Business of The Association, an Agenda of which accompanies this Notice.

By Order of the Council.

*A. McClelland*

CHAIRMAN

*Ruf Kelly*

Chief Executive

NB A member entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of himself. A proxy need not be a Member of The Association. A form of proxy is enclosed. The instrument appointing a proxy must be deposited at the registered office of The Association not less than 48 hours before the time for the holding of the Meeting or any adjourned meeting at which the person named in such instrument proposes to vote.

REGISTERED OFFICE:

16 Lancaster Gate  
London, W2 3LW

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CHAIRMANS REMARKS

1. REPORT

To receive a Report for the year ended 31 December, 1989.

2. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND AUDITORS' REPORT

To receive the Statement of Accounts and Auditors' Report for The Football Association Limited - year ended 31 December, 1989.

3. OFFICERS

To elect the Officers for the ensuing year: -

(a) President

Messrs C H Willcox MBE, JP and J V Hayward will nominate as President: -

H R H The Duke of Kent, KG

(b) Vice-Presidents

(i) Messrs C H Willcox MBE, JP and J V Hayward will nominate as Vice-Presidents: -

Mr W T Annable  
Mr E G Powell, FIBA  
Mr J C Thomas  
Mr J M Ryder  
Mr P J Swales  
Mr P Rushton

(ii) The formal election of the President of The Football League as a Vice-President.

4. AUDITORS

The Council proposes the re-appointment of Arthur Andersen & Company as Auditors to the Company for the coming year.

5. ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

To consider and if thought fit pass, as Special Resolutions, the amendments to the Articles of Association of The Football Association Limited set out on pages 3 to 7 of this document which shall be proposed on the basis that the amendment or amendments to each Article shall constitute a separate Special Resolution.

6. RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION

To consider the proposed amendments, as set out on pages 8 to 21 of the document accompanying the Notice of Annual General Meeting.

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A VOTE OF THANKS TO THE CHAIRMAN

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION  
PROPOSALS BY THE COUNCIL  
TO BE PROPOSED AS SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

Article 7 (d)

PRESENT ARTICLE

One (1) share to each Life Member  
of the Council and to each Life  
Vice-President.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Delete and substitute: -

"one (1) share to each  
Vice-President, Life  
Vice-President and Life-Member  
of the Council".

REASON: -

To simplify wording.

Article 8 (d)

PRESENT ARTICLE

the Representatives of The  
Universities Athletic Union, the  
Independent Schools' Football  
Association, The English Schools'  
Football Association and the  
Football Associations of  
Australia, ~~Commonwealth Caribbean~~,  
Canada and New Zealand shall each  
be entitled to one (1) share;

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Delete the words "Commonwealth  
Caribbean" in line seven.

REASON: -

To implement a decision of Council to delete representative of the  
Commonwealth Caribbean.

Article 11 (a)

PRESENT ARTICLE

Subject to paragraph (d) below no person shall be entitled to be or ~~to continue~~ a Member of The Association unless he is either an Officer of The Association, a Member of the Council or a Representative of some Division, affiliated Association or Member Club or a Member of the Committee of Management of The Football League, Limited.

REASON: -

To make article read better.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Delete the words "to continue" in line three and insert "continue to be".

Article 36 (d)

PRESENT ARTICLE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

New Article 36 (d) as follows with remainder of Article to be re-lettered accordingly;

"upon any Member of Council becoming a Life-Member or a Vice-President, the body he represented on Council shall be entitled to appoint a new representative".

REASON: -

To confirm existing practice of Council.

Article 37

PRESENT ARTICLE

No person shall be eligible for election as a Vice-President unless he is a serving Member of the Council.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Add a second sentence: -  
"Representatives of the Associations of Australia, Canada and New Zealand shall

not be eligible for election as a Vice-President".

REASON: -

To implement decision of Council.

Article 38

Present Paragraph 6

The University of Oxford, The University of Cambridge, The Army Football Association, The Royal Navy Football Association, The Royal Air Force Football Association, The Amateur Football Alliance and The English Schools' Football Association shall be deemed to be County Associations within the meaning of this Article and each shall be entitled annually to appoint a Representative to the Council, but such Representatives may not be changed except with the consent of the the Council.

In paragraph 6 delete the word "and" in line 7 and insert a comma. In line 8 after the word "Association" insert "and The Women's Football Association".

