DECISIONS OF THE APPEAL BOARD OF 10th OF FEBRUARY 2019

On February 10, 2019, the Appeal Board of Confédération Africaine de Football held a meeting in order to decide on the below appeal.

1. Appeal of the Ismaily Sporting Club of the decision of the Inter-club Competitions and Club Licensing.

The Background:
The appointed match officials of match no. 96 of CL between Ismaily SC of Egypt and Club Africain of Tunisia have reported in their match reports that the home fans of Ismaily SC have been continuously throwing stones and water bottles on the assistant referee and the visiting team, specifically on the 86th minute while Club Africain’s team was attempting to take a corner kick.

After continuous failed attempts to restart the play, it was decided to call off the match and both teams and match officials were escorted to the dressing rooms by the security personnel.

Decision of the Organizing Committee for Inter-club Competitions and Club Licensing:
Referring to the Regulations of the Competition, and, in particular to Chapter XII article 3; Chapter XI article 13 and Chapter XI article 18, the Organizing Committee for Inter-club Competitions and Club Licensing has decided, on the 23rd January 2019 the elimination of Ismaily SC from the Total CAF Champions League 2018/2019 and that the overall results of the matches in which the team participated in are cancelled without prejudice to other sanctions that may be imposed by CAF Disciplinary Board.

The Appeal
On 24th January 2019 the Ismaily Sporting Club has appealed the decision of the Organizing Committee for Inter-club Competitions and Club Licensing.

Ismaily Sporting Club has further sent on 2nd February 2019 its appeal brief.

CONSIDERED

Considering CAF Statutes and Regulations;

Considering that the provisions of Chapter XII article 3 of the Regulations of the competitions states that: “If the referee is forced to stop the match before the end of the regular time because of invasion of the field or aggression against the visiting team, the host team shall be considered loser and shall be eliminated from the competition, without prejudice to the sanctions existing in the Regulations”.

Considering that for the provisions of article 3 to be applied, there should be either an invasion of the pitch or aggression against the visiting team;

Considering that it is established that the field was not invaded;
Considering that the aggression of the visiting team could not be established by the officials’ reports, the match footage; or by any reported incident;

Regarding the Decision of the Organizing Committee for Inter-club Competitions and Club Licensing of the Match CL 96 Ismaily (Egypt) vs Club Africain (Tunisia) played in the frame of the Total CAF Champions League CL 2018/2019, the Appeal Board decided as follows – **Decision #001**:  

1. The Appeal of the Ismaily Sporting Club is admissible;  
2. The Appeal of the Ismaily Sporting Club is upheld;  

2. **Appeal of the Gambia Football Federation (GFF) regarding the decision n.300 of CAF Disciplinary Board concerning the eligibility of Togolese player James Adewale Olufade**

**Decision of CAF Disciplinary Board:**  
On 13th January 2019, CAF Disciplinary Board decided to dismiss the protest lodged by the GFF and confirm eligibility of player James Adewale Olufade for the match no. 86: Gambia vs. Togo which was played in the frame of the TOTAL Africa Cup of Nations Qualifiers 2019  
The decision was communicated to GFF on 21st January 2019.  

**The Appeal**  
On 23rd January 2019 Gambia FF has appealed the decision of the CAF Disciplinary Board.  

Considering CAF statutes, regulations and Disciplinary Code; the Appeal Board decided as follows – **Decision #002**:  

1. Declare the Appeal of Gambia Football Federation admissible in law;  
2. Declare the Appeal of Gambia Football Federation inadmissible in substance;  
3. Confirm the decision of CAF Disciplinary Board with regard to the eligibility of player James Adewale Olufade to represent Togo national team.

