



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

VRFA/DC/007/23

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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

SOGAKOPE TRINITY STARS ACADEMY FOOTBALL CLUB VRS INTER ALLIES FC

PROTEST IN RESPECT OF 2022/2023 VOLTA REGIONAL DIVISION TWO LEAGUE MATCH PLAYED AT BATTOR RC 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 crossed deposition from Sogakope Trinity Stars Academy FC (hereinafter referred to as “**The Petitioner**”) in one part and in another case hereinafter refers to as “**The Respondent**”) and **Inter Allies FC** (hereinafter referred to as “**The Respondent**”) in one case and in another case hereinafter referred to as “**The Petitioner**”) with supporting attachments, and match reports from match officials.

SUMMARY OF FACTS

STATEMENT OF CASE OF SOGAKOPE TRINITY STARS ACADEMY FOOTBALL CLUB

The Petitioner lodged a protest against **Inter Allies FC** (hereinafter referred to “**The Respondents**”) for fielding unqualified players during the Volta Regional Division Two League match Day 2 played on 19th February 2023 at Battor R.C Park, contrary to Article 33(1)(e), 33(2), 28(2)(a) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.

The Petitioners claim that, The Respondents fielded unqualified players Issah Hadri (35) Agbenyaga Cornelius (9) and Rufai Mohammed (17)

In support of their case, The Petitioners state Articles 28(2)(a), 28(2)(c), 33(1)(e), 33(2), 33(5)(b) and 33(5)(c) 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 and pictures of players concerned as unqualified players as evidence in support of their case.

DEFENSE OF INTER ALLIES FC

The Respondent in response stated that the said players in this case are all duly registered players of the club and therefore qualify to play for the Respondent in the said match in this case.

STATEMENT OF CASE OF INTER ALLIES FC

The Petitioner lodge a protest against **Sogakope Trinity Stars Academy FC** (hereinafter referred to as “**the Respondent**”) for using unqualified coach in the person of Godson Coffie in the Volta Regional Division Two League match played on the 19th February 2022 at Battor R.C Park.

The Petitioner further stated that per the communiqué from RFA on 8th February 2023 with Ref.VRA/ADM/RSO/023/23 stating the three categories that would seat on the technical bench of a club during the league season.in support of their case.

The Petitioners state Articles 33(1)(e), 33(2), 33(5)(b) and 33(5)(c) and seek relief that the match be declared null and void and that 3 points and 3goals be awarded to The Petitioners

DEFENSE OF TRINITY STARS FC

The Respondent in response stated that per the communiqué from VRFA on the 8th February 2023 their coach Godson Coffie duly registered as coach for the club and therefore qualified to sit on the technical bench for the said match in this case.

FINDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE AND GROUNDS OF DECISION

The Committee at its sittings makes the following findings;

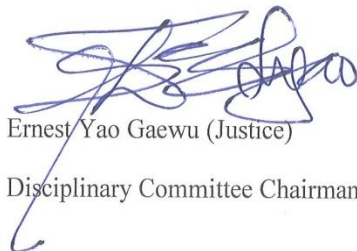
1. That both protest cases were lodged in accordance with Article 35(1)(3) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations

2. That the protest was duly served on The Respondent in accordance with Article 33(4) of Regional Football Associations (RFAs) League Regulations.
3. That said players Issah Hadri, Agbenyaga Cornelius, and Rufai Mohammed were duly registered by the Respondent for the 2022/2023 therefore eligible to play in the said match in this case.
4. That coach Godson Coffie is known to the RFA as an official of Trinity Stars FC therefore qualified to sit on the bench of Trinity Stars FC in the said match.

DECISION

It is the decision of The Committee that;

The case of the Petitioners' (Trinity Stars FC and Inter Allies FC) is hereby dismissed with no cost effect to either party and that the results of the match shall stand.



Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice)
Disciplinary Committee Chairman