

# Dubai Globe Soccer Awards 2023 Sets New Record as 27 Million Fan Votes Set Up Star-Laden List of Finalists

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, December 12, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Football fans around the world have cast a record 27 million votes to decide the final shortlists for next month's Dubai Globe Soccer Awards 2023, organised in collaboration with Dubai Sports Council and presented by Nakheel. And ahead of the glittering gala held inside the five-star Atlantis, The Palm, on January 19, some of the fan-selected finalists across the 20 award categories are sure to strike up hot debate – especially the star-studded XI nominated for Best Men's Player.



Globe Soccer Awards 2023 - Best Men's Player Finalists

The first round of public voting closed on Thursday with organisers confirming old rivalries will be reignited in the Middle East. Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi dominated the voting for Best Men's Player, alongside the likes of Manchester City's Erling Haaland and Real Madrid sensation Jude Bellingham, who is up for a record four awards, including Best Midfielder and Power Horse Emerging Player.

Al Nassr's 38-year-old Ronaldo led the votes across all three categories in which he was nominated, including Fans' Favourite Player where he faces competition on a five-man shortlist consisting of Messi, Bellingham, Al Hilal star Neymar, and Liverpool's talismanic Mohamed Salah. In the all-new Best Middle East Player, the Portuguese forward led a shortlist that includes Al Ittihad's Karim Benzema, Al-Ahli's Riyad Mahrez, Al Hilal's Salem Al-Dawsari, and Mohamed El Shenawy of Al Ahly.

Another new award, Best Middle East Club, sees El Shenawy's 43-time Egyptian Premier League champions joined by Saudi trio Al Nassr, Al Ittihad, and Al Hilal, as well as UAE side Shabab Al Ahli. Ahly's Swiss manager Marcel Koller led the club to a five-trophy clean sweep in just 10 months, including a record-extending 11th African Champions League.

Unsurprisingly, Koller has been shortlisted as Best Coach alongside the likes of Real Madrid's Carlo Ancelotti, Manchester City's Pep Guardiola, and Napoli's Serie A winning coach Luciano Spalletti. The respective clubs of all three coaches, as well as Copa Libertadores champions Fluminense of Brazil, are each among the 10 nominations for Best Men's Club.

Best Women's Player meanwhile will pit Spain's World Cup winner Aitana Bonmatí up against, among others, Nigeria's Asisat Oshoala and Colombia's Linda Caicedo, as well as a trio of Women's Super

League stars in Mary Earps (Manchester United), Amanda Ilestedt (Arsenal), and Sam Kerr (Chelsea). Bonmatí's Barcelona are also up for Best Women's Club alongside Arsenal, Chelsea, Bayern Munich and Roma. Morocco's Yassine Bounou, who represents Saudi Pro League club Al Hilal, features on a six-man shortlist that also includes Man City's Ederson and Real Madrid's Thibaut Courtois for Best Goalkeeper.

Two new Italian-focused categories, Serie A Best Digital Content by a Player and Serie A Best Digital Content by a Club, have also been introduced as part of an exciting new partnership between Globe Soccer and the Italian top tier. These attracted over half a million votes alone, with Roma currently in pole position for a clean sweep as Paulo Dybala leads the way in the former. And while each fan was allowed only one vote on the official website, the official Globe Soccer app drew 757,000 downloads in just two weeks as fans raced to unlock 10 additional votes each.

The second and final round of voting across the 11 main categories and four digital awards, plus the aforementioned Serie A awards, is now open at [vote.globesoccer.com](https://vote.globesoccer.com) with football fans and Globe Soccer's Official Jury – made up of more than 30 key football industry figures, including Francesco Totti, Iker Casillas, Luis Figo, and Marcello Lippi – involved in the final selection process, which closes on December 28, 2023.

The Best Agent accolade also makes a return, with Ali Barat, Jorge Mendes, and Frank Trimboli on this year's three-man shortlist. Globe Soccer's Official Jury will decide the victor, together with Best Sporting Director and Best President.

Globe Soccer is also delighted to welcome new sponsor Italpreziosi, which joins as a Gold sponsor, as well alongside supporting partner Esaad, for the 2023 edition.

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Once more, the Dubai Globe Soccer Awards will be broadcast live worldwide, with SSC (Saudi Sports Company) as our official host broadcaster, and accessible via online streaming on various channels. Further announcements and updates ahead of the gala ceremony will be shared on

Globe Soccer's social media channels. The new Globe Soccer app is available for download from the iOS App Store and Google Play by searching for "Globe Soccer".

\* For a full list of finalists for the 16 main awards, four digital awards and two Serie A awards please see below.

\* For a press kit including images, videos, and various artworks, visit:

<https://bit.ly/GSA23PressKitB>

\* For the official voting page: [vote.globesoccer.com](https://vote.globesoccer.com)

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### About Dubai Sports Council

Founded on November 30, 2005, following a decree by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Vice President and Prime Minister of UAE and Ruler of Dubai, Dubai Sports Council is the official body responsible for the development of the sports sector in the Emirate. Today, under the guidance of its Chairman, His Highness Sheikh Mansoor Bin Mohammad bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the DSC organises and supports more than 400 events annually - not just top-notch sporting extravaganzas, but also awards and conferences that promote excellence, creativity and innovation in the world of sports. The Council supervises the work of Dubai's seven local sports clubs and takes active interest in encouraging the practice of physical activity in society, especially among women and children, through programs and activities designed to create awareness about the importance of sport and physical activity, and to make it a way of life for the community.