Present Paragraph 7

~~The Women's Football Association should be deemed to be a County Association within the meaning of this Article and shall be entitled annually to appoint a Representative to the Council, but such Representative may not be changed except with the consent of the Council. The Council may at its discretion, delegate to The Women's Football Association any of its powers in relation to Women's football as may from time to time be deemed appropriate.~~

The first sentence of paragraph 7 to be deleted.

REASON: -

To simplify wording and avoid duplication.

Article 38 (iii)

PRESENT ARTICLE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The Council shall have power annually to elect to the Council a representative of: -

- (i) The Universities Athletic Union;
- (ii) the Independent Schools' Football Association;
- (iii) each of the following Associations ~~within~~ Australia; ~~Commonwealth~~ Caribbean; Canada; New Zealand.

Delete the word "within" in line two of clause (iii) and insert ":-"

Delete the words "Commonwealth Carribean" in lines three and four of clause (iii)

REASON: -

To implement a decision of Council to delete representative of the Commonwealth Caribbean.

Article 41 (c)

PRESENT ARTICLE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

~~The Council shall elect by ballot annually a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman from Members of the Council. If the Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman of the Council do not already hold office of Vice-President of The Association the Council shall have power to appoint them as Vice-Presidents in addition to the Vice-Presidents referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Article. Any person appointed a Vice-President by the Council pursuant hereto shall hold office as Vice-President as long as he continues as Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Council or,~~

Delete the first sentence and insert: -

"The Council shall elect by ballot annually at the Summer Meeting of Council a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman from Members of the Council. The retiring Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be eligible for re-election without further nomination if they offer themselves for re-election on or before thirtieth (30th) April each year. Assenting Members of Council shall be proposed and seconded by



if earlier, until he becomes a Life Vice-President under Article 36 (b).

Council Members during the month of May. "

The second and third sentences to become the second paragraph.

REASON: -

To set out the existing practice of Council.

Article 43

PRESENT ARTICLE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Delete the present Article and insert: -

(a) Retiring Members of the Council shall be eligible for re-election. Elected Officers and Representatives shall continue in office until their successors are duly appointed.

(a) Subject to the provisions of Article 43 (b) retiring Members of Council shall be eligible for re-election. Elected officers and Representatives shall continue in office until their successors are duly appointed.

(b) Section 293 of the Act, relating to the retirement of Directors by reason of their having attained the age of seventy (70) years or any other age and any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force shall not apply to The Association.

(b)(i) Subject to the provisions of this Article, no person shall be capable of being first appointed a Member of Council if at the time of his appointment he has attained the age of seventy (70) years.

(ii) A Member of Council shall vacate his office at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting after he attains the age of seventy-five (75).

(iii) Article 43 (b) (ii) above shall not apply to any person who, irrespective of age, is a Member of Council at the date of the adoption of this Article.

REASON: -

To set an Age Limit

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION

PROPOSALS BY THE COUNCIL

Rule 1

PRESENT RULE

The Association

The Association shall consist of such Clubs and affiliated Associations playing or administering Association Football according to the Laws of the Game (as settled by the International Football Association Board) and the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association as the Council may approve and as are otherwise qualified hereunder, Affiliated Associations may admit to Membership Association Football Clubs within their area, and provide for the proper management and control of such Clubs.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

After the word "hereunder" in line 11 delete the full stop and insert "and in conformity with the Statutes and Regulations of the World (FIFA) and European (UEFA) Football Authorities\*."

At the bottom of the page insert "\*FIFA and UEFA Regulations which are particularly relevant to Clubs are printed on pages \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_."

REASON: -

To ensure that Clubs are bound by FIFA and UEFA regulations.

Rule 6

PRESENT RULE

Save as otherwise expressly provided by these Rules, resolutions and decisions of the Council shall be binding upon all

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

affiliated Associations and Clubs and all Members thereof, until they are rescinded or varied by ~~the vote of a majority present and voting at a General Meeting.~~

After the word "varied" in line 7 delete the words "by the vote of a majority present and voting at a General Meeting".

REASON: -

To delete irrelevant wording.

