



## IN THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE GHANA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Misconduct Case: No. M80 –2017

### COMPOSITION

1. Prosper Harrison Addo, Esq.	-	Chairman
2. Eva Okyere, Esq.	-	Vice Chairperson
3. Osei Kwadwo Addo, Esq.	-	Member
4. W.O.1 J. W. Amoo	-	Member
5. Alex Kotey	-	Member
William Bossman	-	Secretary

### IN ATTENDANCE

ASP Raphael Tottimeh (Rtd)	-	GFA Prosecutor
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## GHANA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION vs INTER ALLIES FC

IN THE MATTER OF A CHARGE AGAINST INTERALLIES FC IN RESPECT OF THE GPL MATCH BETWEEN INTERALLIES FC AND ACCRA GREAT OLYMPICS FC PLAYED AT THE EL-WAK STADIUM

### THE CHARGE

Interallies FC was charged with one count as per the Charge Sheet as follows:

#### CHARGE ONE

##### Statement of Offence

*Interallies FC is hereby charged for a breach of Article 35(1b), 35(3c), 35(4) and 35(7a&d) of the GFA General Regulations and Article 58(1) and 66(1&3) of the GFA Disciplinary Code in respect of this match.*

##### Particulars of the Offence

*Interallies FC: During half time when the Match Officials were in the dressing room in the match between Inter Allies and Accra Great Olympics played in Accra, your supporters besieged the room amidst insults and tried to force the door open to attack them in violation of the GFA Regulations.*

##### DEFENCE

Interallies FC in the club's response pleaded **not guilty** to the charge, waived the club's right to personal hearing and submitted a written Statement of Defence to the Committee.

### PROCEEDINGS AND FINDINGS

The Committee examined the depositions in the Charge Sheet, the Statement of Defence and the reports of the match officials of the match.

In the club's defence, Interallies FC pleaded not guilty to the charge. The club denied the charge and explained that during recess some supporters and club officials of Accra Great Olympics FC made the allegation without basis.

The Committee holds that it will side with Article 85 of the Disciplinary Code on the facts stated in the match report and the evidence given by the prosecution. The Disciplinary Committee is satisfied with the evidence before it that the conduct of Interallies FC amounts to a gross breach of regulations and shall accordingly apply the necessary sanctions against the club.

In respect of the charges against supporters, clubs must also be mindful of Article 35(4) which states as follows:

***“The Association shall hold clubs responsible for the misconduct of their supporters before, during and after a match”.***

Article 66(1) and 66(3) of the GFA Disciplinary Code are also very clear on the subject matter. The Committee wishes to state that there are structures within the GFA which deal with allegations of bad officiating by a match official. An aggrieved party may send a Complaint to the Match Review Committee established under Article 59(3) of the GFA Statutes.

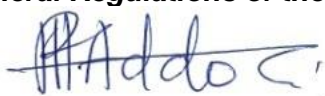
The aggrieved party may also in the case of misconduct by a match official, send a Complaint to the GFA Prosecutor appointed under Article 39 of the GFA Statutes.

An aggrieved club may also send a Complaint to the Referees Committee under Article 64 which has the duty to recommend the suspension or removal from the referees list of referees found to be incompetent or guilty of serious misconduct per Article 64(6) of the GFA Statutes.

## **DECISIONS**

***The Disciplinary Committee makes the following decisions:***

- 1. That the Committee having satisfied itself that the evidence adduced before it supports the Charge 1 against the club, the Committee hereby imposes a fine of One Thousand Ghana Cedis (GH¢1,000.00) on Interallies FC in accordance with Article 39(1)(b) of the GFA General Regulations.***
- 2. That the total amount One Thousand Ghana Cedis (GH¢1,000.00) stated Decision 1 above are payable to the GFA within fourteen (14) days upon receipt of this Ruling, failing which Interallies FC shall forfeit the club's matches after the said deadline in accordance with Articles 39(8)(b) and 39(8)(d) of the First Amendment to the GFA General Regulations.***
- 3. That should any party be dissatisfied with or aggrieved by this Decision, the party has within three (3) days of being notified of this Ruling to appeal to the Appeals Committee (See Article 37(11) of the General Regulations of the GFA).***



**Prosper Harrison Addo, Esq.  
Chairman, Disciplinary Committee (A)  
Monday, November 6, 2017**