

IN THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE VOLTA REGIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

VRFA/DC/027/23

PANEL

1. Ernest Yao Gaewu, (Justice) Chairman

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10th May, 2023

INTER ALLIES FOOTBALLCLUB VRS AVEYIME SOCCER WONDERS FC

PROTEST IN RESPECT OF 2022/2023 VOLTA REGIONAL DIVISION TWO LEAGUE MATCH PLAYED AT BATTOR R.C PARK.

Member

Secretary

PROCEEDINGS

In accordance with Article 56 of the GFA Statutes (2019) and 35(9) of the Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations, this Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter referred to as "**The Committee**") considered the deposition from Inter Allies Football Club (hereinafter referred to as "**The Petitioner**"), Aveyime Soccer Wonders FC (hereinafter referred to as "**The Respondents**"), with supporting attachments, and match reports from match officials.

SUMMARY OF FACTS

STATEMENT OF CASE OF INTER ALLIES FC

The Petitioner lodged a protest against **Aveyime Soccer Wonders FC** for failing to pay fine imposed on the club before the Volta Regional Division Two League match played on 4^{th} March, 2023 at Battor RC Park, contrary to article 33(1)(a), 33(2), 28(2)(a) and 37(8)(c) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.

The Petitioners claim that, The Respondents failed to pay its costs, fines, and other debts imposed on the club by the RFA Disciplinary Committee within (14) days to the RFA.

In support of their case, The Petitioner states Article 37(8)(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 Petitioner further attached verdict of the Volta Regional Football Association Disciplinary Committee of Case ID No. VRFA/DC/022/22 dated 13th April 2022

DEFENSE OF AVEYIME SOCCER WONDERS FC

The Respondent in response stated the Petitioner has no sufficient evidence for this protest and shall not be allowed by RFA Disciplinary Committee to succeed.

The Respondent further stated that the Respondent paid the fine owed the RFA before the said match in this case.

The Respondent attached a copy of statement of account from MTN showing payment made into the RFA account.

The respondent pleads with The Committee to 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 The Committee's check from Volta Regional FA's 2021/2022 League Season records confirmed that the Respondent, as at the time of the match in this case paid the fine owed the RFA as imposed on the clubs as a result of Disciplinary Decision served on the club for using unqualified players and consequently liable to the combine effect of Article 37(1)(b) and 37(8)(c) of the GFA Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulations.

4. That The Respondent paid the said fines in this case on 29th May, 2022 and on 9th June, 2022.

DECISION

1. It is the decision of The Committee that the Petitioners' case is hereby dismissed and the results of the match shall stand.

2. That Petitioner is hereby fined GHC500.00 for misleading the Committee in legal relations.

3. The Petitioner shall pay the fine in decision Two (2) above within ten (10) days upon receipt of this ruling, in accordance with Article 37(8) of the GFA Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulations

4. The Petitioner 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 Two (2) above within the specified period in decision Three (3) above.

Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice) Disciplinary Committee Chairman