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List of Referees and Assistant Referees by Confederation

African Zone

African Zone (3 trios & 2 support duos)			
Role	Name	Member Association	Date of Birth
Referee	Noumandiez DOUE	Côte d'Ivoire	29.09.1970
Assistant 1	Songuifolo YEO	Côte d'Ivoire	01.01.1970
Assistant 2	Jean Claude BIRUMUSHAHU	Burundi	13.02.1972
Referee	Bakary GASSAMA	Gambia	10.02.1979
Assistant 1	Evarist MENKOUANDE	Cameroon	14.11.1974
Assistant 2	Felicien KABANDA	Rwanda	19.07.1971
Referee	Djamel HAIMOUDI	Algeria	10.12.1970
Assistant 1	Redouane ACHIK	Morocco	21.04.1972
Assistant 2	Abdelhak ETCHIALI	Algeria	27.06.1981
Support duos			
Referee	ALIOUM	Cameroon	01.01.1982
Assistant 1	Djibril CAMARA	Senegal	20.08.1983
Referee	Daniel BENNETT	South Africa	22.08.1976
Assistant 1	Marwa RANGE	Kenya	31.01.1977

Asian Zone

Asian Zone (4 trios & 1 support duo)			
Role	Name	Member Association	Date of Birth
Referee	Ravshan IRMATOV	Uzbekistan	09.08.1977
Assistant 1	Abduxamidullo RASULOV	Uzbekistan	10.01.1976
Assistant 2	Bakhadyr KOCHKAROV	Kyrgyzstan	13.05.1970
Referee	Yuichi NISHIMURA	Japan	17.04.1972
Assistant 1	Toru SAGARA	Japan	25.06.1976
Assistant 2	Toshiyuki NAGI	Japan	29.11.1971
Referee	Nawaf SHUKRALLA	Bahrain	13.10.1976
Assistant 1	Yaser TULEFAT	Bahrain	24.06.1974
Assistant 2	Ebrahim SALEH	Bahrain	13.06.1974
Referee	Benjamin WILLIAMS	Australia	14.04.1977
Assistant 1	Matthew CREAM	Australia	19.06.1975
Assistant 2	Hakan ANAZ	Australia	04.08.1969
Support duo			
Referee	Alireza FAGHANI	Iran	21.03.1978
Assistant 1	Hassan KAMRANIFAR	Iran	19.04.1972

European Zone

European Zone (9 trios & 1 support duo)			
Role	Name	Member Association	Date of Birth
Referee	Felix BRYCH	Germany	03.08.1975
Assistant 1	Mark BORSCH	Germany	16.03.1977
Assistant 2	Stefan LUPP	Germany	09.09.1978
Referee	Cuneyt CAKIR	Turkey	23.11.1976
Assistant 1	Bahattin DURAN	Turkey	26.09.1975
Assistant 2	Tarik ONGUN	Turkey	03.02.1973
Referee	Jonas ERIKSSON	Sweden	28.03.1974
Assistant 1	Mathias KLASANIUS	Sweden	25.04.1975
Assistant 2	Daniel WARINMARK	Sweden	30.12.1974
Referee	Bjorn KUIPERS	Netherlands	28.03.1973
Assistant 1	Sander VAN ROEKEL	Netherlands	28.03.1974
Assistant 2	Erwin ZEINSTR	Netherlands	31.01.1977
Referee	Milorad MAZIC	Serbia	23.03.1973
Assistant 1	Milovan RISTIC	Serbia	01.05.1974
Assistant 2	Dalibor DJURDJEVIC	Serbia	25.03.1973
Referee	Pedro PROENCA	Portugal	03.11.1970
Assistant 1	Bertino MIRANDA	Portugal	18.05.1972
Assistant 2	Jose TRIGO	Portugal	02.07.1972
Referee	Nicola RIZZOLI	Italy	05.10.1971
Assistant 1	Renato FAVERANI	Italy	25.11.1969
Assistant 2	Andrea STEFANI	Italy	15.10.1969
Referee	Carlos VELASCO CARBALLO	Spain	16.03.1971
Assistant 1	Roberto ALONSO FERNANDEZ	Spain	18.09.1976
Assistant 2	Juan Carlos YUSTE JIMENEZ	Spain	25.09.1975
Referee	Howard WEBB	England	14.07.1971
Assistant 1	Michael MULLARKEY	England	03.05.1970
Assistant 2	Darren CANN	England	22.01.1969
Support duo			
<i>Referee</i>	<i>Svein Oddvar MOEN</i>	<i>Norway</i>	<i>22.01.1979</i>
<i>Assistant 1</i>	<i>Kim HAGLUND</i>	<i>Norway</i>	<i>27.05.1977</i>

North, Central America & Caribbean Zone

North, Central America & Caribbean Zone (3 trios & 2 support duos)			
Role	Name	Member Association	Date of Birth
Referee	Joel AGUILAR	El Salvador	02.07.1975
Assistant 1	William TORRES	El Salvador	22.02.1975
Assistant 2	Juan ZUMBA	El Salvador	19.09.1982
Referee	Mark GEIGER	USA	25.08.1974
Assistant 1	Sean HURD	USA	09.11.1971
Assistant 2	Joe FLETCHER	Canada	10.09.1976
Referee	Marco RODRIGUEZ	Mexico	10.11.1973
Assistant 1	Marvin TORRENTERA	Mexico	25.02.1971
Assistant 2	Marcos QUINTERO	Mexico	21.04.1973
<i>Support duos</i>			
<i>Referee</i>	<i>Roberto MORENO</i>	<i>Panama</i>	<i>03.04.1970</i>
<i>Assistant 1</i>	<i>Eric BORIA</i>	<i>USA</i>	<i>28.10.1974</i>
<i>Referee</i>	<i>Walter LOPEZ</i>	<i>Guatemala</i>	<i>25.09.1980</i>
<i>Assistant 2</i>	<i>Leonel LEAL</i>	<i>Costa Rica</i>	<i>21.11.1976</i>

Oceanian Zone

Oceanian Zone (1 trio & 1 support duo)			
Role	Name	Member Association	Date of Birth
Referee	Peter O'LEARY	New Zealand	03.03.1972
Assistant 1	Jan Hendrik HINTZ	New Zealand	24.06.1976
Assistant 2	Mark RULE	New Zealand	08.06.1981
<i>Support referee</i>			
<i>Referee</i>	<i>Norbert HAUATA</i>	<i>Tahiti</i>	<i>08.06.1979</i>

South American Zone

South America (5 trios & 1 support duo)			
Role	Name	Member Association	Date of Birth
Referee	Enrique OSSES	Chile	26.05.1974
Assistant 1	Carlos ASTROZA	Chile	23.11.1976
Assistant 2	Sergio ROMAN	Chile	11.02.1969
Referee	Nestor PITANA	Argentina	17.06.1975
Assistant 1	Hernan MAIDANA	Argentina	14.02.1972
Assistant 2	Juan Pablo BELATTI	Argentina	15.04.1979
Referee	Wilmar ROLDAN	Colombia	24.01.1980
Assistant 1	Humberto CLAVIJO	Colombia	18.07.1973
Assistant 2	Eduardo DIAZ	Colombia	10.07.1973
Referee	Sandro RICCI	Brazil	19.11.1974
Assistant 1	Emerson DE CARVALHO	Brazil	24.06.1972
Assistant 2	Marcelo VAN GASSE	Brazil	09.03.1976
Referee	Carlos VERA	Ecuador	25.06.1976
Assistant 1	Christian LESCANO	Ecuador	07.06.1983
Assistant 2	Byron ROMERO	Ecuador	12.07.1980
Support duo			
<i>Referee</i>	<i>Victor CARRILLO</i>	<i>Peru</i>	<i>30.10.1975</i>
<i>Assistant 1</i>	<i>Rodney AQUINO</i>	<i>Paraguay</i>	<i>16.04.1984</i>

Referee Profiles

African Zone

Noumandiez DOUE (CIV)



Country	Côte d'Ivoire
Date of Birth	29.09.1970
Height	175cm
Residence	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
Occupation	Pharmacist
Mother tongue	French
Other languages	English
International since	2004

Assistant Referee 1

Songuifolo YEO

Country: Côte d'Ivoire
Date of Birth: 01.01.1970

Assistant Referee 2

Jean Claude BIRUMSHAHU

Country: Burundi
Date of Birth: 13.02.1972

Noumandiez Doue will be the first referee from Côte d'Ivoire to take part in the finals of a FIFA World Cup™. Since making his international debut in 2004, Doue has become one of Africa's most in-demand match officials in the last four years. He has officiated at two editions of the CAF Africa Cup of Nations (in 2010 and 2012), as well as covering the second leg of the 2011 CAF Champions League final between Esperance and Wydad Casablanca. Also in 2011, Doue was selected for his first FIFA U-20 World Cup (he would later return for the 2013 edition) and handled the third-place match in the FIFA Club World Cup between Kashiwa Reysol and Al Sadd. At the start of this World Cup year, Doue was chosen to supervise Al Ahly-CS Sfaxien in the CAF Super Cup final.

"I like to listen to good music and I also like dancing. I like to spend all my free time with my family, because with our job as referees we don't have a lot of free time."

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Noumandiez DOUE (CIV)	MP
FIFA WC 2010 Prel. Comp. African Zone	6
Africa Cup of Nations 2010	2
FIFA U-20 World Cup Colombia 2011	2
FIFA WC 2014 Prel. Comp. African Zone	5
FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2011	1
Africa Cup of Nations 2012	2
Africa Cup of Nations 2013	1
FIFA U-20 World Cup Turkey 2013	2

Bakary GASSAMA (GAM)



Country Gambia
Date of Birth 10.02.1979
Height 184cm
Residence Banjul, Gambia
Occupation Business
Mother tongue English
Other languages Wollof and Mandinka
International since 2007

Assistant Referee 1

Evarist MENKOUANDE

Country: Cameroon
 Date of Birth: 14.11.1974

Assistant Referee 2

Felicien KABANDA

Country: Rwanda
 Date of Birth: 19.07.1971

Bakary Gassama also has the honour of being his country's first referee to appear in the World Cup. He is already the first Gambian referee to have officiated at the Olympic Football Tournament, covering two matches at London 2012. He was involved in the last two editions of the Africa Cup of Nations, overseeing Zambia-Sudan in the 2012 quarter-finals and Mali-Nigeria in the 2013 semi-finals. Gassama has presided over two finals in his career, both in 2013. The first was the CAF Super Cup encounter between Al Ahly and Leopards, while the second was the return leg of the CAF Champions League decider, which also featured Al Ahly but this time against Orlando Pirates. Also during a busy 2013, Gassama handled two matches in the U-20 World Cup and another two in the Club World Cup, including the semi-final between Guangzhou Evergrande and Bayern Munich.

"In my country, where I live there is a local sport called buri. It's more or less like wrestling. I'm not really very good at it, but I like to do it as a hobby."

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Bakary GASSAMA (GAM)	MP
Africa Cup of Nations 2012	2
Olympic Football Tournaments London 2012 - Men	2
Africa Cup of Nations 2013	3
FIFA U-20 World Cup Turkey 2013	2
FIFA Club World Cup Morocco 2013	2

Djamel HAIMOUDI (ALG)



Country Algeria
Date of Birth 10.12.1970
Height 175cm
Residence Relizane, Algeria
Occupation Senior technician of health
Mother tongue Arabian
Other languages French
International since 2002

Assistant Referee 1

Redouane ACHIK

Country: Morocco

Date of Birth: 21.04.1972

Assistant Referee 2

Abdelhak ETCHIALI

Country: Algeria

Date of Birth: 27.06.1981

Djamel Haimoudi is the second Algerian referee to participate in the World Cup. He follows in the footsteps of compatriot Belaid Lacarne, who in 1982 supervised Argentina-Hungary, the match in which Maradona scored his first two goals in the competition. Haimoudi has officiated at three editions of the Africa Cup of Nations, in 2008, 2012 and 2013. At the end of the most recent instalment he refereed Nigeria-Burkina Faso in the final. The Algerian has covered four finals in international club-level competitions. Two of those fixtures took place in 2008, namely Etoile du Sahel-Sfaxien in the CAF Super Cup and Coton Sport-AI Ahly in the CAF Champions League. They were followed by another two consecutive deciders in the CAF Champions League: AI Ahly-Esperance in 2012 and Orlando Pirates-AI Ahly in the first leg of the following year's title-clincher. Haimoudi was handed his first call-up to a FIFA competition in 2011, when he presided over three games in the U-20 World Cup. He was also involved in the Club World Cup 2012, taking charge of one match, and the FIFA Confederations Cup 2013, where he was man-in-the-middle for Spain-Tahiti and for the third-place match between Uruguay and Italy.

"Before I became a referee, my passion was swimming but God wanted me to make a career as a referee. I thank God for his will."

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Djamel HAIMOUDI (ALG)	MP
Africa Cup of Nations 2008	2
FIFA U-20 World Cup Colombia 2011	3
Africa Cup of Nations 2012	2
FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2012	1
Africa Cup of Nations 2013	4
FIFA Confederations Cup Brazil 2013	2

Asian Zone

Ravshan IRMATOV (UZB)



Country	Uzbekistan
Date of Birth	09.08.1977
Height	183cm
Residence	Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Occupation	Football instructor
Mother tongue	Uzbek
Other languages	Russian, English
International since	2003

Assistant Referee 1

Abduxamidulla RASULOV

Country: Uzbekistan

Date of Birth: 10.01.1976

Assistant Referee 2

Bakhadyr KOCHKAROV

Country: Kyrgyzstan

Date of Birth: 13.05.1970

With an international career dating back to 2003, Ravshan Irmatov is the only Uzbek referee to have officiated at the finals of a FIFA tournament to date.

Irmatov is taking part in his second FIFA World Cup™, having overseen five matches at the 2010 edition, including the Opening Match between South Africa and Mexico, Argentina-Germany in the quarter-finals and the semi-final encounter between Uruguay and the Netherlands.

Ravshan Irmatov has refereed at the finals of three FIFA U-17 World Cups (2003, 2007 and 2009), one FIFA U-20 World Cup in 2007, three FIFA Club World Cups (2008, 2009 and 2011), the Olympic Football Tournament 2012 and most recently the FIFA Confederations Cup 2013, where he took charge of Brazil-Italy.

The Uzbek official has supervised two FIFA Club World Cup finals, namely LDU Quito-Manchester United in 2008 and Santos-Barcelona in 2011. He also controlled the all-Asian third-place match between Korea Republic and Japan at the Men's Olympic Football Tournament London 2012.

Irmatov was chosen to officiate at two editions of the AFC Asian Cup in 2004 and 2011, presiding over Australia-Japan in the final of the latter edition.

At club level Irmatov has covered three AFC Champions League finals: the second-leg decider between Urawa Red Diamonds and Sepahan in 2007, Jeonbuk Hyundai-Al Sadd in 2011 and Seoul FC-Guangzhou Evergrande in the first leg of the 2013 title-clincher. Irmatov has been named AFC Men's Referee of the Year no fewer than four times.

"My father was a referee too so I'm very proud to follow in his footsteps. I'm also proud to have been the first-ever Uzbek referee at a World Cup, to have been the youngest official to take charge of a World Cup opening match since 1934, and also to have been the youngest referee at the 2010 FIFA World Cup."

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Ravshan IRMATOV (UZB)	MP
FIFA U-17 World Championship Finland 2003	2
Asian Nations Cup 2004	1
FIFA U-20 World Cup Canada 2007	4
FIFA U-17 World Cup Korea 2007	3
FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2008	2
FIFA U-17 World Cup Nigeria 2009	4
2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa	5
Asian Nations Cup 2011	4
FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2011	2
Olympic Football Tournaments London 2012 - Men	3
FIFA Confederations Cup Brazil 2013	1

Yuichi NISHIMURA (JPN)



Country Japan
Date of Birth 17.04.1972
Height 181cm
Residence Tokyo, Japan
Occupation Football Referee
Mother tongue Japanese
Other languages English
International since 2004

Assistant Referee 1

Toru SAGARA

Country: Japan

Date of Birth: 25.06.1976

Assistant Referee 2

Toshiyuki NAGI

Country: Japan

Date of Birth: 29.11.1971

Nishimura is set to become the third Japanese referee to have officiated at two World Cup finals tournaments, after Shizuo Takada (1986 and 1990) and Toru Kamikawa (2002 and 2006). At South Africa 2010 he handled four matches, including the quarter-final encounter between the Netherlands and Brazil.

Since making his international refereeing debut in 2004, Nishimura has already been assigned to numerous other finals tournaments: the U-17 World Cup 2007 (including the final between Spain and Nigeria), the U-20 World Cup 2009, the Club World Cup 2010 (where he refereed TP Mazembe-Internazionale in the deciding match), the Olympic Football Tournament 2012 and two editions of the Asian Cup in 2007 and 2011. In addition, Nishimura was selected for the finals of the CAF Africa Cup of Nations 2008, where he handled three games including the quarter-final between Egypt and Angola. In club competitions, Nishimura was man-in-the-middle for the AFC Cup final between Al Faisaly and Shabab Al Ordun in 2007 and the AFC Champions League decider between Seongnam Ilhwa Chunma and Zob Ahan in 2010.

Besides two Japanese cup finals and four Super Cup matches, Nishimura oversaw a number of Polish league fixtures in 2008. In 2012 Yuichi Nishimura was named AFC Men's Referee of the Year.

"A lot of people have supported me in my preparations for the World Cup. In every match that I take charge of, I will dedicate the kick-off whistle to all my supporters as a sign of appreciation."

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Yuichi NISHIMURA (JPN)	MP
Asian Nations Cup 2007	3
FIFA U-17 World Cup Korea 2007	5
Africa Cup of Nations 2008	3
FIFA U-20 World Cup Egypt 2009	4
2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa	4
FIFA Club World Cup UAE 2010	2
Asian Nations Cup 2011	3
Olympic Football Tournaments London 2012 - Men	2
FIFA Confederations Cup Brazil 2013	1

Nawaf SHUKRALLA (BHR)



Country Bahrain
Date of Birth 13.10.1976
Height 174cm
Residence Manama, Bahrain
Occupation Legal Researcher
Mother tongue Arabian
Other languages English
International since 2007

Assistant Referee 1

Yaser TULEFAT

Country: Bahrain

Date of Birth: 24.06.1974

Assistant Referee 2

Ebrahim SALEH

Country: Bahrain

Date of Birth: 13.06.1974

An international referee since 2008, Nawaf Shukralla will be the second Bahraini referee to officiate in a World Cup after Ebrahim Al Doy, who supervised Hungary's 10-1 victory over El Salvador in 1982. Shukralla was selected for his first FIFA competition in 2011, the U-17 World Cup. Since then he has handled games at the Club World Cup 2012 and the U-20 World Cup 2013 in Turkey, where he was entrusted with the semi-final between France and Ghana. In 2011 the Bahraini official headed two Asian Cup fixtures and in 2013 he refereed the second leg of the AFC Champions League final between Guangzhou Evergrande and Seoul FC.

"I like fishing, particularly at sea. I like the sea in general, because I can go swimming and also do jet-skiing. When I want to leave everything behind me, I always go to the sea and I always have a fantastic time."

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	Nawaf SHUKRALLA (BHR)	MP
	Asian Nations Cup 2011	2
	FIFA U-17 World Cup Mexico 2011	2
	FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2012	1
	FIFA U-20 World Cup Turkey 2013	3

Benjamin WILLIAMS (AUS)



Country Australia
Date of Birth 14.04.1977
Height 185cm
Residence Canberra, Australia
Occupation Physical education teacher
Mother tongue English
Other languages
International since 2005

Assistant Referee 1

Matthew CREAM

Country: Australia

Date of Birth: 19.06.1975

Assistant Referee 2

Hakan ANAZ

Country: Australia

Date of Birth: 04.08.1969

A PE teacher by profession, Benjamin Williams has been officiating international fixtures since 2005. He will be the fifth Australian referee to appear at the World Cup, following on from Mark Shield who was present at the 2006 edition. After handling one match at the Asian Cup 2011, Williams was selected for the Olympic Football Tournament 2012 and subsequently the U-20 World Cup 2013, where he led the quarter-final meeting between Iraq and Korea Republic. He has overseen two Champions League finals in two different confederations, namely Waitakere United-Kossa FC for the OFC in 2007 and Ulsan-AI Ahli for the AFC in 2012.

"My students are always giving me feedback about my performance as a referee. They discuss game situations with me and ask me why I gave a penalty, for instance, or why I didn't. They are very proud that their teacher is going to the World Cup as one of the selected referees."

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Benjamin WILLIAMS, AUS	MP
Asian Nations Cup 2011	1
Olympic Football Tournaments London 2012 - Men	2
FIFA U-20 World Cup Turkey 2013	2

European Zone

Felix BRYCH (GER)



Country Germany
Date of Birth 03.08.1975
Height 185cm
Residence Munich, Germany
Occupation Lawyer
Mother tongue German
Other languages English
International since 2007

Assistant Referee 1

Mark BORSCH

Country: Germany

Date of Birth: 16.03.1977

Assistant Referee 2

Stefan LUPP

Country: Germany

Date of Birth: 09.09.1978

A lawyer by profession, Felix Brych has refereed regularly in the UEFA Champions League since 2008 and supervised the first-leg semi-final match Chelsea-Barcelona in 2012. He most recently led the 2014 UEFA Europa League Final Sevilla-Benfica in Turin (ITA). The German official's first international event was the Olympic Football Tournament 2012, where he was used in two fixtures, including the quarter-final Brazil-Honduras. Last year he handled Japan-Mexico in the FIFA Confederations Cup and three qualifiers for the 2014 FIFA World Cup™, including Spain-France, before overseeing New Zealand-Mexico in the OFC/CONCACAF play-off.

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	Felix BRYCH (GER)	MP
	Olympic Football Tournaments London 2012 - Men	2
	FIFA Confederations Cup Brazil 2013	1

Cuneyt CAKIR (TUR)



Country Turkey
Date of Birth 23.11.1976
Height 177cm
Residence Istanbul, Turkey
Occupation Insurance Agent
Mother tongue Turkish
Other languages English
International since 2006

Assistant Referee 1

Bahattin DURAN

Country: Turkey
 Date of Birth: 26.09.1975

Assistant Referee 2

Tarik ONGUN

Country: Turkey
 Date of Birth: 03.02.1973

Cuneyt Cakir is the second Turkish referee to participate in the World Cup, 40 years after Dogan Babacan officiated at Germany 1974. He began his international career in 2006 and was one of the first referees in his country to turn professional. His first international competition was the UEFA European U-19 Championship in 2007, followed by the U-21 continental event in 2009, where he covered a semi-final. Cakir was assigned to the FIFA U-20 World Cup in 2011 and took charge of another semi-final, between France and Portugal. He earned a further semi-final posting in 2012, but this time in the UEFA European Championship between Spain and Portugal, followed at the end of the year by Corinthians-Chelsea in the FIFA Club World Cup final. In 2013, besides returning to the U-20 global showpiece in his native Turkey, Cakir handled Ukraine-France in the World Cup preliminary play-offs. Since 2010 he has refereed regularly in the Champions League, notably directing the second-leg semi-final fixture Barcelona-Chelsea in 2012. Two years previously the Turkish official had been allocated to another semi-final, Fulham-Hamburg in the UEFA Europa League.

"As referees, we live and breathe football every day, but when I need to switch off, I like to go out with my family, maybe to the cinema or to a nice restaurant. I'm also a fan of Stephen King and finally I like to listen to good rock music."

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Cuneyt CAKIR (TUR)	MP
FIFA U-20 World Cup Colombia 2011	5
UEFA EURO 2012	3
FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2012	2
FIFA U-20 World Cup Turkey 2013	2

Jonas ERIKSSON (SWE)



Country Sweden
Date of Birth 28.03.1974
Height 193cm
Residence Sigtuna, Sweden
Occupation Full-time referee /Salesman
Mother tongue Swedish
Other languages English, Spanish, German
International since 2002

Assistant Referee 1

Mathias KLASENIUS

Country: Sweden
 Date of Birth: 25.04.1975

Assistant Referee 2

Daniel WARNMARK

Country: Sweden
 Date of Birth: 30.12.1974

Jonas Eriksson began refereeing at the age of 20 and made his domestic debut in the Swedish top flight aged 26. Before progressing to the Champions League in 2008 he presided over semi-finals at the UEFA European U-17 Championship 2002 and the U-19 continental showcase in 2006. Eriksson was man-in-the-middle for two consecutive semi-finals in the Europa League 2012 (Sporting-Athletic Bilbao) and 2013 (Chelsea-Basel), as well as one in the U-20 World Cup 2013 between Iraq and Uruguay. At UEFA EURO 2012 Eriksson was handed the honour of overseeing the Netherlands-Germany as well as Greece-Russia in the group stage. In the 2014 World Cup preliminaries he was selected for the second leg of the CONMEBOL/AFC play-off between Uruguay and Jordan. In August 2013 the Swede was called upon to cover the UEFA Super Cup between Bayern Munich and Chelsea.

"I come from the very north of Sweden, so I like the snow. I love skiing and especially cross-country skiing, which is a fantastic way to exercise."

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Jonas ERIKSSON (SWE)	MP
UEFA EURO 2012	2
FIFA U-20 World Cup Turkey 2013	3

Bjorn KUIPERS (NED)



Country Netherlands
Date of Birth 28.03.1973
Height 182cm
Residence Oldenzaal, Netherlands
Occupation Supermarket owner
Mother tongue Dutch
Other languages English, German
International since 2006

Assistant Referee 1

Sander VAN ROEKEL

Country: Netherlands

Date of Birth: 25.04.1975

Assistant Referee 2

Erwin ZEINSTR

Country: Netherlands

Date of Birth: 31.01.1977

Bjorn Kuipers started out as an amateur footballer before deciding to follow in the footsteps of his father, who was also a referee. The Dutchman has already supervised **six** international finals in his career: Czech Republic-Russia in UEFA EURO U-17 2006, Germany-England in UEFA EURO U-21 2009, Barcelona-Porto in the UEFA Super Cup 2012, Benfica-Chelsea in the Europa League 2013, Brazil-Spain at the Maracana stadium in Rio during the last Confederations Cup in 2013 and most recently the 2014 UEFA Champions League Final Real Madrid-Atlético de Madrid in Lisbon. Kuipers also participated in UEFA EURO 2012, controlling two group-stage fixtures. In the 2014 World Cup preliminaries he refereed five games including the play-off Croatia-Iceland.

"We are referees but we are also normal people. We aren't special. We are good referees but people should regard us as normal human beings."

FIFA Competitions & Continental Finals

	Bjorn KUIPERS (NED)	MP
	FIFA Club World Cup UAE 2010	1
	UEFA EURO 2012	2
	FIFA Confederations Cup Brazil 2013	2

Milorad MAZIC (SRB)



Country	Serbia
Date of Birth	23.03.1973
Height	181cm
Residence	Vrbas, Serbia
Occupation	Director in Meat Industry
Mother tongue	Serbian
Other languages	English
International since	2009

Assistant Referee 1

Milovan RISTIC

Country: Serbia

Date of Birth: 01.05.1974

Assistant Referee 2

Dalibor DJURDJEVIC

Country: Serbia

Date of Birth: 25.03.1973

The World Cup is Milorad Mazic's first major international tournament. The Serbian official has previously officiated at high-profile youth tournaments such as EURO U-17 2009 (including Germany-Italy in the semi-finals), EURO U-21 2011 (Czech Republic-Belarus in the third-place match) and the U-20 World Cup 2013. During the 2014 World Cup preliminary competition he oversaw four qualifiers as well as Romania-Greece in the play-offs. At club level his resume includes the first leg of the Europa League semi-final between Fenerbahce and Benfica in 2013.

"I'm so proud because I'm the first referee to represent Serbia after a long period of absence from the World Cup. I want to give everything for my country."

