



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

VRFA/DC/032/23

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| 1. Ernest Yao Gaewu, (Justice) | Chairman |
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| 3. Felix Seloame | Member |
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28th May, 2023

NAZARETH/REAL SOGA FOOTBALL CLUB VRS KETU WHITE STARS FC

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

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 **Nazareth/Real Soga Football Club** (hereinafter referred to as “**The Petitioner**”), with supporting attachments from both parties, and match reports from match officials.

SUMMARY OF FACTS

STATEMENT OF CASE OF NAZARETH/REAL SOGA FOOTBALL CLUB

The Petitioner lodged a protest against **Ketu White Stars Fc** for failing to produce players licenses for inspection and fielding unqualified players during the Volta Regional Division Two League match played on 5th March, 2023 at SOSEC Park contrary to article 16(5)(b), (9) 34(1)(e), 34(2), 35(5)(a)(b), 29(1)(a) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) League Regulations.

The Petitioner claims that The Respondent fielded unqualified players; James Dagadzi (1) and Talent Atsuvia

In support of their case, The Petitioners state Article 28 of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) League Regulations and 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 photographs of the said players of the Respondent in this case as evidence in support of their case.

DEFENSE OF KETU WHITE STARS FC

The Respondent in response to the case stated the following

1. That the said Match was played with duly registered players of the Respondent
2. That James Dagadzi had his card before the match and Talent Atsuvia was released by Heritage FC to Ketu White Stars FC and was part of the list of players of the Respondent.

The Petitioner attached the released letter, card and screenshot of Talent Atsuvia from the FIFA Connect System as evidence in defense of their case.

FINDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE AND GROUNDS OF DECISION

The Committee at its sittings makes the following findings

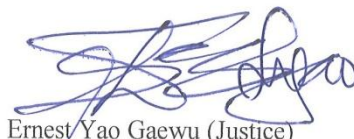
1. That protest was lodged in accordance with Article 35(1)(3) of the Regional Football Associations (RFAs) League Regulations
2. That the protest was duly served on The Respondent in accordance with Article 35(4) of The Regional Football Associations (RFAs) League Regulations
3. That Atsuvia Talent in the FIFA Connect system of Heritage FC is the same person in the FIFA Connect system of the Respondent.
4. That Atsuvia Talent was first registered by the Respondent with 01/10/2005 as his date of birth and transferred to Heritage FC. Heritage FC re-registered the said player with a new date of birth 31/12/2005. The player was released to the Respondent by Heritage FC on the 25th January, 2023. The said player is guilty of double registration.

5. That James Dagadzi was first registered by Aflao Royals FC with 14/07/1994 as his Date of Birth and the Respondent re-registered the player anew with 30/01/2002 as his new Date of Birth using the same name.
6. That both Atsuvia Talent and James Dagadzi are guilty of double registration.
7. That the Respondent aided the double registration of the said players Atsuvia Talent and James Dagadzi.

DECISION

It is the decision of The Committee that;

2. The Petitioners' case is hereby upheld and that 3 points and 3 goals shall be awarded to the Petitioner, in accordance with Article 33(3) of the GFA (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.
3. The Respondent shall suffer 3 points deduction from the Club's accumulated points.
3. That said player Atsuvia Talent and James Dagadzi shall be suspended from participating in matches and competition organized by the GFA for one year in accordance with article 28(2)(c) Of of the GFA (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.
4. The Respondent is hereby fine GHC 300.00 of which 50% shall be paid to the Petitioner in accordance to Article 33(5) (b) of the GFA (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.
5. 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
6. 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