



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

VRFA/DC/037/23

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| 1. Ernest Yao Gaewu, (Justice) | Chairman |
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| 3. Felix Seloame | Member |
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5th June, 2023

REAL SOGA FOOTBALL CLUB/NAZARETH VRS KETU WHITE STARS FC

**PROTEST IN RESPECT OF 2022/2023 VOLTA REGIONAL DIVISION TWO
LEAGUE MATCH PLAYED AT SOSEC 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 deposition from **Nazareth/Real Soga Football Club** (hereinafter referred to as “**The Petitioner**”), with supporting attachments from both parties, and match reports from match officials.

SUMMARY OF FACTS

STATEMENT OF CASE OF NAZARETH/REAL SOGA FOOTBALL CLUB

The Petitioner lodged a protest against **Ketu White Stars Fc** for failing to produce players licenses for inspection and fielding unqualified players during the Volta Regional Division Two League match played on 29th April, 2023 at Sosec Park contrary to Article 15, 33(1)(e), 33(2), 35(5)(a)(b), 28(1)(a) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) League Regulations.

The Petitioner claims that The Respondent fielded unqualified player by name James Dagadzi (1).

In support of their case, The Petitioners state Article 28 of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) League Regulations 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 photocopy of license of the said players of the Respondent in this case as evidence in support of their case.

DEFENSE OF KETU WHITE STARS FC

The Respondent in response to the case stated that the said player was vetted and card printed by the GFA, and that the Petitioner does not have regard for the system of FIFA since the Petitioner cannot accept the cards printed by GFA as valid.

The Respondent attached photocopy of license of the said players of the Respondent in this case as evidence in support of their 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 GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) League Regulations
3. That James Dagadzi was first registered by Aflao Royals FC with 14/07/1994 as his Date of Birth and the Respondent re-registered the player anew with 30/01/2002 as his new Date of Birth using the same name.
4. That James Dagadzi is guilty of double registration.
5. That Article 26(6) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations states that “*Responsibility for the truthfulness of information on players’ registration lies on the clubs and not on the GFA*”
6. That the Respondent aided the double registration of the said player James Dagadzi.

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 the Club's accumulated points in accordance with Article 33(5)(a) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations .
3. The Respondent shall suffer 3 points deduction from the Club's accumulated points for each of the matches the said players played in this case.
3. That said player James Dagadzi shall be suspended from participating in matches and competition organized by the GFA for one year in accordance with article 28(2)(c) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.
4. The Respondent is hereby fine GHC 500.00 of which 50% shall be paid to the Petitioner in accordance with Article 33(5)(b) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) League 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 within the period specified in decision Five (5) above..



Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice)
Disciplinary Committee Chairman