3. **Appeal of El Masry club regarding the decision of CAF Disciplinary Board – Match 168 AS Vita (DR Congo) vs. El Masry (Egypt) in the frame of CAF Champions League 2018:**

**Decision of CAF Disciplinary Board:**  
On 29th October 2018, CAF Disciplinary Board decided to impose upon Al Masry club a financial sanction of $ 100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars) for the unfortunate behavior of the delegation. The board indicated also that some amounts of that financial sanction will be used to repair the damages caused in the stadium of AS Vita Club.
The Appeal
El Masry lodged an appeal against the decision of CAF Disciplinary Board and asked CAF Appeal Board to annul the decision of CAF Disciplinary Board or to alternatively reduce the fine to be proportionate with the damages.

Considering CAF statutes, regulations and Disciplinary Code; the Appeal Board decided as follows –

Decision #003:

1. Declare the Appeal of El Masry club admissible in law;
2. Declare the Appeal of El Masry club dismissed in substance;
3. Confirm the decision of CAF Disciplinary Board and the sanction is maintained.

4. Appeal of Esperance de Tunis (E.S.T) regarding the decision of the disciplinary board of October 29, 2018, concerning the match 146, E.S.T (Tunisia) vs. Club Desportivo do Agosto (Angola), played in the frame of Total Champions League 2018

Decision of CAF Disciplinary Board:
On 29th October 2018, CAF Disciplinary Board decided to impose upon Esperance de Tunis club a financial sanction of $ 300,000 (three hundred thousand dollars) for the unfortunate behavior of the fans. The board indicated also an obligation for EST club to play two matches behind closed door.

The decision was communicated to EST club on 31st October 2018.

The Appeal
Esperance de Tunis club lodged an appeal against the decision of CAF Disciplinary Board.

Considering CAF statutes, regulations and Disciplinary Code; the Appeal Board decided as follows –

Decision #004:

1. Declare the Appeal of Esperance de Tunis club admissible in law;
2. Declare the Appeal of Esperance de Tunis club dismissed in substance;
3. Confirm the decision of CAF Disciplinary Board and the sanction is maintained.

5. Appeal of the Fédération Béninoise de Football (FBF) regarding the decision of the disciplinary board of October 29, 2018, concerning the match 85 of Benin vs. Algeria, played in the frame of TOTAL Africa Cup of Nations Qualifiers 2019:

Decision of CAF Disciplinary Board:
On 29th October 2018, CAF Disciplinary Board decided to impose upon the Fédération Béninoise de Football a fine of $ 20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) split as $ 10,000 (ten thousand dollars) for fans throwing bottles and $ 10,000 (ten thousand dollars) for lack of security during the concerned match.
The Appeal

The Fédération Béninoise de Football lodged an appeal against the decision of CAF Disciplinary Board.

Considering CAF statutes, regulations and Disciplinary Code; the Appeal Board decided as follows –

Decision #005:

1. Declare the Appeal of Fédération Béninoise de Football admissible in law;
2. Declare the Appeal of Fédération Béninoise de Football dismissed in substance;
3. Confirm the decision of CAF Disciplinary Board and the sanction is maintained.

6. Appeal by the Fédération Algérienne de Football (FAF) regarding the decision of the disciplinary board of November 25, 2018, concerning the match of Mali vs. Algeria, played in the frame of Total Women’s Africa Cup of Nations, Ghana 2018

Decision of CAF Disciplinary Board:
On 25th November 2018, CAF Disciplinary Board decided:
• To suspend player no.14, Myriam Yasmine Benlazar from her next two matches;
• To suspend the Head coach, Fertoul Radia from her next four matches;
• To suspend the head of the delegation, Mr. Ammar Bahloul from his next four matches;
• To impose to the Fédération Algérienne de Football a fine of $USD 10,000 (ten thousand US dollars) for the misconduct of the officials and players.

The Appeal

The Fédération Algérienne de Football lodged an appeal against the decision of CAF Disciplinary Board.

Considering CAF statutes, regulations and Disciplinary Code; the Appeal Board decided as follows –

Decision #006:

1. Declare the Appeal of Federation Algérienne de Football admissible in law;
2. Declare the Appeal of Federation Algérienne de Football dismissed in substance;
3. Confirm the decision of CAF Disciplinary Board and the sanction is maintained.