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## ***UEFA.com Team of the Year 2010 open for voting***

**Fans have until 7 January 2011 to cast vote online**

Voting for the UEFA.com users' Team of 2010 has opened. The poll, now in its tenth year, gives the users of UEFA.com the chance to select a team of players who have made their mark in European football over the last 12 months.

Sixty players and managers have been nominated for 12 positions, including coach, and the final team will be announced on 19 January 2011 on UEFA.com and in the January issue of Champions, the official UEFA Champions League magazine. The nominees were chosen by UEFA.com staff writers on the basis of their coverage of football throughout Europe on a daily basis. The players were selected for their overall performances either for a European club or national team, or in a UEFA club competition in 2010.

The UEFA.com Team of the Year is not intended as a rival to more established awards, and does not bear the official UEFA imprimatur. Nevertheless, it has already proved hugely popular with fans, and over 16 million votes have been cast in previous polls.

UEFA Champions League winners FC Internazionale Milano lead the nominations with nine players selected as well as former coach José Mourinho. FIFA World Cup winners Spain have eight players plus coach Vicente del Bosque in the running. FC Barcelona captain Carles Puyol, who has featured in five of the last nine Teams of the Year, is again nominated.

But with only six of the 12 winners from 2009 nominated, there is no shortage of new faces as well. In fact, there are 28 first-time nominees on the list, while 25 clubs have players nominated.

UEFA will present a cheque for €100,000 to the captain of the UEFA.com users' Team of the Year, to be donated to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). UEFA began its partnership with the ICRC when it started to support its anti-landmine campaign in 1997. This will be fourth time that the ICRC will benefit from the cheque offered by UEFA in relation to the selection of the UEFA.com users Team of the Year. All monies donated have gone to the Score for the Red Cross campaign in support of the ICRC rehabilitation project for landmine victims in Afghanistan, providing them with artificial limbs, physiotherapy and vocational training. The first cheque was handed over to the ICRC by the Portuguese superstar Cristiano Ronaldo, followed by the FC Barcelona players Xavi Hernández two years ago and Lionel Messi last year.

Users can vote by accessing <http://www.uefa.com/community/teamoftheyear/index.html>

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### **Goalkeeper**

- Iker Casillas (Real Madrid CF and Spain)
- Júlio César (FC Internazionale Milano and Brazil)
- David de Gea (Club Atlético de Madrid)
- Maarten Stekelenburg (AFC Ajax and the Netherlands)
- Eduardo (Genoa CFC and Portugal)

### **Right back**

- Maicon (FC Internazionale Milano and Brazil)
- Sergio Ramos (Real Madrid CF and Spain)
- Philipp Lahm (FC Bayern München and Germany)
- Branislav Ivanovic (Chelsea FC and Serbia)
- Gregory van der Wiel (AFC Ajax and the Netherlands)

### **Left back**

- Fabio Coentrão (SL Benfica and Portugal)
- Giovanni van Bronckhorst (formerly Feyenoord and the Netherlands)
- Ashley Cole (Chelsea FC and England)
- John Arne Riise (AS Roma and Norway)
- Michel Bastos (Olympique Lyonnais and Brazil)

### **Central defenders**

- Gerard Piqué (FC Barcelona and Spain)
- Lúcio (FC Internazionale Milano and Brazil)
- Carles Puyol (FC Barcelona and Spain)
- Walter Samuel (FC Internazionale Milano and Argentina)
- David Luiz (SL Benfica and Brazil)
- Leonardo Bonucci (Juventus and Italy)
- Brede Hangeland (Fulham FC and Norway)
- Diego Lugano (Fenerbahçe and Uruguay)
- Souleymane Diawara (Olympique Marseille and Senegal)
- Douglas (FC Twente)

### **Right midfield**

- Arjen Robben (FC Bayern München and the Netherlands)
- Cristiano Ronaldo (Real Madrid CF and Portugal)
- Javier Zanetti (FC Internazionale Milano and Argentina)
- Adam Johnson (Manchester City FC and England)
- Dirk Kuyt (Liverpool FC and the Netherlands)

### **Central midfield**

- Bastian Schweinsteiger (FC Bayern München and Germany)
- Mark van Bommel (FC Bayern München and the Netherlands)
- Xavi (FC Barcelona and Spain)
- Sami Khedira (Real Madrid CF and Germany)
- Esteban Cambiasso (FC Internazionale Milano and Argentina)

### **Attacking midfield**

- Wesley Sneijder (FC Internazionale Milano and the Netherlands)
- Mesut Özil (Real Madrid CF and Germany)
- Cesc Fabregas (Arsenal FC and Spain)
- Thomas Müller (FC Bayern München and Germany)
- Keisuke Honda (CSKA Moskva and Japan)

### **Left midfield**

- Andres Iniesta (FC Barcelona and Spain)
- Florent Malouda (Chelsea FC and France)
- Antonio Cassano (UC Sampdoria and Italy)
- Ángel Di María (Real Madrid CF and Argentina)
- Gareth Bale (Tottenham Hotspur FC and Wales)

### **Forwards**

- Lionel Messi (FC Barcelona and Argentina)
- Diego Forlán (Club Atlético de Madrid and Uruguay)
- David Villa (FC Barcelona and Spain)
- Diego Milito (FC Internazionale Milano and Argentina)
- Luis Suarez (AFC Ajax and Uruguay)
- Didier Drogba (Chelsea FC and Ivory Coast)
- Gonzalo Higuain (Real Madrid CF and Argentina)
- Samuel Eto'o (FC Internazionale Milano and Cameroon)
- Romelu Lukaku (RSC Anderlecht and Belgium)
- Carlos Tevez (Manchester City FC and Argentina)

### **Coach**

- José Mourinho (Real Madrid CF)
- Vicente Del Bosque (Spain)
- Enrique Sánchez Flores (Club Atlético de Madrid)
- Bert van Marwijk (Netherlands)
- Louis van Gaal (FC Bayern München)