



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

VRFA/DC/003/26

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

26th February, 2026

AVEDZI UNITED FC VS ABUTIA PESTIGE FC

**PROTEST IN RESPECT OF 2025/2026 VOLTA REGIONAL DIVISION TWO LEAGUE
MATCH PLAYED AT ABUTIA KPOTA PARK**

PROCEEDINGS

In accordance with Article 56 of the GFA 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 **Avedzi United FC** (hereinafter referred to as “**The Petitioner**”) and Abutia Prestige FC (hereinafter referred to as “**The Respondent**”) with supporting attachments, and match reports from match officials.

SUMMARY OF FACTS

STATEMENT OF CASE OF AVEDZI UNITED FC

The Petitioner lodged a protest against Abutia Prestige FC for fielding unqualified player during the Volta Regional Division Two League match Day 3 played on 30th November, 2025 at Abutia Kpota Park, contrary to Article 28(1)(a) and 33(1)(e), of the GFA Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulations.

The Petitioner claims that the Respondent impersonated unregistered player in place of registered player Wisdom Dzoror (jersey number 8) who was not available during the said match.

In support of their case, The Petitioners state Articles 28(1)(a) 28(2)(a), and 33(1)(e) of the GFA Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulations and seek relief that the match be declared null and void and that 3 points 3goals be awarded to The Petitioners.

The Petitioners attached a photographs and a printout from the FIFA Connect System of the registration details of Wisdom Dzoror, and the team sheet of the Respondent as evidence in support of the case.

DEFENSE OF ABUTIA PRESTIGE FC

The Respondent in their statement of defense to case stated the following that:

1. The Respondent has not violated article 21(1) of the GFA Regional Football Associations League Regulations as claimed by the Petitioner.
2. There is no correlation between the case and alleged breached articles.
3. The said player Wisdom Dzoror was present and played for Respondent during the said match

The Respondent further claimed that they have no knowledge of the picture presented by the Respondent as evidence since they played multiple pre-seasons matches with that Jersey. Concluding their defence the Respondent alleged that the Petitioner breached article 37(8)(a) of the GFA Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulations

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 Leagues Regulations
2. That the protest was duly served on the Respondent in accordance with Article 35(4) of The Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulations.
3. This Committee confirmed from the IT Officer of the RFA that Wisdom Dzoror is a registered player of the Respondent whose registration in the FIFA Connect System is valid until the end of the 2025/2026 league season and therefore eligible to play in the said match.
4. That the photograph tendered in evidence by the Petitioner does not show that the said picture was taken at the said match venue. For the avoidance of doubt, the picture does not include any of the match officials for the said match, nor the captain of the opponent team. This Committee is therefore unable to admit the said photograph as evidence in support of the case.


5. That the case of the Petitioner falls short of the provisions in Article 33(12) of the GFA Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulations.

6. That the printout from the FIFA Connect System tendered in evidence by the Petitioner confirms that Wisdom Dzowor is a registered player of the Respondent and therefore eligible to play for the Respondent in the said match in this case.

DECISION

It is the decision of The Committee that;

1. The Petitioners' case is hereby dismissed and that the result of the match shall stand.
2. The Petitioner is hereby fined GHC 500.00 for misleading this Committee in legal relations.
3. The Petitioner 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.
4. The Petitioner 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.



Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice)
Disciplinary Committee Chairman