



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

VRFA/DC/020/23

PANEL

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

22nd May, 2023

ABUTIA PRESTIGE FC VRS LOKOE DIAMOND STARS FC

**PROTEST IN RESPECT OF 2022/2023 VOLTA REGIONAL DIVISION TWO
LEAGUE MATCH PLAYED AT HO SPORTS STADIUM**

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 **Abutia Prestige FC** (hereinafter referred to as “**The Petitioner**”), with supporting attachments, and match reports from match officials.

SUMMARY OF FACTS

STATEMENT OF CASE OF ABUTIA PRESTIGE FC

The Petitioner lodged a protest against Lokoe Diamond Stars FC (hereinafter referred to as “**The Respondent**”) for fielding unqualified player during the Volta Regional Division Two League match played on 22nd April, 2023 at Ho Sports Stadium, contrary to article 33(1)(e), 28(1)(a) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.

The Petitioners claim that, The Respondent fielded an unqualified player in the person of Hallo Isaac (11).

The Petitioner further claims that the Respondent failed to produce the Player's license during inspection which reveals that his registration was not completed and approved.

The Petitioners seek relief that the match be declared null and void and that 3 points 3 goals be awarded to The Petitioners.

The Petitioners attached the photograph of the said player, team sheet of the Respondent and the said player's registration records in the FIFA Connect System as evidence in support of the case.

DEFENSE OF LOKOE FC

The Respondent did not file statement of defense

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 Hallo Isaac was transferred from Vora Sporting Club in the 2021/2022 season.
4. That from the Committee's the said player Hallo Isaac's last registration for 2021/2022 league season was queried and resolve on 9th February 2023 but the Respondent did not renew Hallo Isaac's registration for the 2022/2023 league Season. Therefore, the said player is not eligible to play for the 2022/2023 league season.
5. That the said match ended 5 – 0 in favour of the Respondent

DECISION

It is the decision of The Committee that;

1. The Petitioners' case is hereby upheld and that 3 points and 3 goals shall be awarded to the Petitioner, in accordance with Article 33(2) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.

2. The Respondent shall suffer 3 points deduction from accumulated points in accordance with Article 33(5)(a) the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations
3. The Respondent is hereby fine GHC 500.00 of which 50% shall be paid to the Petitioner in accordance with Article 33(5)(b) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.
4. The Respondent shall pay the fine in decision Three (3) above within ten (10) days in accordance with Article 37(8) the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.
5. The Respondent 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 Three (3) above within the period specified in decision Four (4) above.



Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice)
Disciplinary Committee Chairman