

CAF DISCIPLINARY BOARD
DECISION 008 – CAI – 08.05.2022

General Secretary
Libya Football Association

To the attention of Ittihad FC

Cairo, 15th May 2022

Re: Decision M.154 Al Ahly Tripoli (Libya) vs Al Ittihad (Libya) played on 23 April 2022 in the frame of the Confederation Cup, CC 2021/2022

Dear Sir,

Arising out of the Disciplinary Board's meeting held on 8th May 2022, the Board was comprised of:

Mr. Raymond Hack (South Africa)	Chairman
Mr. Issa Sama (Burkina Faso)	Member
Mr. Youssouf Ali Djae (Comores)	Member
Mr. Mustapha Samugabo (Burundi)	Member

At its meeting held on 8th May 2022, the Board examined all the documents relevant to the above-mentioned case.

FACTS:

The officials of the above-mentioned match indicated in their reports that:

Just before the kick-off of the match of about 20 minutes, Mr. Mahmoud ABOUDA came towards the general coordinator of the match to challenge the presence of AL AHLI TRIPOLI supporters in the main stands.

Mr. Mahmoud ABOUDA, in a very incorrect and vulgar way told me that his team will withdraw and that the match will not take place if the spectators have not left the stadium. Furthermore, he expressed insults towards all CAF match officials to the general coordinator.

After the final whistle of the referee of the match and while the general coordinator was busy ensuring the return of the referees and the players of the two teams to the locker rooms, Mr. Mahmoud ABOUDA came closer to the general coordinator of the match again, held him by the hand and textually said: “

“You are dirty, you are corrupt, you received money from the AL AHLI club”

The said official did not stop at the level of these very serious and unjust insults and accusations against my person, but he allowed himself to spit in the General Coordinator's face.

CONSIDERED:

I. CAF's competence to the Case

Pursuant to articles 40, 42 and 57 of the CAF Statutes, as well as article 3 and 87 of the CAF Disciplinary Code, the CAF Statutes, Disciplinary Code and Regulations are applicable to this procedure.

The competence of the CAF Disciplinary Board results from the following articles:

Pursuant to article 10 of CAF disciplinary code *"the disciplinary Board is authorized to sanction any breach of CAF Regulations which does not come under the jurisdiction of another body of the Confederation"*.

Article 3 of the CAF Disciplinary Code provides that *"By participation in the various CAF competitions, all the persons referred to in article 2 para 2 above acknowledge and accept that they are bound by this code inclusive of any regulations relating to any specific CAF competitions as well as any directives issued by the CAF Secretariat on behalf of the CAF Executive Committee, inclusive of the Laws of the Game as issued by the International Football Association Board."*

In the present case, and in accordance with the aforementioned articles of CAF Disciplinary Code, the CAF Disciplinary Board is competent to deal with the case;

II. Relevant provisions to the Case

The following relevant provisions apply to the case at hand.

Pursuant to Article 82 *"National associations, clubs, officials and members, as well as their players, shall respect the principles of loyalty, integrity, sportsmanship and ethics"*.

According to Article 83 *"1. National associations, clubs and officials are responsible for ensuring that the game is not brought into disrepute in anyway whatsoever by the conduct of their players, officials, members, supporters, spectators (especially using dangerous objects and/or lasers) and any other persons exercising a function at a match at the request of the association or club. 2. The host association or club is responsible for order and security both inside and around the stadium before, during and after the match. It is liable for incidents of any kind and can be rendered subject to disciplinary measures. 3. The visiting association or visiting club is responsible for the conduct of its own group of supporters. Spectators occupying the away sector specifically or the demarcated sectors of a stadium are regarded as the visiting association's supporters, unless proven to the contrary"*

Pursuant to Article 151 *"1. National associations that organise matches shall: b) comply with and implement existing safety rules (FIFA and CAF Regulations, national laws, international agreements)"*

and take every safety precaution demanded by circumstances before, during and after the match; c) ensure the safety of players and officials of the visiting team during their stay; f) Ensure that all dangerous objects and/or lasers are not allowed in the stadium or in the areas surrounding it by conducting searches of spectators. 2. National associations are held responsible for the behaviour of their supporters (especially regarding throwing missiles and invading the pitch)".

DECISION:

CAF Disciplinary Board decided to suspend the President of Ittihad Club Mr. Mahmoud Abouda for a period of six (6) months from all Football activities related to CAF. The suspensions starts from the day of notification of the present decision.

The Board also decided to impose on the President of Ittihad Club Mr. Mahmoud Abouda a financial sanction of 10.000 USD (ten Thousand US Dollars).

Payment of 10.000 US Dollars must be made within 60 days of the date hereof, in American Dollars to:
Bank CIB - Swift Code: CIBEEGXXX - Account No: 100044333389 -
IBAN: EG970010008000000100044333389 OR by Cheque in the name of CONFEDERATION AFRICAINE DE FOOTBALL.

LEGAL ACTION:

This decision can be contested before CAF Appeal Board. The party intending to appeal shall announce his intention in writing within three (3) days of notification of the decision. If the last day of the time limit coincides with a public holiday in the country of residence, the time limit will expire the next day which is not a public holiday.

Reasons for the appeal shall be given in writing within a further time limit of seven (7) days, commencing upon the expiry of the first time limit of three (3) days. The deposit mentioned in article 58 of the CDC must be paid to CAF's account. The appeal is invalid without the relevant deposit within the relevant time limit.

The decision becomes final at the expiration of the appeal deadline.

Best Regards,

**CONFEDERATION AFRICAINE
DE FOOTBALL**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "RH", is located below the text "CONFEDERATION AFRICAINE DE FOOTBALL".

Raymond Hack
Chairman of CAF Disciplinary Board