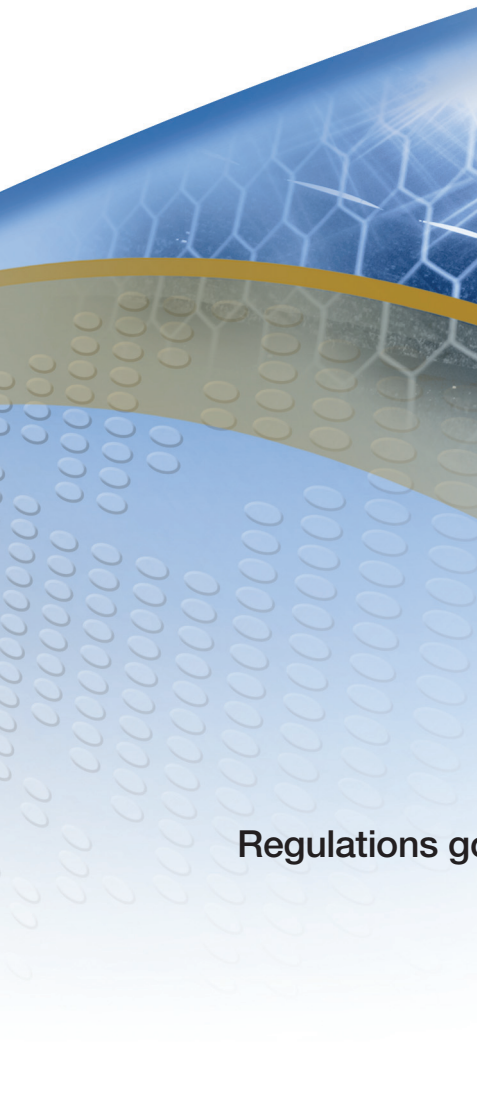




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## **Preamble**

Based on Articles 2(1)(a), 2(2) and 23(1) of the *UEFA Statutes (Edition June 2007)*, the following regulations have been adopted.

## **Article 1**

### **Scope of application**

These regulations govern the bestowal of the UEFA Order of Merit by the UEFA Executive Committee.

## **Article 2**

### **Beneficiaries**

- <sup>1</sup> The UEFA Order of Merit may be bestowed on any individual who has served the cause of football throughout his or her life and who, through their personal involvement or contribution, has helped bring about particularly meritorious moments in football, its development or history.
- <sup>2</sup> The UEFA Order of Merit may also be bestowed posthumously.

## **Article 3**

### **Categories of Orders of Merit**

The UEFA Order of Merit is divided into three categories:

- a) UEFA Order of Merit in Diamond, reserved for individuals who have assumed particularly important responsibilities within football, or performed valuable deeds serving the cause of football as a whole.
- b) UEFA Order of Merit in Ruby, reserved for individuals, whose involvement in football has significantly contributed to its development and renown throughout the world.
- c) UEFA Order of Merit in Emerald, reserved for individuals, who have personally served the cause of football through meritorious deeds at a high level.

## **Article 4**

### **Nominations**

- <sup>1</sup> The members of the UEFA Executive Committee, the Executive bodies of UEFA's member associations, the confederations and FIFA may submit justified written nominations for the UEFA Order of Merit to the UEFA President.
- <sup>2</sup> After evaluating the nominations, the UEFA President will forward his recommendations to the UEFA Executive Committee.
- <sup>3</sup> The UEFA Executive Committee shall officially designate the individuals honoured with the UEFA Order of Merit, as well as the category of the order.

**Article 5**  
**Presentation**

- <sup>1</sup> The insignia and diploma of the UEFA Order of Merit are presented to the recipients at a UEFA Congress by the UEFA President.
- <sup>2</sup> In his absence, a member of the Executive Committee or any other person duly appointed by the UEFA President shall replace him.

**Article 6**  
**Forfeiture**

- <sup>1</sup> Individuals who have received the Order of Merit may have their award forfeited for offences against, or for public shaming of the honour of football or sport in general.
- <sup>2</sup> The UEFA Executive Committee alone, on the recommendation of the UEFA President is empowered to take such a decision.

**Article 7**  
**Unforeseen cases**

The UEFA Executive Committee will decide on any cases not provided for in the present regulations.

**Article 8**  
**Authoritative text**

In the event of a discrepancy in the interpretation of the English, French or German versions of these regulations, the English version prevails.

**Article 9**  
**Adoption, entry into force and abrogation**

- <sup>1</sup> These regulations were adopted by the UEFA Executive Committee at its meeting on 26 September 2008.
- <sup>2</sup> They come into force on 1 November 2008.
- <sup>3</sup> They replace the *UEFA Order of Merit, Edition 2005*.

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