



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

VRFA/DC/028/23

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

28th May, 2023

AGBOGBA FOOTBALL CLUB VRS REAL SOGA/ NAZARETH FC

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

PROCEEDINGS

In accordance with Article 56 of the G.F.A Statutes (2019) and 35(9) of the Regional Football Association (RFAS) Leagues Regulations, this Disciplinary Committee (herein after referred to as **“The Committee”**) considered the deposition from AGBOGBA Football Club (hereinafter referred to as **“The Petitioner”**) and Real Soga/Nazareth FC (herein after referred to as **“The Respondent”**) with supporting attachments from both parties and match reports from match officials.

SUMMARY OF FACTS

STATEMENT OF CASE OF AGBOGBA FC

The Petitioner lodged a protest against Real SOGA /Nazareth FC for fielding unqualified players in a league during the Volta Regional Division Two League match played on 22nd April, 2023 at **Somey School Park** contrary to article 29(1)a,b,c and d, 28(1)d, (2)a of the GFA Regional Football Association (RFAs) League Regulations. The Petitioner claim the Respondent fielded unqualified player; Fred Junior Cudjoe (19) The Petitioner further claim that the said player Fred Junior Cudjoe registered with different clubs as well as the Respondent in the FIFA Connect System. In support of their case, The

Petitioners state Articles 28(2)(a)(1)(a)(b)(c)(d) and 33(i)(e) seek relief that the match be declared null and void and that 3 points and 3 goals be awarded to The Petitioners.

The Petitioner attached printed copies of the FIFA Connect System with the player Mensah Fredrick with ID 14RQH17 and bearing different name in Real Soga FC System as Fred Junior Cudjoe ID 1LDHH5 in support of their case.

DEFENSE OF REAL SOGA /NAZARETH FC

The Respondent in response stated the following in defense to the case.

1. That said player Fred Junior Cudjoe did not inform the Respondent that he had registered for another club.
2. That the Disciplinary Committee should investigate and dismiss the protest.
3. That the Disciplinary Committee punished the said player as the regulations requires for double registration.
4. That the Said player deceived the Respondent.

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 Mensah Fredrick with ID 14RQHL7 in the FIFA Connect system of Patron Sporting Club is the same person in the FIFA Connect system of the Respondent as Fred Junior Cudjoe.
4. That the registration of the player was queried and attention of the Respondent was drawn to the earlier registration made by Patron Sporting Club. For the avoidance of doubt, The Respondent cannot claim innocent of Fred Junior Cudjoe's earlier registration as Mensah Fredrick by Patron Sporting Club.
5. That the said player Fred Junior Cudjoe is guilty of double registration.
6. That the said match ended 0-0

DECISION

It is the decision of The Committee that;

1. 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(2) of the GFA (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.
2. The Respondent shall lose 3 points from its accumulated points from previous matches in accordance with Article 33(5)(a) of the GFA (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.
3. The Respondent shall suffer 3 points deduction from accumulated points in all the matches the said Player Derrick Sokpata' in this case featured in
4. The Respondent is hereby fine GH C 300.00 of which 50% shall be paid to the Petitioner in accordance to Article 33(5)(b) of the GFA (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.
5. The Respondent shall pay the fine in decision Four (4) above within ten (10) days in accordance with Article 37(8) of the GFA (RFAs) Leagues Regulations
6. 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.
7. That said player Mensah Fredrick or Fred Junior Cudjoe shall be suspended from participating in matches and competition organized by the GFA for one year in accordance with article 28.(2)(c) of the GFA (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.



Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice)
Disciplinary Committee Chairman