



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

VRFA/DC/019/23

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

10th May, 2023

AGBOZUME UNITED FC VRS KORPEYIA FC

**PROTEST IN RESPECT OF 2022/2023 VOLTA REGIONAL DIVISION TWO
LEAGUE MATCH PLAYED AT SOSEC 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 Agbozume United Football Club (hereinafter referred to as “**The Petitioner**”), Korpeyia FC (hereinafter referred to as “**The Respondents**”) with supporting attachments, and match reports from match officials.

SUMMARY OF FACTS

STATEMENT OF CASE OF AGBOZUME UNITED FC

The Petitioner lodged a protest against Kopeyia FC for fielding unqualified player during the Volta Regional Division Two League match played on 19th March 2023 at **SOSEC**

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

The Petitioners claim that, The Respondents fielded an unqualified player Zigan Disire of jersey number (16).

In support of their case, The Petitioners state Articles 28(1)(a), 33(2), 33(5)(a)(b)(c) 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 the photograph of the said player of the match in this case and the team sheet of the Respondent as evidence in support of the case.

DEFENSE OF KORPEYIA FC

The Respondent in response to the case stated the following;

1. That the Respondent made an error in spelling the first name of the said player as “**Desire**” was mistakenly written as “**Disire**”
2. The Respondent pleaded with the Disciplinary Committee to cross-check with a print out of the registration license of the said player in FIFA Connect System.
3. The Respondent further referred the Disciplinary Committee to a team sheet of the Respondent in earlier matches in which the said player Desire Zigan featured in for the Respondent.
4. The Respondent attached a copy of the team sheet of the match between Kopeyia and Narezeth FC and a print out of the player indicating his registration details in the FIFA Connect System.

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 GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.

3. That the player in the FIFA Connect System of Respondent is Desire Zigan and was duly registered before the match and therefore eligible to play for the Respondent in the said match in this case.
4. That from the Committee's check from FIFA Connect System shows that Desire Zigan was registered and approved on the 03/03/2023 for the Respondent for the 2022/2023 Leagues Season and therefore eligible to play in the said match.
5. That the Committee's check from the evidences provided by the Respondent and records from RFA's secretariat in relation to the Respondent's previous matches proved that The Respondent has always written the said Player's name as "**Desire Zigan**" and not "**Disire Zigan**".
6. That the Committee's further checks confirmed that the Petitioner registered **Micheal Kwashie Miafo** as an official of the Petitioner in the FIFA Connect System but wrongly spelt the name of the said official as Miafo **Michel** Kwashie in the match between **Agbogba FC** and the Petitioner played on 25th March, 2023.
7. That the Committee confirmed that the said Player wore the same jersey number (16) in all matches played throughout the 2022/2023 league season so far.
8. That The Committee realised that the Respondent wrongly spelt the first name of the Player and considers the situation as clerical error on the team sheet of the Respondent for the said match in this case, spelling the first name of the Player as "**Disire**" instead of "**Desire**".
9. That the said match ended 1-0 in favour of the respondent

DECISION

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



Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice)
Disciplinary Committee Chairman