

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPEAL BEFORE THE IFA COMMITTEE

BY CRUESTODIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

1. The procedures governing the operation of the IFA Appeals Committee (“the Committee”) are contained within Article 14 of the IFA Articles of Association. Any party who wishes to appeal to the Committee must adhere to the terms of this Article.
2. An Appeal has been received from Cruestodians Football Club. It is a mandatory requirement by virtue of Article 14 (4) that an Appeal, be made by Special Delivery and that it is served, also by Special Delivery letter, on the body or committee whose decision is appealed against. The Special Delivery letter must be dispatched within 4 days after the date on which the decision was notified in writing to the Appellant.
3. In the present case the Appellant did not dispatch a Special Delivery letter to the body or committee whose decision is appealed against within 4 days of being informed of the decision in writing.
4. The Appellant had been informed by the Secretary to the Appeals Committee, via email, of the steps to be taken in lodging a valid appeal. Despite this, unfortunately, the Appellant did not send its appeal simultaneously by Special Delivery letter to the body or committee whose decision is being appealed against. The Appellant originally attempted to send the appeal via email to the Respondent. However, after the time limit had expired, did send the appeal by Special Delivery letter to the Respondent.
5. The Committee have considered this and whether the Appeal has been lodged in accordance with Article 14. The Committee itself is bound by the terms of Article 14 which does not provide it with any discretion in these circumstances.
6. Regrettably, it is the decision of the Committee that, in light of the fact that the Appeal has been dispatched on the Respondent, originally, in a manner not

provided for in the Rules, it has not been brought in accordance with Article 14 and therefore cannot be accepted.

7. The Committee has significant sympathy with the Appellant in this regard but unfortunately it is bound by the Rules and how they are currently drafted.
8. The Committee would recommend if any amendments to the Rules are being considered that discretion be afforded to the Committee to accept appeals in such circumstances. As no discretion currently exists the Appeal is not accepted.

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