



IN THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE GHANA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Misconduct Case: No. M 24-
2021

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Secretary |

IN ATTENDANCE

DANIEL ASANTE	~	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER –WAMANAFO MIGHTY ROYALS
NEIL ARMSTRONG MORTAGBE	~	EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN
EMMANUEL LARBI AMOAH	~	COUNSEL

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IN THE MATTER OF A MISCONDUCT CHARGE AGAINST DANIEL ASANTE CEO OF
WAMANAFO MIGHTY WAMANAFO MIGHTY ROYALS FC AND BOFOAKWA TANO FC
PLAYED AT THE WAMANAFO COMMUNITY PARK ON 28TH MARCH 2021

THE CHARGES

Daniel Asante was charged with four counts as per the Charge Sheet as follows:

CHARGE ONE

Statement of Offence

Daniel Asante is hereby charged for a breach of Article 34(3)(c) of the GFA Division One League Regulations, 2019 in respect to verbal assault of a match official.

Particulars of the Offence

Daniel Asante; Official of Wamanafo Mighty Royals: You, on 28th of March 2021, before the start of the match between Wamanafo Mighty Royals FC and Bofokwa Tano at the Wamanafo Community Park and whiles around the dressing room of the stadium did verbally assault the referees by insulting and threatening them.

CHARGE TWO

Statement of Offence

Daniel Asante is hereby charged for a breach of Article 12(1)(j) of the GFA Disciplinary Code, 2019 and Article 34(2) of the GFA Division One League Regulations, 2019 in respect to threats and intimidation of match officials.

Particulars of the Offence

Daniel Asante; Official of Wamanafo Mighty Royals: You, on 28th of March 2021, before the start of the match between Wamanafo Mighty Royals FC and Bofokwa Tano at the Wamanafo Community Park and while still at the dressing room of the stadium did threaten and intimidate the match officials by insulting and stating that you will kill them if you lose the match.

CHARGE THREE

Statement of Offence

Daniel Asante is hereby charged for a breach of Article 12(1)(k) of the GFA Disciplinary Code, 2019 and Article 34(6)(d) of the GFA Division One League Regulations, 2019 in respect to physical assault of a match official.

Particulars of the Offence

Daniel Asante; Official of Wamanafo Mighty Royals: You, on 28th of March 2021, after a match between Wamanafo Mighty Royals FC and Bofokwa Tano at the Wamanafo Community Park and while still on the pitch of the stadium did physically assault the referees by beating them resulting in severe injuries.

CHARGE FOUR

Statement of Offence

Daniel Asante is hereby charged for a breach of Article 12(1)(i) of the GFA Disciplinary Code, 2019 and Article 34(6)(d) of the GFA Division One League Regulations, 2019 in respect to unsporting behavior towards match officials.

Particulars of the Offence

Daniel Asante; Official of Wamanafo Mighty Royals: You, on 28th of March 2021, after a match between Wamanafo Mighty Royals FC and Bofokwa Tano at the Wamanafo Community Park and while still on the pitch of the stadium, did insult and assault the match officials resulting in severe injuries.

DEFENCE

In his Statement of Defence dated April 2, 2021 Daniel Asante pleaded NOT GUILTY to all Charges and requested for a personal hearing to defend his case.

PROCEEDINGS AND FINDINGS

At a sitting held on Wednesday April 14, the Committee showed a video recording of the incidents that occurred after the said match and pictures of the injured referees as evidence from the prosecutors. Daniel Asante denied that such incidents occurred at the Wamanafo

Community park. He objected to the absence of a Prosecutor at the sitting and refused to cooperate with the Committee because a Prosecutor was not present.

Daniel Asante claimed that the charges proffered against him has not been proven by any evidence.

In accordance with Article 37.1 of the Division One League Regulations, the Disciplinary Committee is satisfied with the evidence before it that the conduct of Daniel Asante, CEO of Wamafo Mighty Royals FC amounts to a breach of regulations and shall accordingly apply the necessary sanctions against Daniel Asante

Article 37.1 of the Division One League Regulations:

“Where the Disciplinary Committee is satisfied that there has been misconduct by a Player, a Club Official, a Referee, an Assistant Referee, Supporters, a Match Commissioner or any participant of a match, the Committee may order such a person/persons: (a) To be suspended from all or any specific football matches or competitions either indefinitely or for a stated period. (b) To be fined, either with or without suspension and any such fine shall be paid within fourteen (14) days. (c) To be reprimanded or cautioned. (d) To close the venue of the club either permanently or for a stated period.”

This Committee is also mindful of Article 11.2(d) of the Disciplinary Code and consequently shall make the necessary consequential orders to that effect.

It must be noted that this situation caused by Daniel Asante affects the image of the Division One League and Ghana football.

The effects of the misconduct on all stakeholders cannot be quantified and should not be lost on all who are interested for the growth of the game. It is in regard that the severest of punishment allowed under the regulations must be applied to serve as deterrent to all other clubs.

There is no doubt that the sanctity of the competition must be maintained to attract the sponsorship and also to guarantee the needed mileage for the sponsor. This Committee is of the view that the right signals must be sent to all clubs in this respect and would therefore not apply the minimum punishment in this respect.

DECISIONS

The Disciplinary Committee makes the following decisions:

1. That the Committee having satisfied itself that the evidence adduced before it supports the charges of misconduct against Daniel Asante and hereby finds the club guilty of all four charges in accordance with Article 16.1 of the GFA Disciplinary Code(2019).
2. That having found that Daniel Asante is guilty of all four charges, the Committee shall impose the following punishment on him:

- a. Daniel Asante is hereby ordered to pay a fine of GHC5,000 in accordance with Article 37.1(b) of the GFA Division One League Regulations (2019).
 - b. Daniel Asante is banned from all football related activities for the rest of the 2020/21 league season in accordance with Article 37.1(d) of the GFA Division One League Regulations (2019).
3. That should Daniel Asante be dissatisfied with this Ruling, he may appeal to the Appeals Committee.



Osei Kwadwo Adow, Esq.
Chairman, Disciplinary Committee
Monday, April 19, 2021