



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

**VRFA/DC/027/23**

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**PANEL**

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

**22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**

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**KPANDO TOKOR DIAMOND STARS FC VS AKPINI FC**

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

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**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 **Kpando Tokor 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 the Respondent for fielding unqualified player during the Volta Regional Division Two League match between The Petitioner and The Respondent played on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2023 at Kpando Sports Stadium, contrary to article 33(1)(a), 33(2)(a), 28(2)(a) of the GFA Regional Football Association (RFAs) League Regulations.

The Petitioners claim that, The Respondents fielded an unqualified player Abdul Karim Zito who was not duly and officially registered in FIFA Connect system.

The Petitioner further claims that the player Abdul Karim Zito is currently in the system of Kpando Eleven Wonders FC not the Respondent.

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

The Petitioners attached the photograph of the said player and the team sheet of the Respondent as evidence in support of the case.

#### DEFENSE OF AKPINI 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 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.

3. That Akpini Stars FC was not the original registrant of the player. For the avoidance of doubt the player was transferred from Kpando Eleven Wonders Club to Akpini Stars FC.

4. That The Committee's from the FIFA Connect Player Registration System shows that Abdul Karim Zito was transferred from Kpando Eleven Wonders FC to Akpini FC during the second window and was approved by the GFA on 07/02/2023 and card printed on 13/03/2023 making the said player eligible to feature for the Respondent in the said match in this case and any other match in the 2022/2023 league season.


#### DECISION

1. 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.

2. That Petitioner is hereby fined GHC300.00 for misleading the Committee in legal relations.

3. The Petitioner shall pay the fine in decision Two (2) above within ten (10) days in accordance with Article 37(8) of the GFA (RFAs) 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 Three (3) above.



Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice)  
Disciplinary Committee Chairman