Rule 16 (g) (i)

PRESENT RULE

The/Association may grant special permission for Competition and other matches to be played preceding the dates fixed by the Council of The Association for the opening of the Season and shall attach to the granting of such permission whatever conditions it may deem expedient.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Between the words "The" and "Association" in line one insert the words "appropriate sanctioning".

REASON: -

To give similar power to County Associations

Rule 21 (a)

PRESENT RULE

(i) Priority must at all times be given to school or school organisations' activities in accordance with the recommendations of the Memorandum on Schoolboys and School Games as published on page 132, whilst a boy is receiving full-time education in accordance with the Education Acts.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

(ii) All Clubs and Leagues, excluding those that play their Matches on Sundays, shall include

in their Rules a Rule which outlines the need to clear the availability of a boy with his Head Teacher.

(iii) Boys who are under nine (9) years of age shall not be allowed to participate in Competitions sanctioned by The Association or its constituent County Football Associations/

(iv) A Player who is over nine (9) years and under fourteen (14) years on first (1st) September in any playing season should not play in a match involving Players who are more than two (2) years older than himself.

Football for Players in this age grouping should be arranged within the following age bands:-

- (A) over nine (9) years under eleven (11) years;
- (B) over ten (10) years under twelve (12) years;
- (C) over eleven (11) years under thirteen (13) years;
- (D) over twelve (12) years under fourteen (14) years.

(v) Boys who reach the age of eleven (11) years during the educational year (ie after midnight on thirty-first (31st) August) may register to attend a licensed Centre of Excellence for training and coaching. Boys who, after a period of assessment, continue to attend a Centre of Excellence must be registered with the Centre in accordance with the conditions laid down by the Licensing Authority. It shall be a breach of the Rule for such a

Delete the full stop at the end of Clause (iii) and add:-

" , save for community-based small side activities sanctioned by The Association from time to time".

Clause (v) to be re-worded as follows:-

- (A) Boys who reach the age of nine (9) years during the educational year (ie after midnight on the thirty-first (31st) August) may register to attend a licensed Centre of Excellence for training and coaching.
- (B) Boys who, after a period of assessment, continue

Centre without a valid license to coach or train boys who are not Associated Schoolboys. The licensing authority shall comprise two (2) Representatives each of The Association, The Football League Limited and The English Schools' Football Association, known as the Centre of Excellence Liaison Committee and will lay down guidelines by which the Centres will be run.

- (C) to attend a Centre of Excellence must be registered with the Centre in accordance with the conditions laid down by the Licensing Authority.  
Subject to conditions laid down by The Association from time to time Centres of Excellence may play matches for the purpose of instructing players over the age of thirteen (13).
- (D) It shall be a breach of the Rule for such a Centre without a valid licence to coach or train boys who are not
- (E) Associated Schoolboys. The Licensing Authority shall comprise two (2) Representatives each of The Association, The Football League Limited and The English Schools' Football Association, known as the Centres of Excellence Liaison Committee and will lay down guidelines by which the Centres will be run.

REASON: -

To provide for boys under 9 to take part in certain small side activities and for boys over 13 to play in 11-a-side matches at Centres of Excellence.

Rule 24 (i) (a)

PRESENT RULE

(a)(1) Every Association and Clubs shall be responsible for ensuring that its directors, players, officials, employees, spectators and all persons purporting to be

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

its supporters or followers  
conduct themselves in an orderly  
fashion and refrain from violent,  
threatening, abusive, obscene or  
provocative behaviour, conduct or  
language whilst attending ~~at~~ a  
match in which it is involved,  
whether on its own ground or  
elsewhere;

REASON: -

To cover all eventualities at matches.

After the word "attending" in  
line 11 delete the word "at"  
and insert the words "or taking  
part in"

Rule 24 (i) (b)

PRESENT RULE

that no spectators or unauthorised  
persons are permitted to encroach  
on to the pitch area/or to throw  
missiles, bottles or other  
potentially harmful or dangerous  
objects at or on to the pitch.  
Clubs are expected to provide a  
private way for players and  
officials from playing ground to  
dressing room wherever this is  
practical.

REASON: -

To cover the Lord Justice Taylor Report.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Add after the words "pitch  
area" in line 3 "save for  
reasons of crowd safety".

