



**GHANA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (GFA)
CHARGE SHEET**

Date : February 17, 2020
Case ID No: GPL/001/2020
Competition: Ghana Premier League

**The Club Secretary
Bechem United FC**

**Attn: GODFRED YEBOAH BERKO
Team Official
Bechem United FC**

**CHARGES AGAINST GODFRED YEBOAH BERKO
IN RESPECT OF THE GHANA PREMIER LEAGUE MATCH BETWEEN MEDEAMA SC AND BECHEM
UNITED FC PLAYED AT THE AKOON PARK ON WEDNESDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY, 2020**

CHARGES

COUNT 1

Statement of Offence

Interfering with the progress of a match contrary to Regulation 34(1)(a) of the GFA Premier League Regulations dated 18th December, 2019.

Particulars of the Offence

For that you, **GODFRED YEBOAH BERKO**, on Wednesday, 5th February, 2020 in the 91st minute of your club's (**Bechem United**) match with Medeama, after you had come onto the field to attend to an injured Goalkeeper of your club, the Referee instructed you and one other official to exit the field through the Goal line. You failed to adhere to the Referee's instruction, but rather used the touchline, thereby delaying the restart of the game.

COUNT 2

Statement of Offence

Inciting players against other players or match officials because of their decisions or encourages an unhealthy demonstration in whatever form, commits an offence contrary to Regulation 34(1)(b) of the GFA Premier League Regulations dated 18th December, 2019 and Article 11(1) of the GFA Disciplinary Code dated 18th December, 2019.

Particulars of the Offence

For that you, **GODFRED YEBOAH BERKO**, on Wednesday, 5th February, 2020 in the 94th of your club's (**Bechem United**) match with Medeama, when Medeama had scored a goal and while the Referee was about to restart play, you joined two other officials of your club onto the field of play to question the Referee as to why, he added 15 minutes as time added on after regulation time.

NB:

The Club Secretary is required to notify the individual or the club by giving them this letter. Failure to carry out this instruction will result in a fine against the club and/or the individual in addition to possible further action.

COUNT 3

Statement of Offence

Using abusive language against match officials after the match contrary to Regulation 34(3) (c) of the GFA Premier League Regulations dated 18th December, 2019 and Articles 11(2) (b) and 11(2) (d) of the GFA Disciplinary Code dated 18th December, 2020.

Particulars of the Offence

For that you, **GODFRED YEBOAH BERKO** on Wednesday, 5th February, 2020 after your club's (**Bechem United**) match with Medeama, did use abusive language against the Referee thereby impugning his integrity and competence.

COUNT 4

Statement of Offence

Commit any offensive statement either verbally or in writing or is responsible for any conduct or any matter which is in the opinion of the Association, ungentlemanly, insulting or improper behaviour or likely to bring the game into disrepute contrary to Regulation 34(6) (d) of the GFA Premier League Regulations dated 18th December, 2019.

Particulars of the Offence

For that you, **GODFRED YEBOAH BERKO**, on Wednesday, 5th February, 2020 after your club's (**Bechem United**) match with Medeama, made remarks which constituted improper conduct and implied bias on the part of the Referee and brought the game into disrepute.

PUNISHMENT

(In accordance with Regulation 34(3) (c) and 37(1) (b) of the GFA Premier League Regulations and Articles 6(2)(a) and 12(1)(j) of the GFA Disciplinary Code)

For the charge, that you, **GODFRED YEBOAH BERKO** is hereby:

1. Suspended for three(3) official matches of the GFA Premier League
2. Fined Five Thousand Ghana Cedis (GH¢5,000.00) payable to the GFA.

Should you, **GODFRED YEBOAH BERKO** accept the charges, kindly indicate within two (2) days from the date of receipt of this Charge Sheet to the GFA and immediately comply with the sanction(s) and that will end this matter or otherwise proceed to submit your Statement of Defence as prescribed below.

YOUR STATEMENT OF DEFENCE

In your Statement of Defence you must choose one of the following options:

1. I am pleading **NOT GUILTY** to the Charge and I **WAIVE MY RIGHT TO PERSONAL HEARING** but I hereby submit a Written Statement of Defence and supporting Evidence to be considered by the Disciplinary Committee.

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2. I am pleading **NOT GUILTY** to the Charge and I **REQUEST PERSONAL HEARING** to defend myself against the charge(s).
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NOTES

Please note that should the Prosecution be successful of your breach of the GFA Statutes, Disciplinary Code and Regulations, the Prosecution shall pray the Disciplinary Committee for the imposition of the **maximum sanction(s)** as set out by the GFA Statutes, Disciplinary Code and Regulations should you choose for the personal hearing of this matter.

The Prosecution intends to rely on the evidence in the reports of the Referee, the Match Commissioner, any witness (es) and video of the match.

REPLY DATE

If you choose options 1 or 2, submit your written Statement of Defence to the charge(s) by **close of work, Wednesday, February 19, 2020** on or before **5pm at the GFA Secretariat** or **through email address to the Disciplinary Committee, dc@ghanafa.org** failing which the Disciplinary Committee shall proceed to adjudicate the case without your Statement of Defence.

PERSONAL HEARING (IF ANY)

Should you choose Defence Options 3 (Personal Hearing) in your Statement of Defence, kindly attend the Disciplinary Committee hearing on **Friday, February 21, 2020 at 5.00pm** at the **GFA Secretariat** to answer to the charge(s), failure which the Disciplinary Committee shall proceed to adjudicate the case in your absence.

Signed by:



SOLOMON KORLI (SUPT.)
(GFA PROSECUTOR)

CC: THE CHAIRMAN, DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE
GFA COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

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