

THE BEST FIFA FOOTBALL AWARDS 2018

RULES OF ALLOCATION

The articles below relate to the following four awards:

- **The Best FIFA Men's Player**
- **The Best FIFA Women's Player**
- **The Best FIFA Men's Coach**
- **The Best FIFA Women's Coach**

(Individually referred to herein as an "**Award**" and collectively as the "**Awards**".)

Art. 1. The Awards are organised and presented by FIFA.

Art. 2. The Awards reward the best in each category, regardless of championship or nationality, for their respective achievements during the period from 3 July 2017 to 15 July 2018 inclusive for the men's awards and from 7 August 2017 to 24 May 2018 inclusive for the women's awards.

Art. 3. The Awards are bestowed according to on-field performance and overall behaviour on and off the pitch.

Art. 4. The winners of The Best FIFA Men's Player and The Best FIFA Men's Coach awards will be selected by an international jury comprising the current coaches of all men's national teams (one per team), the current captains of all men's national teams (one per team), one specialist journalist from each territory represented by a national team and fans from all over the world registered on FIFA.com.

The winners of The Best FIFA Women's Player and The Best FIFA Women's Coach awards will be selected by an international jury comprising the current coaches of all women's national teams (one per team), the current captains of all women's national teams (one per team), one specialist journalist from each territory represented by a national team and fans from all over the world registered on FIFA.com.

Each of the four groups of voters within a jury has the same electoral weight irrespective of the actual number of voters in those groups (i.e. the votes of the coaches, of the captains, of the specialist journalists and the fans shall each make up one quarter of the poll, notwithstanding the number of voters in each group). The results of the individual votes of the jury members shall be published on www.FIFA.com. For the avoidance of doubt:

- a. captains of national teams can vote for coaches from the national team they represent;
- b. captains and coaches of national teams can vote for players from the national team they represent;
- c. nominated captains and coaches are not permitted to vote for themselves;
- d. specialist journalists can vote for players and coaches who are from their own country or who represent clubs affiliated to their own country;

e. fans registered on FIFA.com can vote for men's and women's football players and coaches, provided that any such vote is cast fairly and in accordance with these rules of allocation.

Art. 5. Each member of the jury will be requested to nominate, in decreasing order of merit, the three players and three coaches who, in accordance with the criteria set out in articles 2 and 3 above, they consider most deserving of the respective Award. These nominations are drawn:

- a. for **The Best FIFA Men's Player** award, from a shortlist of ten (10) male players compiled by a panel of experts in men's football representing different FIFA and external football stakeholders;
- b. for **The Best FIFA Men's Coach** award, from a shortlist of ten (10) coaches compiled by a panel of experts in men's football representing different FIFA and external football stakeholders;
- c. for **The Best FIFA Women's Player** award, from a shortlist of ten (10) female players compiled by a panel of experts in women's football representing each of the six confederations; and
- d. for **The Best FIFA Women's Coach** award, from a shortlist of ten (10) coaches compiled by a panel of experts in women's football representing each of the six confederations.

In the event that two or more nominees receive the same number of votes as the nominee in the last position on the shortlist in any of the above categories, the respective shortlist may be expanded to include all nominees receiving the same number of votes as the nominee in the last position.

Art. 6. The three players and three coaches nominated by each jury member receive five points, three points or one point, respectively, depending on whether the juror places the player or coach first (five points), second (three points) or third (one point).

Art. 7. The Award is bestowed upon the player or coach, in each particular category of Award, who receives the highest weighted percentage of points, i.e. the percentage of points received following the application of electoral weighting of the four jury groups as described in article 4 above.

Art. 8. In the event of a tie for first place after the above procedure has been applied, the player or coach with the highest number of "five-point" scores from the votes cast by the captains, coaches and media shall be the winner of the relevant Award. In the event that this also leads to a tie, the player or coach with the highest number of "three-point" scores from the votes cast by the captains, coaches and media shall be the winner of the relevant Award. In the event that this still leads to a tie, each nominee who remains tied for the Award shall jointly receive the Award.

Art. 9. The voting period for the Awards commences on 24 July 2018 and concludes at midnight CET on 10 August 2018 (the "**Voting Period**").

Art. 10. The respective winners of the Awards will receive the relevant trophy in person during a ceremony organised by FIFA.

Art. 11. The voting procedure for each of the Awards is supervised and monitored by independent observers.

Art. 12. Notwithstanding the foregoing articles, FIFA is entitled at any point to disregard any vote by any member of the international jury in the event that such member is deemed by FIFA, at its sole discretion, to have been associated or involved at any time with any unethical and/or disreputable act and practice, unlawful activity, conduct or undertaking (including, but not limited to, bribery, corruption, discrimination of any kind and racism). For the avoidance of doubt, FIFA is not obliged to publish such nominations or communicate any such decision to the member or to any other person.