



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

VRFA/DC/023/23

PANEL

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

10th May, 2023

**SOGAKOPE TRINITY STARS ACADEMY FOOTBALL CLUB VRS MANYA
RED LIONS FC**

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

PROCEEDING

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 (hereinafter referred to as “**The Committee**”) considered the deposition from **Sogakope Trinity Football Club** (hereinafter referred to as “**The Petitioner**”) and **Manya Red Lion FC** (hereinafter referred to as “**The Respondent**”) with supporting attachments from both parties 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 **Manya Red Lions FC** for fielding unqualified players during the Volta Regional Division Two League match day five between the

Petitioner and the Respondent played on 12th March, 2023 at Battor R.C Park, contrary to Article 33(1)(e), 28(2)(I) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.

The Petitioners claim that, The Respondents fielded unqualified player Mesessah N. Eric jersey number (28).

The Petitioner claims that the said player Mesessah N. Eric, Jersey number (28) was not registered in the FIFA Connect System for The Respondent as at the time of the match.

In support of the case, The Petitioners state Articles 28(1)(a) 33(1)(e) 33(2)33(5)(a)(b) 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 a copy of the team sheet of Many Red lions FC and a screenshot of all the names bearing (MESESSAH) in the FIFA CONNECT SYSTEM) as evidence in support of their case.

DEFENSE OF MANYA RED LIONS FC

The Respondent in defense to the case stated that the said player (Mesesah N. Eric) was duly registered and approved in the FIFA connect registration software.

FINDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE AND GROUNDS OF DECISION

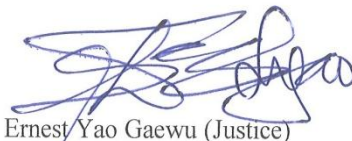
The Committee at its sittings makes the following findings

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 Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations
3. That the said player; Mesessah Nemawulorko Eric was registered by the respondent in the FIFA Connect System.
4. The said player's registration was approved on 7/02/2023 and card printed on 13/03/2023 and therefore eligible to play in the said match in this case.
5. That the said match ended 4-0 in favour of the Respondent.

DECISION

It is the decision of The Committee that;

1. The Petitioners' case is hereby dismissed and that the results of the match shall stand.
2. That Petitioner is hereby fined GHC 300.00 for misleading the Committee in legal relations.
3. The Petitioner shall pay the fine in decision Two (2) above within ten(10) days upon receipt of this ruling, in accordance with Article 37(8) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations
4. The Petitioner 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 Two (2) above within the period specified in decision Three(3) above.



Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice)
Disciplinary Committee Chairman