

IN THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE VOLTA REGIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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VORA SPORTING CLUB VRS VICTORY STARS 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 GFA Regional Football Association (RFAs) Leagues Regulations, this Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter referred to as "**The Committee**") considered the deposition from Vora Sporting Club (hereinafter referred to as "**The Petitioner**"), Victory Stars FC (hereinafter referred to as "**The Respondents**") with supporting attachments, and match reports from match officials.

SUMMARY OF FACTS

STATEMENT OF CASE OF VORA SPORTING CLUB FC

The Petitioner lodged a protest against the Respondent for fielding unqualified player during the Volta Regional Division Two League match played on 11th March 2023 at Ho Sports Stadium, contrary to article 33(1)(a), 33(2) (a), 28(2)(a) of the GFA Regional Football Association (RFAs) League Regulations.

The Petitioners claim that, The Respondents fielded an unqualified players Booker Michael (23), Amankwah Christian (8), Agbo Zola (4), Tsidi Godwin (13), Obodal Nelson (5), Angmorteh Francis(10), Bobobi Faith (17)Ayivi Dotse(16)Dogbey Martin (3) Nyameshie Christopher(7), Amemasor Joshua (14), and Alorwu Philipmore (12)

In support of their case, The Petitioners state Articles 28(1)(a)33(5)(a) (b) (c) (b) 37(8) (a) and (c) 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 photograph of the said players and the team sheet of the Respondent, print-out documents from FIFA Connect System as evidence in support of the case.

DEFENSE OF VICTORY STARS FC

The Respondent did not file response to the 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)League Regulations.
- 2. That the protest was duly served on The Respondent in accordance with Article 35(4) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations
- 3. That the said, players in this case Martin Dogbey, Nelson Obodai and Zola Agbo were not duly registered by the Respondent for the season and therefore not eligible to play in the 2022/2023 league season.
- 4. That the Committee's check from FIFA Connect System shows that Nelson Obodai's registration was pending as at the time of the match and therefore not eligible to play the said match in this case.
- 5. That Zola Agbo and Martin Dogbey's registration renewals were rejected and therefore not eligible to play the said match in this case.
- 6. That the said match ended 1-1

DECISION

It is the decision of The Committee that:

- 1. The Petitioners' case is hereby upheld the Respondent shall be considered as having lost the said match in this case and that 3 points and 3 goals shall be awarded to the Petitioner in accordance with Article 33(3) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) League Regulations.
- 2. The Respondent shall suffer 3 points deduction from accumulated points in all the matches the said players Martin Dogbey, Nelson Obodai and Zola Agbo in this case featured in.
- 3. The Respondent is hereby fined GH C 300.00 of which 50% shall be paid to the Petitioner in accordance to Article 33(5)(b) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs)League 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)League 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 (3) above within the specified period in decision Four (4) above.

Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice)

Disciplinary Committee Chairman