

CAF DISCIPLINARY BOARD
DECISION 003 – CAI – 28.10.2021

General Secretary
Sierra Leone Football Association

Cairo, 4th November 2021

Re: Decision Matter Date and Kick off Match Sierra Leone vs. Gambia – WOMEN AFCON – Morocco 2022

Dear Sir,

Arising out of the Disciplinary Board's meeting held on 28th October 2021, the Board was comprised of:

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

Also present at the meeting were:

Mr. Osman Yassin (CAF)	Independent Bodies Coordinator
Mrs. Amina Kassem (CAF)	Head of Discipline
Ms. Sarah El Adawy (CAF)	Discipline Officer

At its meeting held on 28th October 2021, the Board examined all the documents relevant to the above-mentioned case.

FACTS:

- CAF sent on August 8th the circular of double dates to the attention of the concerned teams with the first round of Women AFCON-MOROCCO 2022 in order to guide them to fix the dates of the first and second legs within the allocated FIFA Window. Several reminders were sent to the teams, and the deadline was extended several times to certain federations including the Sierra Leone Football Association.

- On 15th of September, CAF clearly clarified to the Sierra Leone Football Association (hereto SLFA) that as per the rules of FIFA double dates the first leg match cannot take place before 20th of October.
- The SLFA acknowledged receipt on the same day of the receipt of the said email and proceeded to request that they play their match in Liberia whilst also asking for a last deadline to communicate such updates in Liberia.
- On October 9th an email was sent to all concerned teams who are participating in the matches of the first-round, the said email included an attachment of the updated fixtures with the dates and venues. Namely match Sierra Leone vs Gambia on 20th October 2021 in Makeni City since the teams did not change the venue on CMS to Liberia.
- CAF changed the venue and republished the venue while maintaining the match date, 20th of October 2021, on October 15th, as per the SLFA's request as they have mentioned to a CAF official that they have failed to rectify the said venue.
- The following day, an email was sent to the SLFA to provide them with the details of the appointment of a Liberian COVID-19 officer who will be present in Liberia for their match that is set to take place on the 20th of October.
- On October 18th, CAF discovered from the match commissioner (Mrs. Doris Sheba from Liberia) that the match was rescheduled for the 18th of October and was played without CAF's approval.
- On 28th of October 2021, the case was submitted to CAF Disciplinary Board. The Board noted that both teams/NAs did not respect the directives set by CAF.

CONSIDERED:

- In terms of CAF Statutes and regulations
- In terms of articles 3, 10, 11 and 82 of CAF Disciplinary Code

DECISION:

CAF Disciplinary Board decided to impose upon your National Association a financial sanction of 10.000 USD (Ten Thousand US Dollars) for failing to respect CAF directives and instructions.

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**



Raymond Hack
Chairman of CAF Disciplinary Board