

# IN THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE VOLTA REGIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

#### VRFA/DC/026/23

#### PANEL

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28<sup>th</sup> May, 2023

# LOKOE DIAMOND FOOTBALL CLUB VRS SELION FC

Member

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# 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 G.F.A 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 Lokoe Diamond Football Club (hereinafter referred to as "**The Petitioner**") Selion FC (hereinafter referred to as "**The Petitioner**") with supporting attachments from match reports from match officials.

#### SUMMARY OF FACTS

#### STATEMENT OF CASE OF LOKOE DIAMOND FC

The Petitioner lodged a protest against Selion FC for fielding unqualified players in a league during the Volta Regional Division Two League match played on 6th May, 2023 at the Ho Sports Stadium contrary to article 28(1)(d),28(2)(a) of the GFA Regional Football Association (RFAs) League Regulations.

The Petitioner claim the Respondent fielded unqualified player; Linux Kwadwo Kumafor (10)

The Petitioner further claims that the said player Linux Kwadwo Kumafor has registered multiple times in the FIFA Connect System.

In support of their case, The Petitioners state Article 28(d) and seek relief that the match be declared null and void and that 3 points and 3goals be awarded to The Petitioners.

The Petitioner attached printed copies from the FIFA Connect System on the player Linux Kwadwo Kumafor in support of their case.

## **DEFENSE OF SELION FC**

The Respondent in response stated the following;

1. That the player Kumafor Linux Kwadzo was duly registered per the FIFA Connect System, in the name of Police FC.

2. That the said player was duly transferred from to the Respondent making him valid to play for the Respondent.

3. That the Respondent did not know that the said player registered for Soccer Masters.

4. That the Petitioner's case should be dismissed.

## 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 (RFAs) League Regulations

3. That Linus Kumafo in the FIFA Connect system of Ho Soccer Masters is the same person in the FIFA Connect system of the Respondent as Kumafor Linux Kwadzo Therefore guilty of double registration

4. That the said player Kumafo Linus was first registered by Predators FC on 25/07/2015, then transferred to the following clubs Area 51 FC on 19/06/2016, Avatime FC on 12/02/2018 and Ho Soccer Masters FC on 17/02/2020

5.That the said player Kumafo Linus was re-registered by Police Fc as Kumafor Linux Kwadzo on 28/07/2021 and transferred to Selion FC on 04/02/2023

6. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.

#### DECISION

It is the decision of The Committee that;

1. The case of the Petitioner is hereby dismissed and the results of the match shall stand.

2. That said player Kumafo Linus or Kumafor Linux Kwadzo is hereby suspended from participating in matches and competition organised by the GFA for one year in accordance with article 28(2)(c) of the GFA (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.

Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice) Disciplinary Committee Chairman