



# GHANA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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**SUBMISSION OF DECISION OF THE APPEALS COMMITTEE**  
**IN THE MATTER OF AN APPEAL FILED BY ACCRA GREAT OLYMPICS FOOTBALL**  
**CLUB AGAINST THE DECISION OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**  
**IN RESPECT OF PROTEST FILED BY ACCRA GREAT OLYMPICS**  
**AGAINST ELMINA SHARKS FOOTBALL CLUB**

We submit herewith the decision of the Appeals Committee in the above-mentioned case for your information and necessary action.

Sporting regards.

  
**ISAAC ADDO**  
**[GENERAL SECRETARY]**

THE C. E. O.  
ACCRA GREAT OLYMPICS FC.

THE C. E. O.  
ELMINA SHARKS F.C.

cc: General Secretary  
President  
PLB  
Dep. Gen. Sec. F&A

**IN THE APPEALS COMMITTEE**  
**GHANA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

ACCRA GREAT OLYMPICS FOOTBALL CLUB - APPELLANT

AND

ELMINA SHARKS FOOTBALL CLUB - RESPONDENT

**CORAM**

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| 1. MR. COSMAS ANPENGNUO       | - | CHAIRMAN      |
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| 6. MR. FREDERICK KWAME BOAKYE | - | SECRETARY     |

**CASE**

This is an appeal against the decision of the Disciplinary Committee (D.C.) of the GHANA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (GFA) in respect of the protest filed by ACCRA GREAT OLYMPICS (Appellant) against ELMINA SHARKS FOOTBALL CLUB (Respondent).

The grounds of appeal are stated as follows;

- (a) The decision declining the extension of time amounts to a denial of justice.
- (b) As the fielding of unqualified player is fraudulent, such fraud vitiates everything. Therefore there is no time limit within which to complain against such fraud.
- (c) The decision flies in the face of the principles established in the case of Kumasi Asante Kotoko vrs Accra Hearts of Oak that at any time that it should come to the attention of the GFA that Article 39(5)(a)(v) of the General Regulation has been breached, the jurisdiction of the GFA or its agencies should be automatically invoked.

**BY COMMITTEE**

1. The Disciplinary Committee rightly exercised its discretion when it refused to grant an extension of time within which to file a protest.

2. We agree with the Disciplinary Committee that the Disciplinary Committee has no jurisdiction to extend the time within which to file a protest.
3. The appellant has not demonstrated or reasonably raised any issue or issues of fraud save to claim that the fielding of an unqualified player is fraudulent.
4. The view of this Committee is that the fielding of an “unqualified player” per se is not necessarily fraudulent.
5. The appellant has failed to demonstrate how Article 39(5)(a)(v) of the General Regulations of the GFA is applicable in this application for extension of time within which to file a protest.
6. Article 39(5)(a)(v) of the General Regulations of the GFA states that;  
**“5. (a) Without prejudice to the powers of the Disciplinary Committee, a player cautioned by a referee for;**  
  
**(v) any other offence on the field of play, shall be informed in writing by the GFA for a first and second offence; he shall be automatically suspended from taking part in the next official match for any other subsequent offence.”**
7. This Committee is satisfied that the Disciplinary Committee properly applied the Regulations of the GFA in arriving at its decision.
8. The appellant has failed to show any exceptional circumstances to warrant this Committee’s interference with the decision of the Disciplinary Committee

## **DECISION**

1. The appeal is hereby dismissed.
2. Cost of Ghc 3000.00 awarded against appellant to be paid to the respondent in accordance with the GFA Regulations.



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CHAIRMAN  
APPEALS COMMITTEE  
COSMAS ANPENGNUO