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Officials announced for UEFA EURO 2008™ final tournament

12 teams of officials selected as '17th team' at UEFA EURO 2008™

The UEFA Referees' Committee today announced the full line-up of referees, assistant referees and fourth officials that will make up the team of experienced match officials for next year's UEFA EURO 2008™ final tournament in Austria/Switzerland.

Twelve referees have been appointed to handle the 31 matches of the final tournament and will work together with 24 assistant referees in teams of so-called 'trios' of the same nationality. They are joined by eight appointed 4th officials. The teams of 'trios' are composed of referees and assistant referees from the same country and as a unit they have been active in UEFA competitions for the past year, mainly in the UEFA Champions League, and therefore have a good understanding of working together.

Chairman of the UEFA Referees' Committee, Angel María Villar Llona, said of the appointments:

"It is never easy to select the final list of names to officiate at a tournament as prestigious as the UEFA European Football Championship. However these officials are currently the best in the business at the moment and deserve their chance. The idea of appointing 'trios' began at UEFA EURO 2004™ as it enables the officials to work closely together in their own domestic competition and at UEFA level for a longer period of time before the tournament. We wish them all the very best in their appointments at UEFA EURO 2008™."

The ear-piece communications system between the officials, as currently used in top European matches, is also authorised for use at UEFA EURO 2008™ and should facilitate quick and efficient communication.

The 44 selected officials for UEFA EURO 2008™ will now begin their preparations in earnest and will attend a preparatory seminar in Switzerland from 14 – 17 April 2008 at the Mövenpick Hotel in Regensdorf, Switzerland, where they will take part in a physical test and be given specific instructions for the final tournament. From 3 June 2008 the Mövenpick Hotel, Regensdorf, will act as the base for the referee teams at UEFA EURO 2008™. From 26 June, those still involved in the tournament will move to the Renaissance Penta hotel in Vienna.

During the final tournament any injured referee will be replaced by the 4th official at the match, and any injured assistant referee will be replaced by a 5th official who will come from the list of assistant referees not officiating at a game on that day.

The officials will continue to officiate at European club competition matches but will not be appointed to any international friendlies concerning the 16 teams qualified for the final tournament.

Support for the team of officials will include a physio, a doctor, and a fitness coach who has devised a specific programme for the tournament.

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**Referees, Assistant Referees and
Fourth Officials appointed for
UEFA EURO 2008™**



	Referees	Assistant Referees	Country
1.	Konrad PLAUTZ	Egon BEREUTER Markus MAYR	Austria
2.	Frank DE BLEECKERE	Peter HERMANS Alex VERSTRAETEN	Belgium
3.	Howard WEBB	Darren CANN Mike MULLARKEY	England
4.	Herbert FANDEL	Carsten KADACH Volker WEZEL	Germany
5.	Kyros VASSARAS	Dimitris BOZATZIDIS Dimitris SARAIDARIS	Greece
6.	Roberto ROSETTI	Alessandro GRISELLI Paolo CALCAGNO	Italy
7.	Pieter VINK	Adriaan INIA Hans TEN HOOVE	Netherlands
8.	Tom Henning OVREBO	Geir Åge HOLEN Erik RAESTAD	Norway
9.	Lubos MICHEL	Roman SLYŠKO Martin BALKO	Slovakia
10.	Manuel Enrique MEJUTO GONZALEZ	Juan Carlos YUSTE JIMENEZ Jesús CALVO GUADAMURO	Spain
11.	Peter FRÖJDFELDT	Stefan WITTEBERG Henrik ANDRÉN	Sweden
12.	Massimo BUSACCA	Matthias ARNET Stéphane CUHAT	Switzerland
Fourth Officials only			
1.	Ivan BEBEK		Croatia
2.	Stéphane LANNON		France
3.	Viktor KASSAI		Hungary
4.	Kristinn JAKOBSSON		Iceland
5.	Grzegorz GILEWSKI		Poland
6.	Olegario Manuel BARTOLO F. BENQUERENÇA		Portugal
7.	Craig THOMSON		Scotland
8.	Damir SKOMINA		Slovenia