



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

VRFA/DC/034/23

PANEL

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

28th May, 2023

SPORTING ROVERS FC VS HERITAGE FC

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

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 (herein after referred to as “**The Committee**”) considered the deposition from Sporting Rovers FC (herein referred to as “**The Petitioner**”) with supporting attachments from both parties and match reports from match officials.

SUMMARY OF FACTS

STATEMENT OF CASE OF SPORTING ROVERS FC

The Petitioner lodged a protest against Heritage FC (hereinafter referred to as The Respondent) for fielding unqualified player in the league during the Volta Regional Division Two League match between the Petitioner and the Respondent played on 20th May, 2023 at Sosec Park contrary to articles 28(1)(a) and 28(2)(c), b 33(1) c of the GFA Regional Football Association (RFAs) League Regulations.

The Petitioner claim the Respondent fielded unqualified player Kamasah Desmond jersey (19).The Petitioner further stated the following;

1. That Kamasah Desmond jersey (19) was first registered with Hands Are Blessed FC in the FIFA Connect System as Ahortsu Junior.
- 2.That the Respondent engaged in double registration in respect of the said players Kamasah and Ahortsu Junior in this case.
- 3.That the Disciplinary Committee should verify from the FIFA Connect System to ascertain the facts..In support of their case, The Petitioners state Article 28(1) d 28(2)a28(2)c33(1)e and seek relief that the match be declared null and void and that 3 points and 3goals be awarded to The Petitioners.

The Petitioners attached the team sheet of the Respondent, Photographs of the player's member ID 151B638 in the FIFA Connect System as evidence in support of their case.

DEFENSE OF HERITAGE FC

The Respondent did not file 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 (RFAs) League Regulations.
3. That the original registrant of Ahortsu Junior was Hands Are Blessed FC,from the Committee's check from the FIFA Connect System and evidence provided by the Petitioner, The said player registered and played for Hands Are Blessed FC as Ahortsu Junior. For the avoidance of doubt the Respondent transferred the said player to Heritage FC and registered him as Kamasah Desmond.
4. That from the Committees check shows that Kamasah Desmond in the FIFA Connect System of the Respondent is the same person in the System of Hands Are Blessed FC as Ahortsu Junior.

7 That the said player had registered for more than one club therefore not eligible to play for the Respondent in the 2022/2023 league season.

8. That the Respondent had knowledge and aided the said player to engaged in double registration.

9. That the said match ended 2:0 in favour of the Respondent

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 Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.


2. The Respondent shall suffer 3 points deduction from accumulated points of the Club.

3. That said player Kamasah Desmond or Ahortsu Junior shall be suspended from participating in matches and competition organised by the GFA for one year in accordance with article 28.(2)(c) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) League Regulations.

4. The Respondent is hereby fine GH C 300.00 of which 50% of which 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 Regional Football Associations (RFAs) League 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