



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

VRFA/DC/026/23

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

22nd May 2023

HO SELION FOOTBALL CLUB VRS AKOEFE UNITED FC

**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 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 Ho Selion Football Club (hereinafter referred to as “**The Petitioner**”) Akoefe United FC (hereinafter referred to as “**The Respondents**”) with supporting attachments, and match reports from match officials.

SUMMARY OF FACTS

STATEMENT OF CASE OF HO SELION FC

The Petitioner lodged a protest against The Respondent for fielding unqualified players during the Volta Regional Division Two League match between The Petitioner and The Respondent played on 21st March 2022 at Ho Sports Stadium, contrary to article 33(1)(a), 33(2)(a), 28(2)(a) of the GFA Regional Football Association (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.

The Petitioners claim that, The Respondents fielded unqualified players Raphael Addo (2) Winner Leonard Gedzie (9) and Seth Gyimah and that the said players were not duly and officially registered in FIFA Connect system.

In support of their case, The Petitioners state Articles 28(1)(a), 33(5)(a)(b)(c), 37(8)(a)(c) 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 the team sheet of the Respondent as evidence in support of the case.

DEFENSE OF AKOEFU UNITED FC

The Respondent in response to the case stated the following;

1. That all the said players in this case were duly registered by the Respondent.
2. That Seth Asante's card was issued by GFA and his Ghana card bears Gyimah Seth Asante therefore the same person. So the Respondent is yet to correct the mistake.
3. That Winner Leonard Gedzie was eligible to play per the Respondent's check from the FIFA Connect System

The Respondent further attached the cards of the said players, Ghana card, Affidavit bearing the name of Gyimah Seth Asante and a print out of the approval of Winner Leonard Gedzie in 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 GFA 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 Leagues Regulations.
3. That the Committee's check from the FIFA Connect system shows that Sethi Asante is the same person on the Ghana card as Gyimah Seth Asante. The said player Sethi Asante was approved on 24/02/2023, therefore eligible to play.

5. That the Committee's check from the FIFA Connect system shows Raphael Addo was duly registered by the Respondent. The said player Raphael Addo's registration was approved on 28/02/202, therefore eligible to play the said match in this case..

6. That the said player Winner Leonard Gedzie was not registered by the Respondent as at the time of the match and therefore not eligible to play in the said match. The said player's registration was pending approval in the FIFA Connect System as at the time of the match in this case.

7. That the said match ended 0-0

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 GFA (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.

2. The Respondent shall suffer 3 points deduction from accumulated points in all the matches the said player Winner Leonard Gbedzie in this case featured in.

3. The Respondent is hereby fined GHC 300.00 of which 50% shall be paid to the Petitioner in accordance with Article 33(5)(b) of the GFA 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 GFA 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) if the club fails to pay the fine imposed on the club in decision Three above within the specified period in decision Four (4) above.



Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice)
Disciplinary Committee Chairman