



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

VRFA/DC/039/23

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

8th June, 2023

**AKPINI FOOTBALL CLUB VRS BURNING STARS FC
PROTEST IN RESPECT OF 2022/ 2023 AFE LOTO VOLTA FA CUP
MATCH PLAYED AT WEGBE PARK.**

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 crossed depositions from **Akpini Stars Football Club** (hereinafter referred to as “ **The Petitioner**” and in another case hereinafter refers to as “The Respondent ”), and Burning Stars FC (hereinafter referred to as “The Respondent “ and in another case hereinafter referred to as “The Petitioner”) together with the supporting attachments from both parties and match reports from match officials.

SUMMARY OF FACTS

STATEMENT OF CASE OF AKPINI STARS FC

The Petitioner lodge a protest against Burning Stars F/C for using unqualified player in the AFE LOTO VOLTA FA CUP match played on the 28th May, 2023 at Wegbe Park.

The Petitioner claims that the Respondent fielded Gator Carl (7) who was shown a straight red card in the round 64 of the ongoing Afe Lotto FA Cup match played against NADM SC.

The Petitioner further stated that the said player in this case failed to serve the mandated three matches ban before the said match in violation of Article 28(1)(f) GFA Regional Football Associations RFA Leagues Regulation.

The Petitioners states Articles 33(1)(e) and seeks relief that the match be declared null and void and 3 points and 3goals be awarded to The Petitioners.

The Petitioners attached the team sheet of the Respondent and refer the Disciplinary Committee to the match officials' report of the Afe Lotto FA Cup round of 64 as evidence in support of their case.

STATEMENT OF DEFENSE BURNING STARS FC

The Respondent in response stated that the said player Gator Carl served two matches ban and paid a fine of GH C 50.00.

The Respondent further claims that they were not aware the rules were applying to the Afe Lotto FA CUP.

The Respondent attached a picture of evidence of payment made.

SUMMARY OF FACTS

STATEMENT OF CASE OF BURNING STARS FC

The Petitioner lodge a protest against Akpini Stars FC for fielding unqualified player in the AFE LOTO VOLTA FA CUP match played on the 28th May, 2023 at Wegbe Park. The Petitioner claims the Respondent fielded unqualified players Asare Emmanuel (10) and Fatawu Alidu (15) who failed to produce their cards during inspection. The Petitioner further stated the said players were not duly registered in the FIFA Connect System.

In support of their case, The Petitioner state Article 34(i)(e) of the GFA/RFAs Leagues Regulations and seek relief that the match be declared null and void and that 3 points and 3goals be awarded to The Petitioners.

The Petitioner attached the team sheet of the Respondent and pictures of the said players in this case in support of their case.

STATEMENT OF DEFENSE AKPINI STARS FC

The Respondent in response stated the following

1. That the Respondent did not violate article 33(1) and 28(2)(a) of the GFA/RFA Leagues Regulations in the Afe Lotto FA Cup Round of 16 as claimed by the Petitioner.
2. That the said players Emmanuel Wilson Asare Affuman and Fatawu Alidu were duly registered in the FIFA Connect System of the Respondent.

The Respondent attached the following

1. Copies their GFA registration Cards 2023
2. Copies of the printout of the registration records of Emmanuel Wilson Asare Affuman and Fatawu Alidu.
3. Copies of printout of the list of players for the Respondent from the FIFA Connect System for 2022/2023

FINDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE AND GRO UNDS OF DECISION


The Committee at its sittings makes the following findings

1. That the protest of Akpini Stars FC was lodged in accordance with Article 35(1) (3) of the Regional Football Associations (RFAs) League Regulations
2. That the protests were duly served on The Respondent in accordance with Article 33(4) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.
3. That Burning Stars FC filed the protest out of time. For the avoidance of doubt, the said match was played on the 28th May, 2023 and Burning Stars FC lodged the protest on 5th June, 2023 which falls short of the mandatory two days require for filing protest cases in accordance with Article 35(1) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations
4. That the Committee's checks from match officials reports on the Round of 64 of Afe Lotto FA Cup match between Burning Stars FC and NADM FC, Gator Carl received a red card in the said match and had not finished serving the three matches ban and therefore not eligible to play the said match in this case.
5. That the said match ended 2-1 in favour of Burning Stars FC

DECISION

It is the decision of The Committee that;

1. The case of Akpini Stars FC is hereby upheld and that 3 points and 3 goals shall be awarded to the (**Akpini Stars FC**), in accordance with Article 33(2) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.
2. The Respondent is hereby fine GH C 300.00 of which 50% shall be paid to the Petitioner in accordance to Article 33(5)(b) of the GFA (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.
3. The Petitioners' (**Burning Stars FC**) case is hereby dismissed on the basis of filing their protest out of time.
4. The **Burning Stars FC** is hereby fined GHC 300.00 for misleading the Committee in legal relations.
5. The **Burning Stars FC** shall pay the fine in decision Two (2) and Four (4) above within ten (10) days in accordance with Article 37(8) of the GFA (RFAs) Leagues Regulations
6. **Burning Stars FC** shall be liable to the consequential effect of Article 37 (1)(b) and 37(8)(c) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations if the club fails to pay the fine imposed on the club in decision Two (2) and Four above within the period specified in decision five (5) above.



Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice)
Disciplinary Committee Chairman