



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

VRFA/DC/022/26

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

19th March, 2026

AVEDZI UNITED FC VS DZEMENI MARANATHA FC

**PROTEST IN RESPECT OF 2025/ 2026 VOLTA REGIONAL DIVISION TWO LEAGUE
MATCH PLAYED AT DZEMENI MARANATHA FC 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 **Dzemeni Maranatha 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 **Dzemeni Maranatha FC** for fielding unqualified player during the Volta Regional Division Two League match Day 12 played on 1st March, 2026 at Dzemeni Park, contrary to Article 28(1)(a) and 33(1)(e), of the GFA Regional Football Association League Regulations.

The Petitioner's case is that the Respondent fielded a different player who wore jersey number 11 during the said match in this case in the place player Freeman Kporti who is a registered player of the Respondent.

The Petitioner claims that Freeman Kporti was not present at the match on the said day rather a different person was used by the Respondent to play in the place of Freeman Kporti during the said match in this case.

In support of their case, The Petitioners state Articles 21(1) of the GFA Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulations and seeks relief that the match be declared null and void and that 3 points and 3goals be awarded to The Petitioner.

The Petitioner attached team sheet of the Respondent, a print out of the registration details of the said player Freeman Kporti in the FIFA Connect System, and some pictures that do not conform to the requirement as per Article 33(12) of the GFA Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulations as evidence in support of their case.

DEFENSE OF DZEMENI MARANATHA FC

The Respondent in their statement of defense to case states that Respondent has not violated Article 21(1) of the GFA Regional Football Associations League Regulations as claimed by the Petitioner and that there is no correlation between the case and alleged breached Article stated by the Petitioner.

The Respondent claims that the said player **Freeman Kporti** is a registered player of the Respondent and that the said player was present at the match and played for Respondent during the said match in jersey number 11

The Respondent further claimed that they have no knowledge of the picture presented by the Respondent as evidence in support of the case as there was not request by the Petitioner of the match officials of the said match

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 Leagues Regulations
2. That the protest was duly served on The Respondent in accordance with Article 35(4) of The GFA Regional Football Associations League Regulations.
3. That the photograph tendered in evidence by the Petitioner does not show that the said picture was taken at the match venue. For the avoidance of doubt, the picture does not include 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.
4. That the case of the Petitioner falls short of the provisions in Article 33(12) of the GFA Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulations.
5. That the printout from the FIFA Connect System tendered in evidence by the Petitioner confirms that Freeman Kporti is a registered player of the Respondent and therefore eligible to play for Respondent in the said match in this case.
6. That the Petitioner fails to evidently prove that a different player was used to play in the place of Freeman Kporti in the said match.

DECISION

1. It is the decision of this committee that the Petitioners' case is hereby dismissed and that the result of the said match in this case shall stand.
2. A fine of GHC500.00 is hereby imposed on Petitioner for misleading the 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 Regulation.

4. The Petitioner 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 (2) above within the specified time in decision Three (3).



Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice)

Disciplinary Committee Chairman