

The Best FIFA Football Awards 2017

FIFA have announced the finalists for the second annual Best Football Awards, with Cristiano Ronaldo, Lionel Messi and Neymar all vying for the top prize, to be revealed in London on October 23



Lionel Messi *ARG*

Age: **30** Debut: **2004**

Club: **Barcelona**
Position: **Forward**

Hoping to claim sixth World Player award. Won 26% of vote to **Ronaldo's** 34% in 2016

2017: Scored 37 goals in La Liga to seal fourth **European Golden Boot**. Started 2017/18 in superb form, netting four times against Eibar

Neymar *BRA*

Age: **25** Debut: **2009**

Club: **Paris St-Germain**
Position: **Forward**

Would be sixth Brazilian to win FIFA award, and first since **Kaka** claimed title in 2007

2017: Signed for PSG in world record transfer of £200m (€222m). Contributed 20 goals and 21 assists for Barcelona in 2016/17

Cristiano Ronaldo *POR*

Age: **32** Debut: **2002**

Club: **Real Madrid**
Position: **Forward**

Nominated every year since 2007. Aiming to level rival **Messi's** haul of five titles

2017: Second **La Liga** title with Real Madrid. Conquered Europe to win third **Champions League** medal, finishing top scorer for fifth time

BEST FIFA FOOTBALL AWARD CANDIDATES



Best Women's Player

Deyna Castellanos *VEN*

Carli Lloyd *USA*

Lieke Martens *NED*



Best Women's Coach

Nils Nielsen *DEN*

Gerard Precheur *FRA*

Sarina Wiegman *NED*



Best Men's Coach

Massimiliano Allegri *ITA*

Antonio Conte *ITA*

Zinedine Zidane *FRA*



Best Goalkeeper

Gianluigi Buffon *ITA*

Keylor Navas *CRC*

Manuel Neuer *GER*