Rule 24 (ii)

PRESENT RULE

Any Association or Club which  
fails effectively to discharge its  
said responsibility in any respect  
whatsoever shall be guilty of  
misconduct and liable to be dealt  
with therefore, save that it shall  
be a defence if it can show that  
all events, incidents or  
occurrences complained of were the

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

result of circumstances over which it had no control/and that its responsible officers or agents had used all due diligence to ensure that its said responsibility was discharged.

Add after the words "no control" in line 11 "or for reasons of crowd safety".

REASON: -

To cover the Lord Justice Taylor Report.

Rule 26 (a)

PRESENT RULE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

In addition to matters referred to in any other Rule it shall be misconduct if any Association, League, Combination, Club, Director, Official, Referee, Linesman or Player (in this Rule for ease of reference called the "Member") is proved to the satisfaction of the Council or a Commission thereof to have done or permitted or assisted in doing or permitting any of the following: -

(i) violated the Laws of the Game or the Rules and Regulations of The Association;

(ii) violated the Rules or Regulations of any Association, League or Combination affiliated to The Association or sanctioned by its Council;

(iii) played with or against any suspended Member or appointed or continued the appointment as a Director or Official of any suspended Member;

(iv) to bet on any Football match other than on authorised and registered Football Pools;

(v) to offer or attempt to offer, either directly or indirectly any consideration whatever to another Association or Club or to any Official, Member or Player of any Association or Club, or to any Referee or Linesman with a view to influencing the result of any match, or to accept any such consideration;

(vi) appointed or continued in Office as a Director, Official, Referee, Linesman or Player, a person who acts as Bookmaker or Assistant to a Bookmaker or any other person directly connected with the organisation of Betting Lotteries, Coupon Football Betting, or the like without the written consent of The Association;

(vii) allowed a Director, Official Referee, Linesman or Player under suspension to act as a Referee or to perform any duties from the execution of which he has been suspended;

(viii) failed to take all reasonable precautions to prevent a Director, Official, Referee or Linesman under suspension from entering the ground of any affiliated club;

(ix) played a match with or against a Club whose ground has been closed by The Association on any ground within a radius of twelve (12) miles of the closed ground;

(x) committed any act or made any statement either verbally or in writing, or been responsible for conduct or any matter which, in the opinion of the Council, is considered to be ungentlemanly,

Combine clauses (vii) and (viii) to read: - "allowed a Director, Official, Referee, Linesman or Player under suspension to act as a Referee or to perform any duties from the execution of which he has been suspended or failed to take all reasonable precautions to prevent such person from entering the Ground of any affiliated club."

Insert as clause (viii) "sold or offered for sale, either directly or indirectly, a ticket for any football match in excess of the face value of the ticket;"



insulting or improper behaviour or likely to bring the game into disrepute.

REASON: -

To provide for sale of tickets at enhanced prices to be misconduct.

PROPOSED BY MR G THOMPSON - SHEFFIELD AND HALLAMSHIRE COUNTY FA  
SECONDED BY MR W G MCKEAG - FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Rule 26 (a) (x)

PRESENT RULE

committed any act or made any statement either verbally or in writing, or been responsible for conduct or any matter which, in the opinion of the Council, is considered to be ungentlemanly, insulting or improper behaviour or likely to bring the game into disrepute.

REASON: -

To make provision for persistent offenders to be dealt with.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

After the word "or" in line 4 insert the words "continuing misconduct or"

PROPOSALS BY COUNCIL

Rule 30

PRESENT RULE

(i) Appeals against Decisions of The Association

(a) The Council shall decide in what manner and by whom such Appeals shall be heard, but the operation of such decisions shall not be suspended pending the hearing of an Appeal unless the appellant has submitted a written application for the setting aside of the decision and the application has been granted by the Council.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Delete the present Rule and insert: -

"Appeals against Decisions of The Association, Affiliated Associations and Competitions sanctioned by The Association

(a) Every Appeal must be lodged with the Secretary of The Association within fourteen (14) days of posting the written notification of the original decision or decisions appealed against. Every Appeal

(b) Appeals from decisions of The Association made in accordance with this Rule shall be permitted only on the following grounds: -

- (1) The Association failed to give the appellant a fair hearing;
- (2) The Association acted unconstitutionally;
- (3) The Association came to a decision which it should not have come to on the facts of the case;
- (4) against the penalty imposed.

