

IN THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE VOLTA REGIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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HO SELION FOOTBALL CLUB VRS KPETOE 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 Ho Selion Football Club (hereinafter referred to as "**The Petitioner**"), Kpetoe Diamond Stars FC (hereinafter referred to as "The Respondents") with supporting attachments, and match reports from match officials.

SUMMARY OF FACTS

STATEMENT OF CASE OF HO SELION FC

The Petitioner lodged a protest against The respondent for fielding unqualified player during the Volta Regional Division Two League match played on 10th March 2023 at Ho Sports Stadium, 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 Mordzro Perry and the player was not duly and officially registered in FIFA Connect system.

In support of their case, The Petitioners state Articles 28(1)(a) 33(5)(a)(b)(c), and 37(8)(a) (c) and seek relief that the match be declared null and void with 3 points 3goals be awarded to The Petitioners

The Petitioners attached the team sheet of the Respondent concerned documents from as evidence in support of the case..

DEFENSE OF LOKOE DIAMOND STARS FC

The Respondent in response to the case stated the following

- 1. That the Petitioner did not filed the protest within the stipulated time.
- 2. That the official name of the club is Lokoe Diamond FC as in the FIFA Connect System not Kpetoe Diamond FC as stated by the Petitioner.

In view of the points (1) and (2) above, The Respondent pleads with the Disciplinary Committee to humbly dismiss the case.

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 there is no club known in the FIFA Connect system as Kpetoe Diamond FC but Lokoe Diamond FC, however, documents available to The Committee shows that The Respondents writes Kpetoe Diamond FC on their team sheet during matches involving the club.
- 4.That the Respondent are referred to as Kpetoe Diamond FC in the records of the 2022/2023 Adonai Estate Volta Division Two league season but did not notify the RFA of correction to the name of the Respondent
- 5. The Committee finds the response given by the Respondent mischievous.

- 6. That the said in this case Perry Mordzro had been registered in the system of Nugata FC already and approved on the 03/04/2023.
- 7. That the said player has been released to Lokoe Diamond FC and this transfer is pending on the dashboard of the Respondent for the 2022/2023 football season.
- 8. That the first attempt to change the name and date of birth by the Respondent for the said player in this case was in the 2021/2022 football season and it was queried, and same registration is also pending on the dashboard of the Respondent which makes the Said player in this case Mordzro Perry not eligible to player in the said match.
- 4. That the said match ended 2-1 in favour of the Respondent.

DECISION

- 1. It is the decision of The committee that the Petitioners' case is hereby upheld 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. The Respondent shall suffer 3 points deduction from accumulated points in all the matches the said player Mordzro Perry in this case featured in.
- 3. The Respondent is hereby fined GHC 300.00 of which 50% shall be paid to the Petitioner in accordance to Article 33(5)(b) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.
- 4. The Respondent hereby fined GHC 300.00 for each of the matches the said player in this case Perry Modzro featured in for the Respondent.
- 5. The Respondent shall pay the fine in decision Three (3) and Four (4) above within ten (10) days in accordance with Article 37(8) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (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 decisions Three (3) and Four (4) above.

Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice)

Disciplinary Committee Chairman