The DSC's mandate, though, is not just to promote sport, create awareness and nurture talent, but to also support creativity and reward excellence, among both individuals and organisations and help Dubai become a land of health, happiness and vitality. It has organised many international conferences and symposiums since 2006, including the annual Dubai International Sports Conference, to enhance the knowledge and culture of professionalism, and has brought some of the biggest names from the world of sports here to share their vision and thoughts. The Council also seeks to develop the sports industry in the UAE and the world through initiatives like the Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Creative Sports Award, and it organises many major international sports championships as well in cooperation with multiple sports bodies.

### About Globe Soccer

Founded by Tommaso Bendoni and co-owned by Riccardo Silva, Globe Soccer is a Dubai-based football organisation that since 2010 has coordinated one of the most eagerly awaited and coveted awards ceremonies on the footballing calendar: The Dubai Globe Soccer Awards. Attracting high-profile attendees each year, the international event is unique in that it recognises and rewards all stakeholders in the game, from players to chairmen, fans to agents, directors to referees. Global reach has grown year-on-year, with the 2022 event proving no exception, surpassing all previous records with the number of awards increasing to 21, fan votes exceeding 47 million, and social media followers passing 6.5 million.

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## GLOBE SOCCER AWARDS

### Finalists 2023

#### Best Men's Player

Jude Bellingham

Karim Benzema

Kevin De Bruyne

Erling Haaland

Kylian Mbappé

Lionel Messi

Victor Osimhen

Cristiano Ronaldo

Mohamed Salah

Bernardo Silva

Vinícius Jr.

#### Best Women's Player

Aitana Bonmatí

Linda Caicedo

Olga Carmona

Debinha

Mary Earps

Amanda Ilestedt

Sam Kerr

Asisat Oshoala

Fridolina Rolfo

Georgia Stanway

## Fans' Favourite Player of the Year

Jude Bellingham  
Lionel Messi  
Neymar Jr.  
Cristiano Ronaldo  
Mohamed Salah

## Best Men's Club

Al Ahly  
Al-Hilal  
Al-Ittihad  
Arsenal  
Barcelona  
Fluminense  
Inter Milan  
Manchester City  
Napoli  
Sevilla

## Best Women's Club

Arsenal  
Barcelona  
Bayern Munich  
Chelsea  
AS Roma

## Best Coach

Carlo Ancelotti  
Mikel Arteta  
Josep Guardiola  
Simone Inzaghi  
Marcel Koller  
Lionel Scaloni  
Luciano Spalletti  
Xavi

## Best Midfielder

Jude Bellingham

Kevin De Bruyne  
Luka Modric  
Pedri  
Rodri  
Bernardo Silva

#### Best Goalkeeper

Yassine Bounou  
Thibaut Courtois  
Ederson  
Mike Maignan  
André Onana  
Marc-André ter Stegen

#### Power Horse Emerging Player

Saud Abdulhamid  
Firas Al-Buraikan  
Jude Bellingham  
Moisés Caicedo  
Omar Fayed  
Enzo Fernández  
Gavi  
Arda Guler  
Josko Gvardiol  
Lamine Yamal

#### Best Agent

Ali Barat  
Jorge Mendes  
Frank Trimboli

#### Best President

Khaldoon Al Mubarak  
José Castro  
Rui Costa  
Aurelio De Laurentiis  
Herbert Hainer  
Joan Laporta  
Joseph Oughourlian

Florentino Pérez

Best Sporting Director

Mateu Alemany

Txiki Begiristain

Edu Gaspar

Cristiano Giuntoli

Monchi

Thiago Scuro

Best Middle East Player

Salem Al-Dawsari

Karim Benzema

Mohamed El Shenawy

Riyad Mahrez

Cristiano Ronaldo

Best Middle East Club

Al Ahly

Al Hilal

Al-Ittihad

Al-Nassr

Shabab Al Ahli

Maradona Award

To be announced

Career and Special Awards

To be announced

GLOBE SOCCER DIGITAL AWARDS

Finalists 2023

Best Esports Player

AbuMakkah

LevideWeerd

ManuelBachoore

Msdossary7

PHzin  
Umut  
Vejrgang

#### Best Digital Journalist

Guillem Balagué  
Gianluca Di Marzio  
Robby Hunke  
Julio Maldonado 'Maldini'  
Gabriele Marcotti  
David Ornstein  
Fabrizio Romano

#### Best Social Media Influencer

Alnoufali\_7  
BenBlack  
Fiago  
Miguel do fut  
Mercedes Roa  
SyleMatoshi  
Lisa Zimouche

#### Best Video Creator

Asgari\_freestyle  
ChrisMD  
Futcrunch  
Gomez Nawer  
Pitch\_addict  
The Manchester Derby  
Thogden

#### SERIE A DIGITAL AWARDS Finalists 2023

#### Serie A Best Digital Content by a Player

Hakan Calhanoglu  
Marten De Roon  
Paulo Dybala  
Khvicha Kvaratskhelia



Rafael Leão

Serie A Best Digital  
Content by a Club

Inter  
Juventus  
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