



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

**VRFA/DC/002/23**

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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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**YADZO OTI WARRIORS FOOTBALL CLUB VRS SONS OF THUNDER FC**

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

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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 Yadzo Oti Warriors Football Club (hereinafter referred to as “**The Petitioner**”) with supporting attachments, and match reports from match officials.

**SUMMARY OF FACTS**

**STATEMENT OF CASE OF YADZO WARRIORS FC**

The Petitioner lodged a protest against **Sons of Thunder FC** (hereinafter referred to “**The Respondents**”) for fielding unqualified players in the Volta Regional Division Two League match Day One played on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Yadzo Park, contrary to Article 28(1)(a) 33(1)(e), 33(2) 33(5)(a)(b), of the GFA Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulations.

The Petitioner claim that, The Respondents fielded unqualified players Kamal Awal (11) , Mohammed Agafar (9) Elvis P. Okwampah (22), Munira Adams (8), Awal Sam and Abubakar Sadiq whose registrations were not approved in the FIFA Connect system as at the time of the match in this case.

The Petitioner further claim that the assistant coach Mustapha A Raham and Seidu Adamu (Technical T) whose names appeared on the team sheet of the Respondent are not licensed and therefore do not qualify to function in the capacity they held during the match in this case.

In support of their case, The Petitioners state Articles 33(1)(e), 33(2), 33(5)(a)(b) and seek relief that the match be declared null and void and that 3 points and 3 goals be awarded to The Petitioners

The Petitioners attached photocopy of the team sheet and a picture of alleged coach as evidence in support of their case.

#### **DEFENSE OF SONS OF THUNDER FC**

The Respondent, in response to the case claims that apart from Awali Sam, all other players in this case were duly registered before the said match in this case, and pleaded with The Committee to temper justice with mercy.

The Respondent further claims that Awali Sam did not play in the said match in this case.

The Respondent attached player licenses of Abubakar Sadik Mumuni and Kamal Awal in evidence of their support.

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

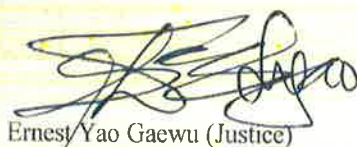
The Committee at its sittings makes the following findings

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 Regional Football Associations (RFAs) League Regulations
3. That the registration of the said player Elvis Prempeh Okwampah was approved on the 20/02/2023 therefore not eligible to play in the match in this case.

4. That Awali Sam's new registration for the Respondent was rejected and therefore not qualified to play in the said match in this case.
5. That Abubakar Sadik Mumuni's Renewal was approved on 04/02/2023 therefore eligible to play in the said match.
6. That The Respondent is liable to the consequential effect of Article 28(1)(a) and 33 of GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations
7. That the said match ended 1-0 in favour of the Respondent

## **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 players Awali Sam and Elvis Prempeh Okwampah 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