

ARBITRAL AWARD

(BAT 2038/23)

by the

BASKETBALL ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL (BAT)

Mr. Benny Lo

in the arbitration proceedings between

Mr. Wassef Methnani

represented by Mr. Nilo Effori, attorney at law,

vs.

Etoile Sportive du Sahel
Av. Mohamed Karoui, 4001 Sousse, Tunisia

- Claimant -

- Respondent -

AWARD

Upon providing all parties with an opportunity to be heard, having examined his jurisdiction and considered the factual and legal arguments as well as the requests for relief submitted in this case, the Arbitrator decides as follows:

- 1. Etoile Sportive du Sahel shall pay Mr. Wassef Methnani the amount of TND 10,000.00 together with interest at 5% per annum on any outstanding balance (as may be the case from time to time) thereof from 16 January 2023 until payment in full.**
- 2. Etoile Sportive du Sahel shall pay Mr. Wassef Methnani the amount of TND 10,000.00 together with interest at 5% per annum on any outstanding balance (as may be the case from time to time) thereof from 16 March 2023 until payment in full.**
- 3. Etoile Sportive du Sahel shall pay Mr. Wassef Methnani the amount of TND 5,000.00 together with interest at 5% per annum on any outstanding balance (as may be the case from time to time) thereof from 2 March 2023 until payment in full.**
- 4. Etoile Sportive du Sahel shall pay Mr. Wassef Methnani the amount of TND 5,000.00 together with interest at 5% per annum on any outstanding balance (as may be the case from time to time) thereof from 2 April 2023 until payment in full.**
- 5. Etoile Sportive du Sahel shall pay Mr. Wassef Methnani the amount of TND 5,000.00 together with interest at 5% per annum on any outstanding balance (as may be the case from time to time) thereof from 2 May 2023 until payment in full.**
- 6. Etoile Sportive du Sahel shall pay Mr. Wassef Methnani the amount of TND 5,000.00 together with interest at 5% per annum on any outstanding balance (as may be the case from time to time) thereof from 2 June 2023 until payment in full.**

- 7. The costs of this arbitration until the present Award, which were determined by the Vice-President of the BAT to be in the amount of EUR 4,000.00, shall be borne by Etoile Sportive du Sahel alone. Accordingly, Etoile Sportive du Sahel shall pay EUR 4,000.00 to Mr. Wassef Methnani as reimbursement of the costs of arbitration.**
- 8. Etoile Sportive du Sahel shall pay Mr. Wassef Methnani the further amounts of USD 4,000.00 and EUR 1,000.00 as a contribution towards his legal fees and expenses (including the non-reimbursable handling fee).**
- 9. Any arbitration costs associated with a Request for Reasons (see attached Notice) shall be advanced and borne by the requesting party.**
- 10. Any other or further-reaching requests for relief are dismissed.**

Geneva, seat of the arbitration, 11 March 2024

Benny Lo
(Arbitrator)

Notice about Request for Reasons

in accordance with Articles 16.2 and 16.3 of the BAT Rules (version of 1 January 2022):

“16.2 By agreeing to submit their dispute to arbitration under these Rules, the parties agree that, subject to Article 16.3, the Arbitrator shall issue an award without reasons if the sum in dispute does not exceed EUR 50,000.

16.3 In cases falling under Article 16.2, the Arbitrator shall issue an award with reasons (which shall substitute in full for any previously-issued award without reasons) only if

- a) a party (i) files a request to that effect at any stage from when the Request for Arbitration is filed until no later than ten (10) days after the notification of the award without reasons, and (ii) pays, within the deadline set by the BAT Secretariat, an amount of EUR 3,000 into the bank account indicated in Article 17.1, failing which the request shall be deemed withdrawn; or*
- b) the BAT President determines in his/her sole discretion, before the award is issued, that it shall be rendered with reasons, taking into account the issues raised by the case as well as the public interest in a sufficient body of publicized awards with reasons.”*

Please note that the time limit for payment of the amount of EUR 3,000.00, in accordance with Article 16.3(a) of the BAT Rules, will be set by the BAT Secretariat upon receipt of the request for reasons, if any.