

# IN THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE VOLTA REGIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

# VRFA/DC/018/23

#### **PANEL**

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#### KPANDO TOKOR DIAMOND STARS FC VS KPANDO SUPER RANGERS FC

# PROTEST IN RESPECT OF 2022/2023 VOLTA REGIONAL DIVISION TWO LEAGUE MATCH PLAYED AT KPANDO SPORTS STADIUM.

### **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 Kpando Tokor Diamond Stars Football Club (hereinafter referred to as "**The Petitioner**"), with supporting attachments, and match reports from match officials.

# SUMMARY OF FACTS

# STATEMENT OF CASE OF KPANDO TOKOR DIAMOND STARS FC

The Petitioner lodged a protest against Super Rangers Fc (hereinafter referred to as "**The Respondent**") for fielding unqualified players during the Volta Regional Division Two League match between The Petitioner and The Respondent played on 23rd April, 2023 at Kpando Sports Stadium, contrary to article 28(2)(a) of the GFA Regional Football Association (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.

The Petitioners claim that, The Respondents fielded an unqualified player Dzufle Godsway (8) and Alorgbe Newton.

The Petitioner further claims that the said players Dzufle Godsway (8) and Alorgbe Newton have their official names in the system but with different pictures which is not

their identity.

The Petitioner alleged that the said players were impersonated in the said match.

That the membership is ID GHA 147828M was used for Dzufle Godsway (8) and ID GHA 148761M was used for Alorgbe Newton.

In support of their case, The Petitioners state Articles 28(2)(a)33(5)(1)(a) and seek relief that the match be declared null and void 3 points 3 goals be awarded to The Petitioners

The Petitioners attached photograph of the said players, print out from the FIFA Connect System and the team sheet of the Respondent as evidence in support of the case.

### DEFENSE OF SUPER RANGERS FC

The Respondent did not file any 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 GFA 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 the FIFA Connect system and the evidence provided by the Petitioner shows that the said players Dzufle Godsway and Alorgbe Newton though duly registered for the Respondent but were impersonated during the said match and therefore not eligible to play in the match in this case.

#### **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 point from the match the said players in this case featured in.
- 3. The Respondent is hereby fined GHC 300.00 of which 50% of which shall be paid to

the Petitioner in accordance to Article 33(5)(b) of the GFA (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) of the GFA (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 Four (4) above.

Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice)

Disciplinary Committee Chairman