



**IN THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE  
GHANA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION  
(SITTING AS AN APPELLATE COMMITTEE)**

Protest Case: No. A/2026/7/2/3

**PANEL**

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| 1. Osei Kwadwo Adow, Esq. | - | Chairman |
| 2. Emmanuel Nikoi, Esq.   | - | Member   |
| 3. Nathaniel Laryea       | - | Member   |
| 4. Shaibu Ali             | - | Member   |
| 5. Lawrence Asare-Attuah  | - | Member   |

**KETA FC vrs YINGOR FC**

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**AN APPEAL AGAINST THE DECISION OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE  
OF THE BRONG VOLTA REGIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

**PROCEEDINGS**

In accordance with Article 56 of the GFA Statutes and Article 35 of the Regional Football Associations Leagues Regulations, this Disciplinary Committee (sitting as the Appellate Committee) considered the depositions from Keta FC (Appellant), Yingor FC (Respondent), and the record of proceedings from the Disciplinary Committee of the Volta Regional Football Association (VRFA DC), together with the Volta RFA Middle League Special Rules (2025/2026 season).

**SUMMARY OF FACTS**

The Appellant filed this appeal seeking to overturn the decision of the VRFA DC which annulled the match result between Yingor FC and Keta FC and imposed sanctions under Article 37(8)(c) of the Regulations.

The Appellant contends that:

- The VRFA DC erred by retroactively applying Article 37(8)(c) after the match had been completed.
- Keta FC was duly scheduled, accredited, and allowed to participate without prior suspension or enforcement notice.
- Outstanding fines were expected to be offset by monies owed to Keta FC by the RFA.
- The sanctions imposed were excessive and disproportionate.

The Respondent argued that:

- Keta FC failed to settle fines despite repeated notices.
- All clubs were reminded under the Middle League Special Rules that failure to pay fines before kickoff results in forfeiture of points.
- Keta FC deliberately ignored procedures and sought to mislead the Committee.

### **RULING OF THE VRFA DC**

The VRFA DC had ruled that:

- Keta FC owed fines from the Sub-Middle League and failed to settle them before participating in the Middle League.
- Per Article 4(b) of the Middle League Special Rules, failure to pay previous fines results in forfeiture of points accumulated.
- The annulment of the match result was therefore justified.
- Additional sanctions were imposed for misconduct.

### **FINDINGS OF THE APPELLATE COMMITTEE**

Having reviewed the evidence and submissions, the Committee finds as follows:

#### **On Application of Article 37(8)(c) and Special Rules.**

The Committee confirms that Article 4(b) of the Volta RFA Middle League Special Rules provides that “*failure to pay previous fines from the League and Sub-Middle League shall result in forfeiture of points accumulated during the Middle League.*”

This provision is automatic and binding.

#### **On Procedural Fairness**

While Keta FC was allowed to participate in the fixture, the rules imposed a strict condition precedent: fines must be paid before participation.

The Appellant’s reliance on expected offsets from the RFA is unsupported by documentary proof and the Regulations.

#### **On Burden of Proof**

The Appellant failed to discharge the burden under Article 33(12) of the Regulations. The Respondent produced credible evidence of RFA notices reminding clubs of fines, while Keta FC failed to produce proof of settlement or offset agreements.

### **On Proportionality of Sanctions**

The annulment of the match result and forfeiture of points is consistent with Article 4(b) of the Rules. The Committee finds that this proven breach is sufficient to dismiss the appeal.

### **DECISION**

**Having considered the appeal, statement of defence and the evidence available, the Disciplinary Committee decides as follows:**

1. The appeal of Keta FC is dismissed.
2. The decision of the VRFA DC dated 27th May 2026 is upheld.
3. Yingor FC v Keta FC match result is annulled, and the points forfeited by Keta FC per Article 4(b) of the Middle League Special Rules.
4. The sanctions imposed by the VRFA DC remain valid.



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**Chairman, Disciplinary Committee**  
**Thursday, July 2, 2026**