

#### IN THE DISCIPLINARY COMMMITTEE

### **VOLTA REGIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

#### VRFA/DC/005/23

### **PANEL**

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27th April, 2023

### AGBOZUME UNITED CLUB VRS KETU WHITE STARS FC

# PROTEST IN RESPECT OF 2022/ 2023 VOLTA REGIONAL DIVISION TWO LEAGUE MATCH PLAYED AT SOSEC PARK.

## **PROCEEDINGS**

In accordance with Article 56 of the GFA Statutes (2019) and 35(9) of the Regional Football Association (RFAS) Leagues Regulations, this Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter referred to as "The Committee") considered the deposition from Agbozume United Football Club (herein referred to as "The Petitioner") with supporting attachments, and match reports from match officials.

# **SUMMARY OF FACTS**

#### STATEMENT OF CASE OF AGBOZUME UNITED FC

The Petitioner lodged a protest against **Ketu White Stars FC** (hereinafter referred to "**The Respondents**") for fielding unqualified player in the Volta Regional Division Two League match Day One played on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at SOSEC National Park, contrary to article 33(1)(e), 33(2)33(5)(a)(b),37(1)(b) and 37(8)(e) of the GFA Regional Football Association (RFAs) League Regulations.

The Petitioners claim that, The Respondents fielded unqualified players Henry Mortey (2)Salami Abass Vessikpo (5)Simon Ahiekpor (12), Joshua Abotsivi(13), Charles Duncan (16) and Gega Kwabla1!8)Moses Godzor.

The Petitioner claims that the Respondent did not pay their fines within the fourteen (14) mandatory days.

In support of their case, The Petitioners state Articles 33(1)(e)33(2)33(5)(a)(b) and 37(8)(c) to seek relief that the match be declared null and void and that 3 points and 3goals be awarded to The Petitioners

The Petitioners further attached photocopies letters of gradual implementation of club Licensing at Regional Level New Coaching Convention for Ghana Football in support of their case.

The Petitioner demands their entitlement of fifty percent 50% of payment from the RFA.

#### DEFENSE OF KETU WHITE STARS FC

The Respondent did not file any response to the case.

# FINDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE AND GROUNDS OF DECISION

The Committee at its sittings makes the following findings

- 1. That protest was lodged in accordance with Article 35(1)(3) of the Regional Football Associations (RFAs)Leagues Regulations.
- 2. That the protest was duly served on The Respondent in accordance with Article 35(4) of The Regional Football Associations (RFAs) League Regulations
- 3. That Henry Mortey was not registered for the 2022/2023 league season.
- 4. That Abass Vessikpo Salami, Kwabla Gega and Joshua Abotsivia task on hold passport picture queried and it hasn't been resolved.
- 5. That Simon Ahiakpor's registration as a new player was rejected on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and Charles Duncan was not registered for 2022/2023 league season
- 6. That the said match ended 2-0 in favour of the Respondent
- 7. That from The Committee's check from Volta Regional FA's 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 League Season records, The Respondent were fined GHC 3,800.00 but did not make payment before the said match as a result of Disciplinary Decision served on the Respondent for using unqualified players and not paying fines in the 2020/2021 league season.

#### **DECISION**

- 1. It is the decision of The Committee that the Petitioners' case is hereby upheld and that The Respondent shall be considered as having lost the said match in this case and that 3 points and 3 goals shall be awarded to the Petitioner, in accordance with Article 33(3) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.
- 2. In furtherance, 3 points shall be deducted from the accumulated points of the Respondents in accordance with Article 33(5)(a) of the GFA Regional Football Associations(RFAs)Leagues Regulations.
- 3. The Respondent shall pay a fine of GHC 300.00 to the RFA of which 50% shall be paid to the Petitioner in accordance with Article 33(5)(b) of the GFA Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulations
- 4. The Respondent shall suffer 3 points deductions from accumulated points for each of the match(es) the players Henry Mortey and Abass Vessikpo Salami, Kwabla Gega, Simon Ahiakpor, and Joshua Abotsivia in this case featured in prior to the approval of their registration in accordance with Article 33(2)(e) of the GFA Regional football Association (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.
- 5. The Respondent shall suffer a fine of GHC300.00 in accordance with Article 33(5)(b) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations, for each of the match(es) the players named in (4) above in this case featured in until such time their registration were approved.

Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice)

Disciplinary Committee Chairman