



GHANA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (GFA) CHARGE SHEET

23/03/2021

Case ID No: GFA-CI-21-DC-007

CLUB SECRETARY

ELIMINA SHARKS FOOTBALL CLUB.

CHARGES AGAINST ELMINA SHARKS IN RESPECT TO PREMIER LEAGUE MATCH BETWEEN ELMINA SHARKS AND MEDEAMA PLAYED AT THE NDUOM SPORTS COMPLEX ON THE 21ST FEBRUARY 2021.

CHARGE(S)

COUNT 1

Statement of Offence

Elmina Sharks FC is hereby charged for a breach of Article 34(6)a of the GFA Premier League Regulations, 2019 in respect to violations of the rules and regulations of the association.

Particulars of the Offence

Elmina Sharks; Premier League Club: You, on 21st February 2021, during a match between your club and Medeama FC played at the Nduom Sports Complex, did breach provisions of the Premier League Regulations, 2019 and the Disciplinary Code, 2019.

COUNT 2

Statement of Offence

Elmina Sharks FC is hereby charged for a breach of Article 16(1)b of the GFA Disciplinary Code, 2019 in respect to violations of the rules and regulations of the association.

Particulars of the Offence

Elmina Sharks; Premier League Club: You, on 21st February 2021, during a match between your club and Medeama FC played at the Nduom Sports Complex, failed to comply with the existing Matchday COVID 19 protocols put in place by the Ghana Football Association (GFA) and the Government of Ghana by allowing unapproved persons being supporters of your club in Zone 1 of the stadium which defies the directives of the Executive Council of the GFA issued on the 13th of February, 2021 for all football matches to be played behind closed doors and failing to observe Covid 19 Protocols.

COUNT 3

Statement of Offence

Elmina Sharks FC is hereby charged for a breach of Article 16(1)c of the GFA Disciplinary Code,2019 in respect to violations of the rules and regulations of the association.

Particulars of the Offence

Elmina Sharks; Premier League Club: You, on 21st February 2021, during a match between your club and Medeama FC played at the Nduom Sports Complex, did put the life of the match officials in danger by allowing your players and supporters to attack referees Eric Owusu Prempeh.

COUNT 4

Statement of Offence

Elmina Sharks FC is hereby charged for a breach of Article 16(1)e of the GFA Disciplinary Code,2019 in respect to violations of the rules and regulations of the association.

Particulars of the Offence

Elmina Sharks; Premier League Club: You, on 21st February 2021, during a match between your club and Medeama FC played at the Nduom Sports Complex, did fail to ensure the maintenance of law and order in the stadium as fans and players of your club were seen in the inner perimeters of the stadium violently attacking the center referee, Eric Owusu Prempeh.

COUNT 5

Statement of Offence

Elmina Sharks FC is hereby charged for a breach of Article 16(2)a of the GFA Disciplinary Code,2019 in respect to violations of the rules and regulations of the association.

Particulars of the Offence

Elmina Sharks; Premier League Club: You, on 21st February 2021, during a match between your club and Medeama FC played at the Nduom Sports Complex, did permit fans to invade the field of play as fans were seen on the field of play behaving violently and attacking the center referee, Eric Owusu Prempeh, which poses a threat to the life of the said referee.

COUNT 6

Statement of Offence

Elmina Sharks FC is hereby charged for a breach of Article 16(2)h of the GFA Disciplinary Code,2019 in respect to violations of the rules and regulations of the association.

Particulars of the Offence

Elmina Sharks; Premier League Club: You, on 21st February 2021, during a match between your club and Medeama FC played at the Nduom Sports Complex, did fail to ensure the maintenance of order and discipline in the stadium.

PUNISHMENT

To be determined by the GFA Disciplinary Committee.

YOUR STATEMENT OF DEFENCE

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

1. I am pleading **GUILTY** to the Charge(s) and I WAIVE MY RIGHT TO PERSONAL HEARING, but I hereby submit Written Statement for mitigation and supporting Evidence to be considered by the Player Status Committee
 2. I am pleading **NOT GUILTY** to the Charge(s) and I WAIVE MY RIGHT TO PERSONAL HEARING, but I hereby submit Written Statement of Defence and supporting Evidence to be considered by the Player Status Committee.
 3. I am pleading **NOT GUILTY** to the Charge(s) 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 Premier League Regulations,2019, the Prosecution shall pray the Disciplinary Committee for the imposition of the **maximum sanction(s)** as set out by the GFA Premier League Regulations,2019 should you choose for the personal hearing of this matter.

REPLY DATE

Kindly, submit your written Statement of Defence to the charge(s) by **close of work, Friday, March 26, 2021, 2021** on or before **5pm at the GFA Secretariat** or through email address of the GFA, 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, the Disciplinary Committee shall communicate to you the date and time to appear before the Disciplinary Committee to answer to the charge(s), failing which the Disciplinary Committee shall proceed to adjudicate the case in your absence.

Signed by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John H. H.', written over a horizontal line.

(GFA PROSECUTOR)

cc: THE CHAIRPERSON, DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE
THE GFA GENERAL SECRETARY
GFA COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT