



IN THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OF THE GHANA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Protest Case: No. D34- 2022

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UNITY FC VS NSOATREMAN FC

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PROTEST IN RESPECT OF THEIR DIVISION ONE LEAGUE MATCHDAY 30 GAME PLAYED AT THE TWUMASI SPORTS COMPLEX

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 Unity Football Club (hereinafter referred to as “the Petitioner”) and Nsoatreman 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 UNITY FC

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

DEFENCE OF NSOATREMAN FC

The Respondent in its defence describes the protest as vexatious and unmeritorious which ought to be dismissed. The Respondent insists that it submitted its audited accounts to the Club Licensing department of the GFA. The Respondent urged the Disciplinary Committee to dismiss the protest and award costs against the Petitioner.

The Respondent attached a copy of its audited accounts for the 2020/21 year.

FINDINGS AND GROUNDS OF THE DECISION

The Committee finds first and foremost that Petitioner filed this protest out of time and therefore this protest shall not be determined per Article 35(1) of the Division One League Regulations.

The protest was filed by Unity FC at **5:35 pm on Monday, 13 June 2022**.

OBSERVATIONS

The Committee however made the following observations:

1. That after a reminder sent to the Club on 11th November 2021, Nsoatreman FC submitted its audited accounts for the 2020/21 League season on 11th January, 2022. The Audited Account was therefore sent after the start of the season.
2. That ironically, Unity FC also failed to submit its audited accounts for the 2020/21 league season despite a reminder sent to the Club on 11th November 2021.
3. That the legal principle of *"he who comes to equity must come with clean hands"* is applicable.

DECISION

- 1. The protest is dismissed for being filed out of time.**
- 2. That a fine of One Thousand Cedis (GHc1000) is imposed on Unity 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.**



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Chairman, Disciplinary Committee
Friday, June 17, 2022