

Date: February 17, 2020 Case ID No: GPL/001/2020

Competition: Ghana Premier League

The Club Secretary Bechem United FC

Attn: Kwaku Danso Head Coach Bechem United FC

CHARGES AGAINST KWAKU DANSO

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, **KWAKU DANSO**, on Wednesday, 5th February, 2020 in the 88th minute of your club's **(Bechem United)** match with Medeama, made disparaging comments concerning the referee, which brought the match to a temporary stop.

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, **KWAKU DANSO**, 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 led 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.

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, **KWAKU DANSO** 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, **KWAKU DANSO**, on Wednesday, 5th February, 2020 after your club's **(Bechem United)** match with Medeama, granted an interview which was widely circulated to the media and 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, KWAKU DANSO is hereby:

- 1. Suspended for five(5) official matches of the GFA Premier League
- 2. Fined Ten Thousand Ghana Cedis (GH¢10,000.00) payable to the GFA.

Should you, KWAKU DANSO 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 <u>NOT GUILTY</u> 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.
- 2. I am pleading <u>NOT GUILTY</u> to the Charge and I REQUEST PERSONAL HEARING to defend myself against the charge(s).

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:

SÓLOMON KÖRLI (SÚPT.) (GFA PROSECUTOR)

CC: THE CHAIRMAN, DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE GFA COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT