



CAF DISCIPLINARY BOARD
DECISION 002 – CAI – 28.11.2022

General Secretary
Libya Football Federation

To the attention of Ahli Tripoli

Cairo, 12th December 2022

Re: Decision incident Match 81 Al Ahli Tripoli (Libya) vs. Marumo Gallants (South Africa) played in the frame of the Confederation Cup, CC 2022-2023

Dear Sir,

Arising out of the Disciplinary Board's meeting held on 28th November 2022, the Board was comprised of:

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

At its meeting held on 28th November 2022, the Board examined all the documents relevant to the above-mentioned case.

I. FACTS:

1. The officials of the above-mentioned match indicated in their reports that at the 88th minute of the match, flares were thrown on the field of play ;

II. CAF'S COMPETENCE TO THE CASE:

2. 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.

3. 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.*

4. 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.

III. Relevant provisions to the Case

5. The following relevant provisions apply to the case at hand:
6. Pursuant to article 82 of CAF Disciplinary Code *“PRINCIPLES OF CONDUCT”*: *National associations, clubs, officials and members, as well as their players, shall respect the principles of loyalty, integrity, sportsmanship and ethics.*
7. According to article 83 of CAF Disciplinary Code *“RESPONSIBILITY”* : *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.*
8. Pursuant to article 151 of CAF Disciplinary Code *“SECURITY FOR ORGANISATION OF MATCHES”* : *“1. National associations that organize matches shall: e) ensure that law and order are maintained in the stadia and immediate surroundings and that matches are organized properly. 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 with regard to throwing missiles and invading the pitch) and auxiliary staff.*

IV. Legal Considerations

9. The Disciplinary Board recalls that the lighting and throwing of fireworks is a serious offence as it can not only disrupt the orderly running of the match, but it could also endanger the physical integrity of the spectators, officials, stewards and even the players on the pitch. For this reason, the use of pyrotechnic devises is strictly forbidden;
10. In the present case, it was reported by CAF officer that during the Match the Al Hilal Club’s supporters ignited and throw several flares in the stadium.

11. The Disciplinary Board would like to recall that, according to the constant practice of the disciplinary bodies of CAF, the facts related in the reports of match officials are presumed to be accurate until proven otherwise (art 32 of the disciplinary code of CAF). Considering the above, the disciplinary Board note that the Club has not provided any evidence to the contrary of the facts described in the Official Reports;
12. The Disciplinary Board has noted the seriousness of the infractions committed by Al Hilal spectators as well as the negligence of the Security Control in preventing the entrance of dangerous objects.
13. The Disciplinary Board had also observed and had adjudicated several cases in which Al Hilal club was found guilty of similar infractions. As such, the Board considers that Al Hilal club to have repeated similar infractions as per article 116 of the Disciplinary Code.

DECISION:

14. CAF Disciplinary Board decided:

- 1. to impose upon your club a financial sanction of 10,000USD (Ten Thousand US Dollars) for the unsporting behaviour of your supporters.**

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