

#### IN THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE GHANA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

## IN THE MATTER OF A MISCONDUCT CHARGE AGAINST ELMINA SHARKS FC

# IN RESPECT OF THE GHANA PREMIER LEAGUE MATCH PLAYED BETWEEN ELMINA SHARKS FC AND MEDEAMA SC AT THE NDUOM SPORTS COMPLEX

#### CORAM

1.	Ms. Carla Olympio (Esq.)	-	Chairman	
2.	Mr. Shaibu Ali	-	Member	
3.	Mr. David Okyere	-	Member	
4.	Mr. Justice Yeboah	-	Member	
5.	Mr. Nurudeen Alhassan	-	Member	
	William Bossman	-	Secretary	

## SUMMARY AND FINDINGS

The GFA Disciplinary Committee considered the charges against the Club, the Statement of Defence from Elmina Sharks FC, the reports of the Match Commissioner and Referee and watched a video of the match. Upon consideration of the evidence before it, the Committee made the following findings:

- That Elmina Sharks FC breached Article 34(3)(c), 34(4) 34(6)(a) of the GFA Premier League Regulations, 2019 during the Ghana Premier League match between Elmina Sharks FC against Medeama FC played at the Nduom Sports Complex for failing to prevent what, from their actions, appeared to be supporters of the club from entering the inner perimeter and abusing and assaulting the Centre Referee.
- That Elmina Sharks FC breached Article 16(1)(b) of the GFA Disciplinary Code, 2019 and failed to comply with Article 2(1) of the existing GFA Matchday COVID-19 protocols put in place by the Ghana Football Association (GFA) by allowing unapproved persons in Zone 1 and 2 (field of play and area surrounding the field of play).
- 3. That Elmina Sharks FC violated the Directives of the Executive Council of the GFA issued on February 13, 2021 for all football matches to be played behind closed doors.
- 4. That Elmina Sharks FC breached Article 16(1)(c) of the GFA Disciplinary Code, 2019 after the Club put the persons of the match officials in physical danger by

allowing their players and other unauthorized individuals who appeared to be supporters of Elmina Sharks FC to attack and assault referee Eric Owusu Prempeh.

- 5. That Elmina Sharks FC Club breached Article 16(1)(e) of the GFA Disciplinary Code, 2019 by failing to maintain law and order in the stadium as fans and players of the club were seen within the inner perimeter of the stadium chasing and violently attacking the Center Referee, Eric Owusu Prempeh.
- 6. The Elmina Sharks FC breached Article 16(2)(a) of the GFA Disciplinary Code, 2019 as the several fans of the club were seen invading the field of play, behaving violently and attacking the center referee, Eric Owusu Prempeh.
- 7. Lastly, the Club also breached Article 16(2)(h) of the GFA Disciplinary Code, 2019 during a match between Elmina Sharks FC and Medeama FC played at the Nduom Sports Complex, by failing to ensure the maintenance of order and discipline in the stadium.

## DECISION

The Committee having satisfied itself that the evidence adduced before it supports the Charges against Elmina Sharks FC, it therefore, makes the following decisions:

- 1. That a fine of Ten Thousand Ghana Cedis (GH¢10,000.00) is hereby imposed on Elmina Sharks FC in accordance with Article 37(1)(b) of the GFA Premier League Regulations.
- 2. That the fine of Ten Thousand Ghana Cedis (GH¢10,000.00) stated Decision 1 above is payable to the GFA within fourteen (14) days upon receipt of this Ruling, failing which Elmina Sharks FC shall forfeit the club's matches after the said deadline.
- 3. That Elmina Sharks FC and the club supporters are warned that any future misconduct shall receive a more severe punishment.
- 4. That should Elmina Sharks FC be dissatisfied with this Ruling, the club has within two (2) days of being notified of this Ruling to appeal to the Appeals Committee.

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Carla Olympio, Esq. Vice Chairman, Disciplinary Committee Friday, April 23, 2021