



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

VRFA/DC/005/25

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| 1. Ernest Yao Gaewu, (Justice) | Chairman |
| 2. Constant Dzakpasu | Member |
| 3. Eric Ekpah | Member |
| 4. Otis Ahorse | Member |
| 5. Kingsley Broni-Agbezuge | Member/Secretary |

25th November, 2025

**DISCIPLINARY DECISION ON LOKOE/ KPETOE DIAMOND STARS FC FOR
MISCONDUCT**

SUMMARY OF FACTS LOKOE/ KPETOE DIAMOND STARS FC

Reference to the Match Officials Reports ,the Charge Sheet in respect of Volta Regional Division Two Middle League match between Lokoe/Kpetoe Diamond Stars FC and WAFA FC played at Adaklu Youth Resource Centre on 15th June, 2025.The Prosecutor of the RFA charged Lokoe/Kpetoe Diamond FC (hereinafter referred to as “The Respondent”) on the 18th June 2025 for misconduct and the case was referred to the Disciplinary Committee(hereinafter referred to as “The Committee Lokoe/Kpetoe Diamond Stars FC was charged for misconduct on the following counts;

STATEMENT OF CASE

1. Lokoe/Kpetoe Diamond FC breached Article 12 of the GFA Disciplinary Code, 2019

Lokoe/Kpetoe Diamond FC is hereby charged for a breach of Article 34(1)(a) and 34(4) of the GFA Regional Football Association Leagues Regulations 2019 in respect to violations of the rules and regulations of the Association.

2. Lokoe/Kpetoe Diamond FC supporters invaded the field of play when a goal was scored during the said match. An action which amounts to unsporting behaviour and misconduct.
3. Lokoe/Kpetoe Diamond FC supporters were seen perpetrating violence with weapons after the said match, an action which amounts to unsporting behavior and misconduct.
4. Lokoe/Kpetoe Diamond FC supporters consistently attacked the Assistant Referee Two hereby causing distraction to the game during the said match. An action which amounts to unsporting behavior and misconduct.
5. Lokoe/Kpetoe Diamond FC supporters position themselves in a way that rendered the closing ceremony impossible as scheduled after the said match. An action which amounts to unsporting behavior and misconduct.

STATEMENT OF DEFENSE

Lokoe/Kpetoe Diamond FC in defense pleaded not guilty to all the charges and waved to be heard personally further stated the following;

1. The Respondent claims that it is crucial to understand that at sporting events, especially those involving popular clubs, it is often challenging to ascertain the precise identity of every individual present in the stands. And that while they appreciate the support of their loyal fans.
2. The Respondent claims that it is entirely possible for any sympathizer regardless of their direct affiliation to align with the performance of the club and, in moments of heightened emotion could invade the pitch of play and that the individuals involved in the alleged pitch invasion were not clearly identifiable as official members or registered supporters of Lokoe/Kpetoe Diamond FC by the management of the club.
3. The Respondent claims that the venue, Volta Regional Youth Resource Centre, regrettably lacks adequate inner perimeter to effectively cordon off the playing area from the stands, and that the structural deficiency made it exceptionally difficult for club management or even general security to prevent individuals from accessing the pitch, and that the number of security personnel deployed for the match was insufficient to manage a crowd of the size and enthusiasm present at the match especially giving the lack of proper barriers rendering the sporadic movements of the crowd becomes an insurmountable task for any club management.
4. The Respondent further claims that, the management of the club strongly dissociate itself from any acts of violence or misconduct that may have occurred on the said day and that their primary concern throughout the incident was the safety and well-being of their registered club officials and players and that upon recognizing the potential for disorder, the club's management team took swift action to ensure that all their club officials and players were duly moved to the dressing room for safety and protection.

FINDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE AND GROUNDS OF DECISION

The Committee at its sittings makes the following findings;

1. That Lokoe/Kpetoe Diamond FC supporters invaded the field of play when the respondent scored a goal during the said match. An action which amounts to unsporting behaviour and misconduct in breached of Article 34(1) and 34(4) of the GFA Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulations.

1. That Lokoe /Kpetoe Diamond Stars FC breached of Article 34(1) of the GFA Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulations.

2. That Lokoe /Kpetoe Diamond Stars FC was invited on the 10th November, 2025 to appear before the Disciplinary Committee of the Regional Football Association on Wednesday 12th November 2025 to assist the Committee investigate the case.

5. That the action of the supporters of the Respondent rendered the closing ceremony impossible as scheduled after the said match. An action which amounts to unsporting behavior and misconduct.

6. That this Committee confirmed from the Organising Committee of the RFA that all the 2024/2025 middle league participants of the Volta Regional Division Two League were duly informed about the venue for the final match as the Youth Resource Center on the 29th May 2025 during the Organising Committee meeting with the participating clubs, ahead of the middle league which commenced on the 7th June 2025.

7. That The Regional Football Association had to spend other resources to travel all the way to Sogakofe to organize another match for coronation at WAFA.

8. That the Respondent, at a sitting with the Disciplinary Committee on 12th November, 2025 alluded to the violence conduct charges of their fans and remorsefully pleaded with this Committee to temper justice with mercy.

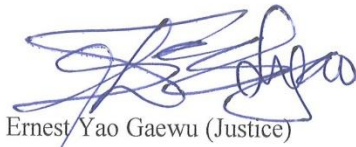
DECISION

1. In view of the fact that Lokoe Diamond FC believe that playing the said match in an inner perimeter field would have prevented the violent conduct of the fans, it is the decision of this Committee that unless otherwise decided by the Executive Council of the Volta Regional Football Association, Lokoe Diamond FC shall not be allowed to play any of their matches of which the club, Lokoe Diamond FC is responsible for security arrangements without inner perimeter of the playing field and with adequate uniform National Security Services personnel.

2. The Respondent is hereby fined GHC3,000.00 to be paid to the RFA to support payment of damages incurred by the RFA.

3. The Respondent shall pay the fine in decision Two (2) above within ten (10) days in accordance with Article 37(8) of the GFA Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulations upon receipt of this ruling.

4. The Respondent shall be liable to the consequential effect of Article 37(1)(b) and 37(8)(c) of the GFA Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulations if the club fails to pay the fine imposed on the club in decision Two (2) above within the period specified in decision Three (3) above.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ernest Yao Gaewu', is written over the printed name.

Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice)

Disciplinary Committee Chairman