



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

VRFA/DC/031/26

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

27th May, 2026

YINGOR FC VRS KETA FC

**PROTEST IN RESPECT OF 2025/2026 VOLTA REGIONAL DIVISION TWO
MIDDLE LEAGUE MATCH PLAYED AT HO SPORTS STADIUM.**

PROCEEDINGS

In accordance with Article 56 of the GFA Statutes (2019) and 35(9) of the Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulations and Rule 3(a) of the 2025/2026 Volta RFA Middle League Special Rules, this Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter referred to as “**The Committee**”) considered the deposition from Yingor FC (hereinafter referred to as “**The Petitioner**”) and Keta Football Club (hereinafter referred to as “**The Respondent**”) together with supporting attachments.

SUMMARY OF FACTS

STATEMENT OF CASE OF YINGOR FC

The Petitioner lodged a protest against Keta Football Club for not complying with the 2025/2026 Volta RFA Special Rules by not paying fines imposed on the Respondent by the Disciplinary Committee of the RFA before the 2025/2026 Volta Regional Division Two Middle League fixture between the Petitioner and the Respondent played on 26th May, 2026 at Ho Sports Stadium.

The Petitioner claims that the Respondent failed to pay the fines imposed on the Respondent in the ruling on the protest case between Keta FC and Selion FC during the 2023/2024 Volta RFA Division Two Middle League.

The Petitioner further claims that the Respondent failed to pay a fine imposed on the Respondent in the ruling of the protest case between Nugata FC and Keta FC during the 2025/2026 Volta Regional Division Two League.

The Petitioner claims that all the eight clubs participating in the 2025/2026 season Volta Regional Division Two Middle League were duly informed to pay all fines owed to the RFA before the commencement of the Middle League.

That Keta FC failed to pay the said fines within the stipulated time in breached of GFA Regional Football Association Leagues Regulations and the Special Rules governing the 2025/2026 Volta Regional Division Two Middle League.

The Petitioner states Article 25(3) (b), 33(1) (e) and 33(1) (h) in support of the case.

The Petitioner attached the ruling of the case Number VRFA/DC/21/26 between Nugata and Keta FC published on 20th March, 2026 and seeks relief that the match be declared null and void and that 3 points and 3 goals be awarded to The Petitioner.

STATEMENT OF DEFENSE OF KETA FC

The Respondent in response to the case stated the followings:

1. That Keta FC acknowledge receipt of the protest filed by Yingor FC.
2. That Keta FC wishes to draw the attention of this Committee to the provision of the Ghana Football Associations Leagues Regulations quoted therein by the Petitioner in respect of their case especially Articles 25(3)(b), 33(1)(e) and 33(1)(h) and claims that the Articles as cited by the Petitioner has no relation whatsoever to the case before the Committee and unable to appreciate its relevance to the said case.

3. That the club does not owe the RFA any outstanding fines and further claims that the club had earlier communicated to the RFA that fines owed by the Respondent should be deducted from a money owed the club by the RFA as a result of rescheduled of a match.
4. That the protest lacks merit and prays this Committee to dismiss the protest and the result of the said match in this case should stand.
5. The Respondent did not attach any 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 the protest was lodged in accordance with Article 35(1)(3) of the GFA Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulation and Rule 3(a) of the 2025/2026 Volta RFA Middle League Special Rules.
2. That the protest was duly served on The Respondent in accordance with Article 33(4) of the GFA Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulations.
3. This Committee acknowledge the assertion of the Respondent regarding the Articles quoted by the Petitioner in support of the case of the Petitioner; but overruled that the wrong quotation of the Articles by the Petitioner makes the case lack of merit. For the avoidance of doubts this Committee admits the substantive matter in this case which is the Respondent's failure to pay fines imposed on the Respondent as specified herein in this case and proceeds to adjudicate on same.
4. That this Committee confirmed from the Secretary of the Regional Football Association that there has not been any communication from the Respondent to the Secretariat regarding the claims of the Respondent that the Respondent had earlier communicated to the RFA that fines owed by the Respondent should be deducted from the money owed the Respondent by the RFA as a result of rescheduled of a match.

5. That the Special Rules of the RFA for the 2025/2026 Volta Regional Division Two Middle League has been duly communicated to all clubs participating in the RFA Middle League prior to the commencement of the Middle League.

6. That Rule 4(b) 2025/2026 Volta Regional Division Two Middle League Special Rules states that *“failure to pay previous fines from the League and sub-middle league shall results in forfeiture of points accumulated during the middle league”*

7. That Article 37(8) (c) of the GFA Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulations states that *“A Club that fails to pay its fines, costs and debts on or before the stipulated due date shall automatically forfeit its subsequent matches until such time the fines or costs are fully paid.”*

8. This Committee confirms that the Respondent failed to pay fines of Ghc500.00 imposed on the Respondent in protest decision number VRFA/DC/022/24 of the case between Heritage SC/Keta FC and Selion FC communicated on 27th June 2024

9. This Committee confirms that the Respondent failed to pay fines of Ghc500.00 imposed on the Respondent in protest decision number VRFA/DC/21/26 of the case between Nugata FC and Keta FC communicated on 20th March 2026.

10. The Respondent is therefore liable to the consequential effect of Article 37(8) (c) of the GFA Regional Football Association Leagues Regulations and Rule 4(b) of the 2025/2026 Volta Regional Division Two Middle League Special Rules


11. The said match in this case ended 3-2 in favour of the Respondent.

DECISION

1. This Committee, having established that the Respondent failed to pay the said fines within the stipulated time makes the decision that, the Respondent shall be considered as having lost the said match in this case in accordance with Article 37(8)(c) of the GFA Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulations; and in accordance with Rule 4(b) of the 2025/2026 Volta RFA Middle League Special Rules. For the avoidance of doubts the

points lost by the Respondent shall not be credited to the Petitioner nor any interested party therein the Middle League and thereafter.

2. The Respondent shall further lose any point accumulated in the 2025/2026 Volta Regional Football Association Division Two Middle League and in any competition organized under the GFA/RFA until such time the said fines in this case are fully paid.



Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice)
Disciplinary Committee Chairman