March 23rd 2025

Mr. Glen Etienne & Board of Executives Dominica Football Association (DFA) Football House Bath Estate

Dear Sirs,

## <u>Subject: Official Complaint and Request for Resolution Regarding Match on March 21, 2025</u>

We United Football Club would like to formally address the situation which occurred on Friday, March 21, 2025, during our scheduled match against Point Michel FC, the first match of the DFA Premier League 2025 season. This letter serves to outline the events leading to the cancellation of the match and to request that, in accordance with DFA regulations, We United be awarded the 3 points and 3 goals for the fixture.

On March 8, 2025, a meeting was held with the Board of Executives of DFA, the General Secretary of the Association and all clubs before the start of the 2025 season. During this meeting, We United's representative raised concerns regarding potential uniform clashes which was an issue in the 2024 season. The DFA indicated that the home and away rule would be enforced for the new 2025 season with the home team being the first name on the fixtures and the away team, the second on the fixtures. In cases of uniform color clashes, the DFA stated further that a neutral kit would be provided by the DFA if the away team's kit was similar in color to the home team's kit.

Our premier team, Valvoline We United, was scheduled as the home team for the match on March 21, 2025. Our designated home kit colors are red and white. Knowing that Point Michel's colors are also red and white, and red and black, our Manager, Miss Yvette Laurent, proactively contacted the Competition Coordinator, Mr. Judah Corriette days before the scheduled match to inquire about Point Michel's kit options. She suggested that We United could wear our alternate blue and white kit to avoid a clash, despite being the home team and not required to change. She further informed Mr Corriette that the red colors posed an



issue during last year's games with Point Michel. He informed her that Point Michel has an away kit which is different in color from their home kit and will be using their away kit for the game.

Based on this confirmation, We United proceeded to the match venue with our primary red and white kit. Our team arrived between 5:30 pm and 5:45 pm, utilizing the first locker room which was designated by the DFA as the home team's locker room. Approximately 10 minutes later, the Coordinator arrived. Our team proceeded to warm up on the field and about 20 minutes later, Point Michel players were seen dressing in a red and black kit. At that point, our Manager contacted the coordinator who was on the other side of the facility attending to the camera men. She reminded him of the prior conversation about uniform clashes — precisely what was now occurring. The Match Commissioner, Miss Rosilia Registe, and the Facility Manager Mr. Shillingford were standing a few feet away while this conversation was going on.

The match officials led by Mr. Gabriel Ceasar inspected both teams while the Match Commissioner looked on. No one raised any issues regarding a uniform clash at that time. Thereafter, both teams and the match officials, lined up fully prepared to play. Both We United and Point Michael's substitutions were already on their benches. It was only then that our manager and the Point Michael coach were called to a brief meeting with the game officials and the Match Commissioner, where they informed us that there is a uniform clash and this was an issue. Our manager asked the main official Mr. Ceasar, what does this mean in terms of game execution and he responded that the game was called off and the officials will write their report to the DFA. At this point our manager reiterated that she had brought this issue to the DFA meeting on 8th March and had followed up with the Competition Coordinator days before the game.

We United FC adhered to all the DFA's guidelines and made every effort to prevent a uniform clash, despite being the home team. Given that we followed the rules and took proactive steps to avoid the situation, we respectfully request that We United FC be awarded the 3 points and 3 goals for this match, in line with DFA regulations.

Furthermore, we would like to receive compensation for all match day expenses including transportation costs for both players and our supporters.



We appreciate your urgent attention to this matter and look forward to a fair resolution.

Yours Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Judah Corriette - Competitions' Coordinator

Mr. Neuron Williams - Referees' Department

Mr. Gabriel Ceasar - Match official