



**IN THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE
VOLTA REGIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

VRFA/DC/010/23

PANEL

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| 1. Ernest Yao Gaewu, (Justice) | Chairman |
| 2. Constant Dzakpasu | Member |
| 3. Felix Seloame | Member |
| 4. Kingsley Broni- Agbezuge | Secretary |

27th April, 2023

AGBOGBA FOOTBALL CLUB VRS REAL SOGA/ NAZARETH FC

**PROTEST IN RESPECT OF 2022/ 2023 VOLTA REGIONAL DIVISION TWO
LEAGUE MATCH PLAYED AT SOMEY SCHOOL 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 (herein after referred to as "**The Committee**") considered the deposition from Agbogba Football Club (hereinafter referred to as "**The Petitioner**") and Real Soga/Nazareth FC (hereinafter referred to as "**The Respondent**") with supporting attachments from both parties and match reports from match officials.

SUMMARY OF FACTS

STATEMENT OF CASE OF AGBOGBA FC

The Petitioner lodged a protest against **Real Soga/Nazareth FC** for failing to produce players licenses and fielding unqualified players in during the Volta Regional Division Two League match played on 19th February 2023 at **Somey School Park** contrary to Article 28 (1)(a) and 33(1)(e) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) League Regulations.

The Petitioner claims that the Respondent fielded unqualified players; Sakpata Derrick (7) Akim Bello Patrick (8).

The Petitioner further claims that the said players are registered with different clubs as well as the Respondent in the FIFA Connect System.

In support of their case, The Petitioners state Articles 28(1)(a)(b)(c)(d), 28(2)(a) and 33(1)(e) and seek relief that the match be declared null and void and that 3 points and 3 goals be awarded to The Petitioners.

The Petitioner attached printed copies of records of the players from the FIFA Connect System with indicating the different clubs are as follows; Akim Bello Patrick in AGBOGBA System and Doh Yao Derick in West Prime Platinum FC and bear different name in Nazareth FC System as Sakpata Derick.

DEFENSE OF NAZARETH FC

The Respondent in response to the case stated the following

1. That Akim Bello Patrick was released from Kopeyia United and duly registered player of The Respondent
2. That the Respondent do not have any player by name Sakpata Derrick.

They plead with the Committee to dismiss the Petitioner's 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 GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.
2. That the protest was duly served on The Respondent in accordance with Article 35(4) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations
3. That from the committee's check from the FIFA Connect System, Bello Patrick Akim was duly registered by the Respondent for the 2022/2023 League season and therefore eligible to play in the said match in this case.
4. That from the committee's check from the FIFA Connect System Derrick Sokpata's registration was pending approval at the GFA level and therefore not eligible to play in the said match in this case.
5. That the match ended 1-0 in favour of The Respondent.

DECISION

It is the decision of The Committee that;

1. The Petitioner's case is hereby upheld 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. The Respondent shall lose 3 points from its accumulated points from previous matches in accordance with Article 33(5)(a) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.
3. The **Respondent** shall suffer 3 points deduction from accumulated points in all the matches the said Player Derrick Sokpata in this case featured in.
4. The **Respondent** is hereby fined GHC 300.00 of which 50% shall be paid to the **Petitioner** in accordance to Article 33(5)(b) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.
5. The Respondent shall pay the fine in decision Four (4) above within ten (10) days in accordance with Article 37(8) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.
6. The Respondent shall be liable to the consequential effect of Article 37(1)(b) and 37(8)(c) if the club fails to pay the fine imposed on the club in decision Three(3) above.



Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice)

Disciplinary Committee Chairman