



## DECISIONS OF THE APPEAL BOARD OF 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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.



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## 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 :

1. The Appeal of the Ismaily Sporting Club is admissible;
2. The Appeal of the Ismaily Sporting Club is upheld;
3. Ismaily Sporting Club is reintegrated into the Total CAF Champions League CL 2018/2019.