



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

VRFA/DC/004/23

PANEL

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

27th April, 2023

SHARP SPORTING CLUB VRS ELEVEN WONDERS FOOTBALL CLUB

**PROTEST IN RESPECT OF 2022/ 2023 VOLTA REGIONAL DIVISION TWO
LEAGUE MATCH PLAYED AT DATCO 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 Sharp Sporting Club (hereinafter referred to as “**The Petitioner**”) and Eleven Wonders 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 SHARP SPORTING CLUB

The Petitioner lodged a protest against **Eleven Wonders FC** for fielding unqualified player during the Volta Regional Division Two League match Day One played on 12th February 2022 at DATCO Park Dambai, contrary to Article 28(1) 28(2) and 33(e)(of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.

The Petitioners claim that, The Respondents fielded unqualified player Atta Joseph Apotowelor jersey number (1).The Petitioner claim the player was not registered in the FIFA

connect system as at the time of the game. In support of their case, The Petitioners state Articles 28(1)(a) 33(1)(e) 28(1)(f) 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 team sheet of the Respondent in this case as evidence in support of their case.

DEFENSE OF ELEVEN WONDERS FC

The Respondent in their defense states that they do not know the said player by name Atta Joseph Apotowelor. The Respondent claim they know their No 1 goalkeeper by name Atta Joseph Abotowelor who is fully qualified and registered player of the club, but not the said mis-spelled name under contention. In addition the Respondent stated the following

- 1.The mistake in the name description is not the fault of the club
- 2.Solicit the indulgence of the RFA Disciplinary Committee to dismiss this case.
- 3.Plead with the RFA Disciplinary Committee to invoke the powers.

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 the said, player in this case Atta Joseph Apotowelor is not a registered player of Eleven Wonders and could not be found in the FIFA connect system.
4. That team sheets are hand written and that The Petitioner's problem is their inability to differentiate between the letters 'p' and 'b' in "Abotowelor" and thought it is rather "Apotowelor"
5. That Atta Joseph Abotowelor who played in the said match in this case was duly registered in the FIFA connect system of the Respondent and therefore eligible to play for The Respondent for the 2022/2023 league season.
6. That evidence tendered by The Petitioner in support of their case is not enough.
7. That the match ended 4-1 in favour of the Respondent.

DECISION

It is the decision of The Committee that the Petitioners' case is hereby dismissed and the results of the match shall stand with no cost effect to either party.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ernest Yao Gaewu', written in a cursive style.

Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice)

Disciplinary Committee Chairman