(c) Every Appeal under this section of the Rule must be lodged with the Secretary of The Association within fourteen (14) days of the posting of the written notification of the decision of the Commission and be accompanied with an appeal fee of fifty pounds (£50), except in the case of Appeals by Schoolboys when the appeal fee shall be ten pounds (£10)

Unless the Council shall otherwise determine, such Appeals shall be heard by an Appeals Board consisting of three Members of the Council. Such Appeals shall not be withdrawn except by leave of the Council or the Appeals Board appointed. The Hearing of the Appeal shall not be conducted as a re-hearing of the case neither shall fresh evidence be permitted except with the permission of the Appeals Board.

The Appeals Board shall have power to adjourn the Hearing wholly or

must be accompanied by an Appeal Fee as follows: -

(i) An Appeal against a decision of The Association must be accompanied by an Appeal Fee of fifty pounds (£50), except in the case of Schoolboys under the statutory school - leaving age when the Fee shall be ten pounds (£10).

(ii) An Appeal against a decision of an Affiliated Association must be accompanied by an Appeal Fee of twenty-five pounds (£25), except in the case of Schoolboys under the statutory school-leaving age when the Fee shall be ten pounds (£10).

(iii) An Appeal against a decision of a Competition sanctioned by The Association must be accompanied by an Appeal Fee, determined by that Competition, which shall be not less than twenty-five pounds (£25).

(b) Appeals shall be permitted only under the Rules of the respective Associations or Competitions and on one or more of the following grounds: -

(i) The Association, Affiliated Association or Competition failed to give the Appellant a fair hearing;

(ii) The Association, Affiliated Association or Competition acted unconstitutionally;

(iii) The Association, Affiliated Association or Competition came to

in part, and having heard the contentions of both parties shall make one of the following decisions: -

- (1) to allow or dismiss the appeal;
- (2) to vary the decision of the Commission, or
- (3) to order a re-hearing of the original case by the Commission or by another Commission whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

In the event of the Appeals Board dismissing the Appeal or varying the decision of the Commission, the Appeals Board may order the appeal fee to be forfeited towards the costs of the Board of Appeal and may make a further order for payment of costs. In the event of an Appeal being successful the appeal fee shall be returned to the appellant.

(ii) Appeals against Decisions of County and Other Affiliated Associations

(a) Save as provided in (b) and (c) of this Rule, Appeals from the decisions of County and other affiliated Associations may be made to The Association. The Council shall decide in what manner and by whom such Appeals shall be heard; but the operation of such decisions shall not be suspended pending the hearing of an Appeal, unless the appellant has submitted a written application for the setting aside of the decision and the application has been granted by the Council after consultation with the appropriate County or other affiliated Association.

a decision which it should not have come to on the facts of the case;

(iv) Against the penalty imposed.

(c) In lodging an Appeal an Appellant shall state in writing full reasons for the Appeal, and specify on which one or more of the above clauses (b) (i)-(b) (iv) the Appeal is based. An Appeals Board shall adjudicate only on the clause or clauses specified.

(d) Appeals shall not be withdrawn except by leave of The Council or the Appeals Board appointed. The implementation of the decision or decisions subject to the appeal shall not be suspended pending the Appeal Hearing unless the Appellant has made a written application for setting aside and it has been granted by the Council, after consultation with the Affiliated Association or Competition concerned.

(e) Unless the Council otherwise determine, Appeals shall be heard by an Appeals Board consisting of three Members of the Council.

(f) An Appeal Hearing shall neither be conducted as a re-hearing of the case nor shall fresh evidence be permitted except with the permission of the Appeals Board.

(g) The Appeals Board shall have power to adjourn the

(b) When an Appeal has been made to an Appeals Board of a County or other affiliated Association, in respect of a decision of a Competition sanctioned by that Association, the decision of that Appeals Board is final. There can be no further Appeal to The Association against the decision of that Appeals Board.

(c) Appeals shall not be entertained with regard to matters arising out of the Competitions of the affiliated Associations whose Rules provide that their decision shall be final.

(d) Appeals from decisions of County and other affiliated Associations made in accordance with this Rule shall under the Rules of such affiliated Associations be permitted only on the following grounds:-

- (1) the affiliated Association failed to give the appellant a fair hearing;
- (2) that the affiliated Association acted unconstitutionally;
- (3) that the affiliated Association came to a decision which it should not have come to on the facts of the case;
- (4) against the penalty imposed.

