

29th April, 2016

**The Secretary
Giwa FC
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Dear Sir,

RE: OUR DECISION TO COMPLY WITH NFF DIRECTIVES

We are in receipt of your letter on the above subject, dated 28th April, 2016, wherein you reiterated your resolve not to honour the disciplinary decisions against your club.

We will state again that there was neither a court order nor a directive from the NFF nullifying the disciplinary decisions reached in respect of your match day 12 fixture: Giwa FC vs. Rangers International FC. More so, all directives to clubs relating to the organization of league matches emanate exclusively from or through the LMC – being the competent authority licensed by the NFF to administer the NPFL. Furthermore, we will also reiterate that by virtue of article 68(2) of FIFA Statutes and article 13(1)(f) of NFF Statutes, as well as the undertaking entered into by all NPFL clubs (including Giwa FC), there is the prohibition of the taking of football matters to regular courts and agreement to submit to the football rules and regulations as well as the jurisdiction of football judicial bodies.

Kindly note that the disciplinary decisions earlier communicated to you still apply, including the banishment of Giwa FC to the Ilorin Township Stadium, Kwara State for its next three home matches. You will recall that similar sanction was imposed on FC Taraba and Sunshine Stars FC last season in respect of their match day 35 and 36 fixtures respectively, wherein they were banished to neutral venues (Abuja and Lagos respectively) for their three subsequent home matches and they duly complied.

The sanction – banishment to a neutral ground for minimum of three home matches due to disturbances – is stipulated in Rule B13.21, which states that “any Club guilty of disturbances before, during or after a match may be banned to a neutral ground to play their matches for a minimum of three matches in addition to any other sanction the LMC may deem appropriate under these Rules”.

