

# IN THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE VOLTA REGIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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## GALAXY FOOTBALL CLUB VRS MANYA RED LIONS FC

# PROTEST IN RESPECT OF 2022/ 2023 VOLTA REGIONAL DIVISION LEAGUE MATCH PLAYED AT BATTOR RC 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 Bakpa Football Club (hereinafter referred to as "The Petitioner") and Manya Red Lions 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 GALAXY FC

The Petitioner lodged a protest against GALAXY FC for failing to produce players licenses and fielding unqualified players during the Volta Regional Division Two League match played between The Petitioner and The Respondent on 19th February 2023 at Battor RC contrary to Articles 28(1)(a) and 28(2)(a)(b) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) League Regulations.

The Petitioner claims that the Respondent fielded unqualified players Aziedorme Bright (13) Mesessah N Eric (28) who are not registered in the FIFA Connect System for The Respondent as at time of the match in this case.

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

# DEFENSE OF MANYA RED LIONS FC

The Respondent in response to the case stated the following

- 1. That Aziedorme Bright and Messesah N Eric are duly registered players of the Respondent
- 2. That the players were cards were renewed and approved at the time the first match was played.

They attached the photocopy of the players in the FIFA Connect System and 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 Regional Football Associations (RFAs)League 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 the said players Bright Aziedorme and Nemawulorko Erie Mesesah were duly registered for the 2022/2023 League season from the committee's check from the FIFA Connect System and therefore were eligible to play in for The Respondent in the said match in this case.
- 4. That the renewal of the said players' registration for the 2022/2023 League Season was approved on 07/02/2023.
- 5. That the said match ended 2-2

## **DECISION**

- 1. It is the decision of The Committee that the case of the Petitioner is hereby dismissed and the results of the match shall stand.
- 2. That Petitioner is hereby fined GHC 300.00 for misleading the Committee in legal relations.
- 3. The Petitioner shall pay the fine in decision Two (2) above within ten (10) days in accordance with Article 37(8)(a) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations
- 4. The Petitioner 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 Two (2) above.

Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice)

Disciplinary Committee Chairman