(e) Every Appeal under this section of the Rule must be lodged within fourteen (14) days of the posting of the written notification of the decision and be accompanied with an appeal fee of twenty-five pounds (£25) except

Hearing wholly or in part, and having heard the submissions of both parties shall make one of the following decisions:-

(i) allow or dismiss the Appeal;

(ii) vary the decision or decisions appealed against;

(iii) order a re-hearing of the original case by the Affiliated Association concerned, or by another Affiliated Association, or by The Association or, in appropriate cases, by the sanctioned Competition. In any re-hearing ordered the decision or decisions reached shall be final and binding on all parties

(h) In the event of the Appeal being dismissed or varied the Appeals Board may order the Appeal Fee to be forfeited and may make a further order for payment of costs.

(i) In the event of an Appeal being allowed, the Appeal Fee shall be returned.

(j) An Affiliated Association or Competition shall not be ordered to pay costs unless the Appeals Board find that it has acted unreasonably or, in the case of an Affiliated Association, has failed to comply with the provisions of the Memorandum of Procedures when dealing with a case

in the case of Appeals by Schoolboys when the appeal fee shall be ten pounds (£10).

In the event of an Appeal being successful, the appeal fee shall be returned to the appellant.

Unless the Council shall otherwise determine, such Appeals shall be heard by an Appeals Board consisting of three Members of the Council. Such Appeals shall not be withdrawn except by leave of the Council or the Appeals Board appointed. The Hearing of the Appeal shall not be conducted as a re-hearing of the case neither shall fresh evidence be permitted except with the permission of the Appeals Board.

The Appeals Board shall have power to adjourn the Hearing wholly or in part, and having heard the contentions of both parties shall make one of the following decisions:-

- (1) to allow or dismiss the appeal;
  - (2) to vary the decision of the affiliated Association;
- or
- (3) order a re-hearing of the original case by the affiliated Association or by another Association whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

Further, in the event of the Appeals Board dismissing the Appeal or varying the decision of the affiliated Association, the Appeals Board may order the appeal fee to be forfeited towards the costs of the Board of Appeal and

concerning Field Misconduct within the provisions of rule 26 (b).

#### Disqualification

An Appeal shall not be permitted:-

(k) Where an Appeal has already been made to an Appeals Board of an Affiliated Association in respect of a decision of a Competition sanctioned by that Association. The decision of that Appeals Board is final and there can be no further appeal to The Association;

or

(1) Concerning issues arising out of Competitions of Affiliated Associations whose Rules provide that their decisions are final."

costs of the Board of Appeal and may make a further order for payment of costs.

An affiliated Association shall not be ordered to pay costs, unless the Appeals Board find it has acted wholly unreasonably and/or failed to comply with the provisions of the Memorandum of Procedures (see pages 316-323) when dealing with a case concerning alleged field offences.

REASON: -

To bring all appeals under one rule.

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#### F. A. RULE 30

#### PROPOSED ADDITION TO AMENDMENT

PROPOSED BY GLOUCESTERSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

SECONDED BY SUSSEX COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Final sub-section headed  
"Disqualification" add sub clause  
(c) as follows: -

"Subject to the meeting having been constitutionally established and conducted there can be no appeal against a decision of an Annual or Special Meeting."

REASON: -

Each year the Gloucestershire Football Association receive appeals against decisions of League A.G.M.'s, in particular election of clubs to membership. The Football Association advised the Gloucestershire Football Association that a decision of Council in January 1988 was that appeals were not possible, other than in the situation referred in the amendment. As Leagues and Clubs do not see decisions of The Football Association and if they did they would seem to be quickly forgotten, it is considered that, such an important decision should be recorded in the Rules of The Football Association.

Rule 34 (a)' (ii)

PRESENT RULE

(ii) Preference Shares -  
Preference Shares may be issued  
with a maximum dividend share of  
five pounds twenty-five pence  
(£5.25) per cent of the amount  
credited as paid up on such share  
to be cumulative for a period not  
exceeding three (3) years; but the  
Company may not issue more  
Preference Shares than its  
subscribed Ordinary Shares.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Delete the whole clause

REASON: -

In light of the Lord Justice Taylor Report to remove an obstacle to  
clubs raising funds.