



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

**VRFA/DC/003/23**

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**PANEL**

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

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

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**ILEAD SOCCER CLUB VRS SPORTING ROVERS FC**

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

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**PROCEEDINGS**

In accordance with Article 56 of the GFA Statutes (2019) and 35(9) of the Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations, this Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter referred to as “**The Committee**”) considered the deposition from **Ilead Soccer Club** (hereinafter referred to as “**The Petitioner**”) with supporting attachments, and match reports from match officials.

**SUMMARY OF FACTS**

**STATEMENT OF CASE OF ILEAD SC**

The Petitioner lodged a protest against **Sporting Rover FC** (hereinafter referred to as “**The Respondents**”) for fielding unqualified players during the Volta Regional Division Two League match played on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Akatsico Park, contrary to Articles

33(1)(a), 33(2), 28(2)(a) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.

The Petitioners claim that, The Respondents fielded unqualified players Abdulai Ghafur (22) Duho Isreal (19), Oduro Eric (5), Amemo Bernard (2) Okai Edwin Worlanyo (18) Torfa Christopher (10) Sawoekpor Redeemer (17) Agbezu Kwaku (4) Okpatah Prosper (9) Abadzivor Wondor (13) and Vormawor Joshua (44)

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

The Petitioner attached the photographs of the said players in this case as evidence in support of their case.

### **DEFENSE OF SPORTING ROVERS FC**

The Respondent did not file 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) Leagues Regulations.
3. That there was a directive from the RFA that players whose registration were approved in the FIFA Connect System and with their cards awaiting printing could be used by their respective clubs for match day one.
4. That the said, player in this case Ghaffur Abdulai was not duly registered for the Respondent but rather registered by Yeji Mist Academy FC and cannot be registered new to any Club.
5. That the said players Israel Duho, Eric Ahime Oduro, Bernard Amemo, Edwin Worlanyo Okai, Christopher Torfa, Redeemer Sawoekpor, Kwaku Agbezu, Wonder Abadzivor and Joshua Vormavor registrations were approved on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2023 therefore were not eligible to play the match in this case.

6. That Kofi Prosper Okpattah transfer was approved on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023 therefore eligible to play the match in this case.

7. That the said match ended 1-1

## DECISION

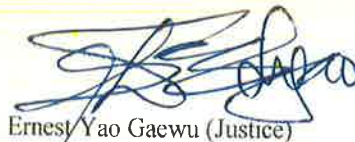
1. It is the decision of The Committee that the Petitioners' case is hereby upheld and that The Respondent shall be considered as having lost the said match in this case and that 3 points and 3 goals shall be awarded to the Petitioner, in accordance with Article 33(3) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (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 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 player **Ghaffur Abdulai** in this case featured in prior to the approval of his 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



Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice)

Disciplinary Committee Chairman