



IN THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OF THE GHANA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Protest Case: No. D36- 2022

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SEKONDI HASAACAS FC VS SWEDRU ALL BLACKS FC

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PROTEST IN RESPECT OF THEIR DIVISION ONE LEAGUE MATCHDAY 30 GAME PLAYED AT THE SWEDRU STADIUM

PROCEEDINGS

In accordance with Article 56(3) of the Statutes of the Ghana Football Association (GFA) and Articles 35 of the Division One League Regulations, the Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”) considered the depositions from Sekondi Hasaacas Football Club (hereinafter referred to as “the Petitioner”) and Swedru All Blacks Football Club (hereinafter referred to as “the Respondent”) together with the supporting attachments and the reports of the match officials.

SUMMARY OF FACTS

CASE OF SEKONDI HASAACAS FC

Sekondi Hasaacas FC (the Petitioner) protested against Swedru All Blacks FC (the Respondent) for breaching Article 33(1)(h) of the Division One League Regulations. It is the case of the Petitioner that Swedru All Blacks FC failed to submit its audited accounts for the year preceding the 2021/22 season. The Petitioner argues that a breach of Article 33(1)(h) is punishable by forfeiture of a match. The Petitioner thus prayed the Disciplinary Committee to declare Swedru All Blacks FC as losers of the said match and to declare Sekondi Hasaacas FC as winners accordingly.

DEFENCE OF SWEDRU ALL BLACKS FC

In its defence to the protest, Swedru All Blacks FC stated that it submitted its audited accounts for the 2020/21 league season to the GFA on 27th October, 2021. The

Respondent added that it suspects the Petitioner rather failed to submit its audited accounts.

It is the case of the Respondent that the Petitioner played against Sekondi Hasaacas in the first round of the season and had a duty to report the claim being made in the protest. The Respondent then added that by failing or neglecting to file this protest in the first round, the Petitioner is estopped from exercising that right at the end of the season.

The Respondent further stated that the Petitioner is on a fishing expedition and that the protest ought to be dismissed by the Disciplinary Committee.

FINDINGS AND GROUNDS OF THE DECISION

OBSERVATIONS

The Committee however made the following observations:

1. That Swedru All Blacks FC submitted its audited accounts for the 2020/21 League season on 27th October, 2021.
2. Ironically, Sekondi Hasaacas FC rather failed to submit its audited accounts for the 2020/21 league season despite all reminders sent to the Club.
3. That Swedru All Blacks submitted its audited accounts and has not breached Article 33(1)(h) of the Division One League Regulations.

DECISION

1. **The protest is dismissed.**
2. **That a fine of One Thousand Cedis (GHc1000) is imposed on Sekondi Hasaacas FC in accordance with Article 35(14) of the Division One League Regulations.**
3. **That should any party be dissatisfied with or aggrieved by this Decision, the party has within one (1) day of being notified of this Decision to appeal to the Appeals Committee of the Ghana Football Association.**



Osei Kwadwo Adow, Esq.

Chairman, Disciplinary Committee

Monday, June 20, 2022