

IN THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE VOLTA REGIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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NUGATA FOOTBALL CLUB VRS SPORTING ROVERS FC

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

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 NUG ATA FOOTBALL Club (hereinafter referred to as "**The Petitioner**"), SPORTING ROVERS FC (hereinafter referred to as "**The Respondents**"), with supporting attachments, and match reports from match officials.

SUMMARY OF FACTS

STATEMENT OF CASE OF NUGATA FC

The Petitioner lodged a protest against Sporting Rovers FC for fielding unqualified player during the Volta Regional Division Two League match played on 5th March 2023 at

Akatsico Park, 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 by name Vormawor Joshua (44)

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

The Petitioners attached the photograph of the said player and the team sheet of the Respondent and documents from FIFA Connect System as evidence in support of the case..

DEFENSE OF SPORTING ROVERS FC

The Respondent in response stated the following;

- 1. That the player was duly registered and that the name of the player was mistakenly spelt on the match day as Joshua Vormawor instead of Joshua Vormavor as in the FIFA Connect System.
- 2. The Respondent attached the screen-shot of the registration details of the said player as it is in the FIFA Connect System and the photograph taken on the said match day.

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 player in the FIFA Connect System of the Respondent Joshua Vormavor was duly registered before the said match and therefore eligible to play in the said match in this case.
- 4. That The Committee's check on the team sheet of the Respondent in previous matches and evidence provided by the Respondent shows that it was a clerical error on the parts of the Respondent.

- 5. That the Committee's check from FIFA Connect System of the Respondent shows that Joshua Vormavor was registered and approved on the 07/02/2023 for the 2022/2023 Leagues Season and therefore eligible to play in the said match.
- 6. That the Committee's check from the RFA's secretariat in relation to the Respondent's previous matches confirmed that the said the Respondent spelt the Player's surname as Vormavor and not Vormawor and same confirms that it was a clerical error by the Respondent.
- 7. That the said match ended 1-0 in favour of the respondent.

DECISION

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 with no cost effect on either party.

Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice)

Disciplinary Committee Chairman