

# IN THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE VOLTA REGIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

# VRFA/DC/033/23

# **PANEL**

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# ROBERTO FC VS BAKPA FC

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

#### **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 Roberto FC (hereinafter referred to as "**The Petitioner**") with supporting attachments, and match reports from match officials.

#### **SUMMARY OF FACTS**

#### STATEMENT OF CASE OF ROBERTO FC

The Petitioner lodged a protest against Bakpa FC (hereinafter referred to as "The Respondent") for fielding unqualified player during the Volta Regional Division Two League match between The Petitioner and The Respondent played on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2023 at WAFA Sports Stadium, contrary to article 33(1)(e), 33(2), 33(5) 28(2)(a) of the GFA Regional Football Association (RFAs) League Regulations.

The Petitioners claim that, The Respondents fielded an unqualified player Adam Hlordzi (41)

The Petitioner father stated the following;

- 1. That there was impersonation where the said player (41) presented himself as "Adam Hlordzi meanwhile his image does not correspond totally with the card he presented.
- 2. That the attitude of the Respondent of unfortunate and forgery which a criminal offence.
- 3. That the said player (41) was not Adam Hlordzi.
- 4. That the Respondent impersonated the said duly registered players during the said player.

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 and that 3 points 3goals be awarded to The Petitioner.

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 BAKPA 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 from the Committee's check from the FIFA Connect system and the evidence provided by the Petitioner shows that the said player (41) Adams Hlordzi though duly registered for the Respondent but was impersonated during the said match therefore not eligible to play in the match.

#### **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 Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.
- 2. The Respondent shall suffer 3 points deduction from the Club's accumulated points the player played.
- 3.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 Regional Football Associations (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 Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.
- 5. The Respondent shall be liable to the consequential effect of Article 37 (1)(b) and 37 (8)(c) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations if the club fails to pay the fine imposed on the club in Three (3) above within the period specified in decision Four (4) above.

Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice)

Disciplinary Committee Chairman