



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

**VRFA/DC/007/23**

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**PANEL**

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

**27<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

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**BAKPA FOOTBALL CLUB VRS SOKPOE ROBERTO FC**

**PROTEST IN RESPECT OF 2022/ 2023 VOLTA REGIONAL DIVISION TWO  
LEAGUE MATCH PLAYED AT Wafa Sports Stadium.**

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**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 Bakpa Football Club (herein referred to as “**The Petitioner**”) and Sokpoe Roberto 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 BAKPA FC**

The Petitioner lodged a protest against Sokpoe Roberto FC (The Respondents) for failing to produce players licenses and fielding unqualified players during the Volta Regional Division Two League match played on 19th February 2023 at **Wafa Sports Stadium** contrary to Article 16(5)(b)(9) 34(1)(e)34(2)35(5)(a)(b)29(1)(a) of the GFA Regional Football Association (RFAs) League Regulations.

The Petitioner claims the Respondent fielded unqualified players Asafo Mensah Jeremy (14) Mensah Gabriel Kplim (24) Kagla Paul (3).

The Petitioner further claims that:

1. Mensah Gabriel Kplim and Kagla Paul are not registered players of Sokpoe and not even in the FIFA Connect System.
2. Asafo Mensah Jeremy is a registered player of Adidome Unity Stars.

In support of their case, The Petitioners state Article 28 and seek relief that the match be declared null and void and that 3 points and 3goals be awarded to The Petitioners.

The Petitioners attached the photographs of the said players and the team sheet of the Respondent in this case as evidence in support of their case.

#### **DEFENSE OF SOKPOE ROBERTO FC**

The Respondent in response to the case stated the following

1. That Mensah Asafo Jeremy is a duly registered player of the Respondent
2. That Mensah Asafo Jeremy was transferred from Adidome Unity Stars back to his mother club Roberto FC.
3. That the player in jersey number 24 was Mensah Gabriel Kplivi not Mensah Gabriel Kplim as alleged by the Petitioner.
4. That the said player Kagla Paul with jersey number 3 is registered and approved in the FIFA Connect System.

The Respondent pleads with the Committee to dismiss the Petitioner's case.

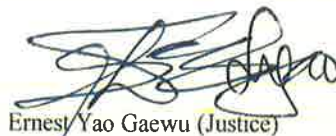
#### **FINDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE AND GROUNDS OF DECISION**

The Committee at its sittings makes the following findings:

1. That protest was lodged in accordance with Article 35(1) and (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 the said players Asafo Mensah Jeremy, Mensah Gabriel Kplivi and Kagla Paul were approved after the said match in this case and therefore not eligible to play. For the avoidance of doubt, Jeremy Mensah Asafo's registration was approved on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 for The Respondent.
4. The match ended 3-1 in favour of the Respondent.

## DECISION

1. It is the decision of The committee that the Petitioners' 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. 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 is also hereby fined GHC300.00 in accordance with Article 33(5)(b) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations
4. The Respondent shall suffer 3 points deductions from accumulated points for each of the match(es) the players Asafo Mensah Jeremy, Mensah Gabriel Kplivi and Kagla Paul 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 had featured in until such time their registration were approved.



Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice)

Disciplinary Committee Chairman