



IN THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE GHANA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Misconduct Case: No. M 27-2021

IN THE MATTER OF A MISCONDUCT CHARGE AGAINST TECHIMAN CITY FC

IN RESPECT OF THE DIVISION ONE LEAGUE MATCH PLAYED BETWEEN TECHIMAN CITY FC AND TAMALE CITY FC AT OHENE AMEYAW PARK

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| 1. Osei Kwadwo Adow, Esq. | - | Chairman |
| 2. Mr. Emmanuel Nikoi | - | Member |
| 3. Mr. Nathaniel Laryea | - | Member |
| 4. Ms. Elsie Acheampong | - | Member |
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PROCEEDINGS

The Disciplinary Committee (the Committee) examined the Charge Sheets, the Match Reports, the Pictures, Video of the Match, and the Statement of Defence of Techiman City FC.

CHARGES

Techiman City FC was charged with two counts as per the Charge Sheet as follows:

CHARGE 5

Statement of Offence

Techiman City FC is hereby charged for a breach of Article 2 and Article 8 of the GFA Matchday Covid 19 Protocol and 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

Techiman City FC: You, on 2nd April 2021, before and during a match between your club and Tamale City FC at the Nana Ameyaw Park, did fail 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 into the stadium and on the field of play 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.

CHARGE 2

Statement of Offence

Techiman City FC is hereby charged for a breach of Article 42(1) of the GFA Division One League Regulations and GFA Directives on Ticketing.

Particulars of the Offence

Techiman City FC: You, on 2nd April 2021, before and during the match between your club and Tamale City at the Nana Ameyaw Park, did collect money at the entry points of the venue an act that violate the associations commercial arrangement with clubs.

CHARGE 3**Statement of Offence**

Techiman City FC is hereby charged for a breach of Article 16(1)(c) of the GFA Disciplinary Code, 2019 and Article 34(4) of the GFA Division One League Regulations,2019 in respect to violations of the rules and regulations of the association.

Particulars of the Offence

Techiman City FC: You, on 2nd April 2021, during halftime of the match between your club and Tamale City at the Nana Ameyaw Park, did fail to ensure the safety of the match officials, as some unauthorized persons being fans were seen assaulting the referees and security personnel's physically and verbally in the inner perimeters of the stadium and around the tunnel that leads to the dressing room.

CHARGE 4**Statement of Offence**

Techiman City FC is hereby charged for a breach of Article 16(1)(e) of the GFA Disciplinary Code,2019 and Article 34(2) of the GFA Division One League Regulations,2019 in respect to violations of the rules and regulations of the Association.

Particulars of the Offence

Techiman City FC: You, on 2nd April 2021, during halftime of the match between your club and Tamale City at the Nana Ameyaw Park, did fail to ensure law and order in and around the stadium as unauthorized persons being fans were seen physically and verbally assaulting match officials and security officials by beating, mishandling and insulting them.

CHARGE 5**Statement of Offence**

Techiman City 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

Techiman City FC: You, on 2nd April 2021, on or about the 37th minute of the match between your club and Tamale City at the Nana Ameyaw Park, did fail to prevent some fans of your club from invading the field of play as these fans were seen threatening and intimidating the match officials by stating that their corpse will exit the stadium that day.

RESPONSE TO THE CHARGES

Upon receipt of the Charge Sheet, Techiman City FC in the club's Statement of defence opted for a personal hearing. The Disciplinary Committee then communicated to the Club

that the personal hearing of their misconduct case would be held on Friday, April 7, 2021 at 4pm. The Club however replied to the mail saying that:

“Thanks for your email. I guess it will be irrelevant for a personal hearing since your decision has already been sent by email to Techiman City FC. That will be a double jeopardy and in basic law Audi alteram partem should have applied.”

The Disciplinary Committee responded to this mail and clarified that the difference between the decision on the protest case between Tamale City FC and Techiman City FC and the misconduct case as indicated in the charge sheet that was sent to the club.

The Club however replied that:

“Not relevant to us since the case is inter twine (sic). Decision to play our home games in Afghanistan will be accepted”.

After considering the depositions of the Charge Sheet and after watching a video recording of the incidents in the said match, the Committee therefore decided the case.

DECISION

The Disciplinary Committee having satisfied himself that the evidence adduced before it supports the Charges against Techiman City FC, therefore, makes the following decisions:

1. That a fine of Two Thousand Ghana Cedis (GH¢2,000.00) is imposed on Techiman City FC in accordance with Article 37(1)(b) of the Division One League Regulations.
2. That the fine of Two Thousand Ghana Cedis (GH¢2,000.00) stated Decision 1 above is payable to the GFA within fourteen (14) days upon receipt of this Ruling, failing which Techiman City FC shall forfeit the club’s matches after the said deadline.
3. That Techiman City FC is banned from playing three home matches of the club at the Ohene Ameyaw park in Techiman where the incident happened from Matchday 16 to Matchday 20.
4. That having played all the home matches away from the Ohene Ameyaw Park since Matchday 16 to Matchday 20, Techiman City FC is deemed to have served the home ban.
5. That Techiman City FC and the club’s supporters are warned that any future misconduct shall receive a more severe punishment.
6. That should Techiman City FC be dissatisfied with this Ruling, the club has two (2) days of being notified of this Ruling to appeal to the Appeals Committee.



**CHAIRMAN
DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, May 12, 2021**