



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

VRFA/DC/21/26

PANEL

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19th March, 2026

**NUGATA FC VRS KETA FC
PROTEST IN RESPECT OF 2025/2026 VOLTA REGIONAL DIVISION TWO
LEAGUE MATCH PLAYED AT ANTEC SCHOOL 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 deposition from Nugata Football Club (hereinafter referred to as “**The Petitioner**”) and Keta FC ((hereinafter referred to as “**The Respondent**”) with supporting attachments, and match reports from match officials.

SUMMARY OF FACTS

STATEMENT OF CASE OF NUGATA FC

The Petitioner lodged a protest against Keta FC for failing to provide uniform security the Volta Regional Division Two League match Day 13 scheduled to be played on 8th March, 2026 at ANTEC School Park, contrary to article 16(1) GFA Disciplinary Code (2019).

The Petitioner’s case is that, The Respondents failed provide uniform security for the said match which led to the official call of the match by the match officials.

The Petitioner further claims that it is the sole responsibility of the Respondent to provide uniform security for the said match according to the special rules outlined by RFA for the league season and the Article 16(1) GFA Disciplinary Code (2019).

In support of their case, The Petitioner states Article 16(1) of the GFA Disciplinary Code (2019) and seeks relief that the match be declared in favour of the Petitioner and that 3 points and 3 goals be awarded to The Petitioner.

The Petitioner further referred the Committee to the Match Commissioner's Report and reports of the Referee appointed for the said match.

That Petitioner attached photocopy of the team sheet of the Respondent and the Petitioner as evidence in support of their case.

DEFENSE OF KETA FC

The Respondent in response to this case stated the following;

1. That on the said date, prior to the commencement of the fixture, a serious security disturbance occurred at Anseco Park, in Anloga in the course of the 61st Inter-Schools Sports Festival taking place within the same jurisdiction.
2. That as a direct consequence of the incident, the police personnel assigned and duly posted to provide security coverage at the match venue were unable to report to their assigned post in time for the scheduled kick-off.
3. That Keta FC did not, at any time, refuse to play the match in defiance of a valid regulation.
4. That Keta FC did not cause, contribute to, or exacerbate the security situation at the venue;
5. That Keta FC fully and promptly complied with all applicable administrative procedures by formally notifying the RFA Secretariat and requesting a lawful remedy;
6. That the reason for non-commencement was an entirely extrinsic safety emergency beyond the control of any party.

7. That Nugata FC failed to identify any specific regulatory provision allegedly violated by the Respondent in support of its allegations.

8. That the Respondent has filed a protest that is both procedurally defective and substantively without merit.

This committee is therefore respectfully and firmly urged to dismiss the protest in its entirety and to order the rescheduling of the fixture so that both clubs could compete fairly.

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 Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulations.

3. That the date and venue for the said match was communicated to both clubs ahead of time.

4. That both teams were at the match venue and went through the pre-match formalities.

5. This Committee confirmed from the Match Commissioner and reports of the Referee appointed for the said match that the Respondent failed to provide uniform security breaching article 16(1) of the GFA Disciplinary Code (2019), and 14(2) of the GFA Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulations


6. That the Respondent positioned itself in such way that said match could not be played and therefore liable to the consequential effect of Article 33(1)(b) of the GFA Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulations.

7. This Committee is not able to admit the claim of the Respondent that the respondent has sent a letter to the RFA reporting the incident to the RFA. For the avoidance of doubts the said letter was

sent to the RFA after the said match in this case. The Committee concludes that the said letter was sent to that RFA as a cover up for the Respondents inability to provide security for the said match in this case

DECISION

1. It is the decision of the Committee that the Respondent shall be considered loser of the match and that 3 points and 3 goals shall be awarded to the Petitioner, in accordance with Article 33(2) and 33(3) of the GFA Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulations.
2. The Respondent shall lose 3 points from its accumulated points in accordance with Article 33(5)(a) of the GFA Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulations.
3. The Respondent is hereby fined GHC 500.00 of which 50% shall be paid to the Petitioner in accordance to Article 33(5)(b) of the GFA Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulations
4. 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 Leagues Regulation.
5. 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 (3) above within the specified time in decision four (4).



Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice)
Disciplinary Committee Chairman