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The General Secretary
Ghana Football Association
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Dear Sir,

PETITION ON THE SUBJECT: WHO REPLACES ASHANTIGOLD SC.

We refer to the post on the GFA website titled: Executive Council Decision on Replacement for Ashantigold SC. In that post, we saw in disbelief the intended playoff matches between division one clubs, Ebusua Dwarfs, Liberty Professionals and Tamale City as the teams to compete to replace Ashgold.

We wish to express our displeasure about the decision of the Executive Council as we feel it should be Techiman Eleven Wonders who should gain the advantage of moving up the league table after Ashgold demotion.

This is because Ashgold were allowed to participate in all 34 matches covering the 2021-2022 seasons and therefore had direct influence and impact on the league table. Therefore, the decision by the FA to demote Ashgold automatically translates into the fact that Ashgold have been relegated from the Premier league at the end of the 2021-2022 season. Per the Regulations of the GFA, ONLY 3 Premier Clubs at the bottom of the league table (relegation zone) would be further be DEMOTED to the 1st DIVISION.

Article 7(2) of the GFA Regulations, 2019 has made the provision so clear that ONLY 3 premier CLUBS at the end of the season would be demoted and only 3 to be promoted from the 1st Division clubs. Per the GFA's own decision, Ashgold were to be DEMOTED at the end of the league season. Meaning, we needed only 2 more clubs from the Premier to join them at the end of the season and not 3 more as per the position of the Law. The same way, we cannot also promote 4 more clubs to the Premier as the law stipulates.

For the avoidance of doubts, Article 7 (2) reads,



At the END OF THE COMPETITION, the LAST THREE (3) CLUBS on THE LEAGUE TABLE shall be automatically demoted to the DIVISION ONE LEAGUE. The champion club from each of the three Zones in the Division One League shall automatically be promoted to replace the DEMOTED clubs in the Premier League.

As a matter of fact, there's nowhere in the GFA statutes or regulations that states that, when a Club is punished and demoted, then there should be a different club from Division 1 to replace such a demoted club. There is also no provision that contradicts what we have in Article 7 (2) and to the extent that the GFA ExCo must intervene. The provisions are so clear and unambiguous. The GFA in its own decision had demoted 1 Premier club in advance, and the regulations make it clear that 3 must be demoted and not 4 clubs.

Consequently, 11 Wonders do not and cannot form part of the bottom 3 clubs on the Premier league table after week 34 standings coupled with the fact that Ashgold have been punished and duly demoted.

Please find attached what happened and what it means by a club has been demoted and therefore automatically relegated in a similar situation involving JUVENTUS in the Serie A league in 2006 whereupon the club had to be naturally and automatically placed at the relegated bottom of the league table because they had been demoted in principle.

We are hereby, and in humility requesting the Ghana football Association to furnish us and the football fraternity in Ghana within seven days, a copy of the official revised STANDINGS of clubs on the 2021/2022 Premier league table after the appeals committee's ruling affirming the disciplinary committee's decision to demote Ashantigold SC.

In sum, and by the Executive Committee fiat of July 17 2022, 4 premiership clubs are being demoted in breach of the Statutes and GFA Premier League regulations . This EXCO also breaches GFA Division One League regulations that makes it mandatory for only three clubs to be promoted and not 4 clubs. This we believe sins against our own laws and for which reason this anomaly must be corrected immediately.

Counting on your usual cooperation and earnest response.

Please accept our kind sporting regards

Thank you.

Signed

Management