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Open Letter To Dr. K.D Asante – Ghana Hockey Association President (2022-2026) VI

Dear Dr. K. D. Asante,

Happiness keeps you sweet, Trials keeps you strong, Sorrow keeps you human,  
Failures keep you humble, Success keeps you growing but only God keeps you going.

Indeed, God keeps us going! I bring you greetings from Ball & Stick and I trust this episode finds you well. As expected, we are here again to discuss ways we can all support the growth of the game we love, Hockey.

Man by nature, hears what he wants to hear and disregard the **rest**. Unfortunately, the position you occupy is described as public and which requires you to hear the “**rest**” regardless. I am without doubt that, Ball & Stick and myself falls under the “**rest**” category whom you choose to disregard but as the adage goes; if you want to talk to God, you speak into the air and whether God hears it or not, you have spoken. We have a mandate of leading the charge for growth in Hockey and we are doing exactly that.

In one of my previous episodes, I spent time talking about divisions within the walls of the stadium. Framers of the GHA Constitution, in my opinion, experienced the negative effects of division among the hockey community members and combined their efforts to provide a solution to it in an Article of GHA Constitution below;

**Article 8 NON – DISCRIMINATION**

- 8.1 Discrimination of any kind against a club, a person or group of persons on account of ethnic origin, gender, language, religion, politics, race or any other reason is strictly prohibited.

Where there is DISCRIMINATION, there is division and sabotage. Discrimination is that flood that comes very quickly, leaving only destruction behind. Be prepared to do everything within your ability to unify the people and this I must say that, it is for your own good because if you lead a united people, your position is secured. For me to reiterate this particular issue, means you should not be willing to compromise on the actions that will prevent discrimination. I will not attempt to go further because this is not our focus for today’s discussion.

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Sir, we have observed keenly to a major breach of the Constitution. I have never attended GHA Congress before and the Constitution did not state words to be used during the swearing in of GHA President but I am certain in my heart that protection and preservation of the Constitution forms key roles of the President. In a situation where the authorized protector defiles what he has sworn to protect, makes the sense of fear and worrying palpable.

## **Article 11    ORGANS**

### **11.1    The GHA shall have the following organs:**

11.1.1 The GHA Congress

11.1.2 The Executive Board

11.1.3 The Secretariat

## **Article 12    CONGRESS**

12.1 The Congress shall be the supreme and ultimate authority governing the conduct of the GHA and its legislative organ

12.2 Ordinary meetings of the GHA Congress shall be held once every year. The Executive Board shall fix the date and venue of the Congress

12.3 Extraordinary meetings of the Congress shall be held:

Congress, according to Article 12.2 must be held once every year and not only at the end of a 4year term of election as it is currently being practiced. Congress holds the supreme authority of GHA and if not convened, we either underestimate its value or we undermine its importance. Congress offers the opportunity for ideas which will be useful for the year under consideration to be suggested and helps in the drafting of the year's activities of the Association.

Do not discard the thought to seeking green lightings from the Constitution before ultimately taking an action. I have outlined the importance of the Constitution in my previous episode V and so, I will leave it here.

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Should you decide to give a second thought to all my open letters, I assure you, by the end of your reign as Ghana Hockey Association President, it will be clear that my informal strategy of providing you counsel had paid off. But if attempts are made to invalidate these counsel, then what I will say is; It is when you run away that you are liable to stumble.

Till you hear from me again next week, enjoy the goodness of God.

Best regards,

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