

DECISION OF GFA DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

CASE OF MISCONDUCT AGAINST KWAKU DANSO HEAD COACH OF BECHEM UNITED IN THEIR GHANA PREMIER LEAGUE MATCH AGAINST MEDEAMA AT THE AKOON PARK

SUPT. SOLOMON KORLI

- PROSECUTOR

1.0 CHARGES

Kwaku Danso, Head Coach of Bechem United was charged on four counts of misconduct in respect of their Ghana Premier League match against Medeama SC at the Akoon park on Wednesday, February 5, 2020.

Count One indicated that Kwaku Danso interfered with the progress of the match in the 88th minute of the match against Medeama by making disparaging comments about the referee, which brought the match to a temporary stop contrary to Regulation 34(1)(a) of the GFA Premier League Regulations (2019).

Count Two indicated that, Kwaku Danso allegedly incited the players against the match officials contrary to Regulation 34(1)(b) of the Premier League Regulations and Article 11(1) of the GFA Disciplinary Code(2019). The particulars of the offence also indicated that after Medeama scored a goal and while the referee was about to restart play, the head coach led two other officials of Bechem United onto the field of play to question the Referee as the propriety of the 15 minutes time added on.

Count Three indicated that Kwaku Danso allegedly used abusive language against the match officials after the match impugning their integrity and competence contrary to Regulation 34(3)(c) of the GFA Premier League Regulations(2019) and Articles 11(2)(b) and 11(2)(d) of the GFA Disciplinary Code(2020). Count Four indicated that the Head Coach allegedly made remarks which implied improper conduct and bias on the part of the Referee bringing the game into disrepute contrary to Regulation 34(6)(d) of the GFA Premier League Regulations.

2.0 RESPONSE TO CHARGES

In response, Bechem United wrote officially to accept the charges against Kwaku Danso. The Club apologized on behalf of the Coach Kwaku Danso and pleaded for mitigation considering

that he is a first time offender. Bechem United also assured the GFA that they have counseled Coach Kwaku Danso on anger management and pledged that the incident would not occur again.

FINDINGS

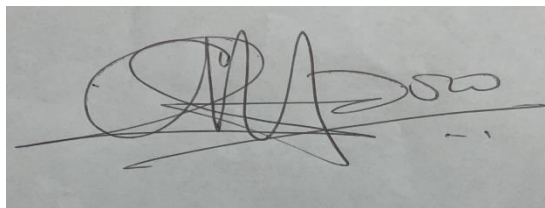
On account of the admission of the charges and the Club's plea for the mitigation, the Committee takes the following decisions

DECISION

That 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):

1. Kwaku Danso is suspended for the Club's next Three (3) matches.
2. The Committee also affirms the punishment proposed by the Prosecutor, however the fine of GHc10,000 is reduced to GHc5000 payable to the GFA within fourteen (14) days upon receipt of this Ruling.
3. Coach Kwaku Danso is warned to be of good behavior in subsequent matches failing which he would receive a severer punishment for any breaches of the GFA's Rules and Regulations.

SIGNED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Osei Kwadwo Adow', is written over a horizontal line.

**OSEI KWADWO ADOW, ESQ.
CHAIRPERSON,
DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE
16th MARCH, 2020**