FIFA Competitions & Continental Finals

Milorad MAZIC (SRB)	MP
FIFA U-20 World Cup Turkey 2013	2

Pedro PROENCA (POR)



Country Portugal
Date of Birth 03.11.1970
Height 180cm
Residence Lisbon, Portugal
Occupation Finance director
Mother tongue Portuguese
Other languages English
International since 2003

Assistant Referee 1

Bertino MIRANDA

Country: Portugal
 Date of Birth: 18.05.1972

Assistant Referee 2

Jose TRIGO

Country: Portugal
 Date of Birth: 02.07.1972

In 2012 Pedro Proenca was assigned to cover two prestigious European finals, namely Bayern Munich-Chelsea in the UEFA Champions League and Spain-Italy in the UEFA European Championship. The Portuguese official's international experience also includes the final of UEFA EURO U-19 2004 between Turkey and Spain, as well as a semi-final at UEFA EURO U-21 2009. Last year Proenca was shortlisted for the FIFA Confederations Cup, where he oversaw two opening-round matches. During the preliminary competition for the 2014 FIFA World Cup™ Proenca took charge of Greece-Romania in the play-offs. At club level he is into his seventh season as a UEFA Champions League referee.

"I have to work for a living, just like other people do, so I'm a normal man. I like to do other sports, such as skiing, and I enjoy staying with friends. So you see, I'm just a normal person who likes to enjoy his life"

FIFA Competitions & Continental Finals

	Pedro PROENCA (POR)	MP
	UEFA EURO 2012	4
	FIFA Confederations Cup Brazil 2013	2

Nicola RIZZOLI (ITA)



Country Italy
Date of Birth 05.10.1971
Height 180cm
Residence Bologna, Italy
Occupation Architect
Mother tongue Italian
Other languages English
International since 2007

Assistant Referee 1

Renato FAVERANI

Country: Italy

Date of Birth: 25.11.1969

Assistant Referee 2

Andrea STEFANI

Country: Italy

Date of Birth: 15.10.1969

Nicola Rizzoli has refereed a final in each of the two main European club competitions: Atletico Madrid-Fulham at the climax of the Europa League 2010 and the all-German decider between Bayern Munich and Borussia Dortmund in the Champions League 2013. In 2011 the Italian was selected for the FIFA Club World Cup, where he presided over two games, including Kashiwa Reysol-Santos in the semi-finals. In 2012 Rizzoli was tasked with handling Spain-France in the quarter-finals of UEFA EURO 2012. Last year he was in Turkey for the FIFA U-20 World Cup, where he took charge of two fixtures including the quarter-final match Ghana-Chile.

"I'm just a normal man. I have a job. In my life away from football, I'm an architect. It's not always easy to combine my job with refereeing because we have many games, many tournaments, and many important matches. We have to judge many difficult situations, but we all share a great passion for football. We always try to do our best."

FIFA Competitions & Continental Finals

	Nicola RIZZOLI (ITA)	MP
	FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2011	2
	UEFA EURO 2012	3
	FIFA U-20 World Cup Turkey 2013	2

Carlos VELASCO CARBALLO (ESP)



Country Spain
Date of Birth 16.03.1971
Height 178cm
Residence Madrid, Spain
Occupation Engineer
Mother tongue Spanish
Other languages English
International since 2008

Assistant Referee 1
Roberto ALONSO FERNANDEZ

Country: Spain
 Date of Birth: 18.09.1976

Assistant Referee 2
Juan Carlos YUSTE JIMENEZ

Country: Spain
 Date of Birth: 25.09.1975

Carlos Velasco Carballo became an international referee in 2008 and three years later found himself supervising two high-profile fixtures within the space of less than a month. The first was the semi-final Schalke 04-Manchester United in the UEFA Champions League and the second was Porto-Braga in the UEFA Europa League final. The Spaniard was subsequently shortlisted for EURO 2012, where he handled two opening-round games, before controlling the FIFA Club World Cup semi-final between Raja Casablanca and Atletico Mineiro in 2013. In 2009 he was man-in-the-middle for the Egyptian league title play-off between Al Ahly and Ismaily.

"I try to bring many things from the world of engineering into refereeing, and vice versa. That's my mentality, that's how I work."

FIFA Competitions & Continental Finals

Carlos VELASCO CARBALLO (ESP)	MP
UEFA EURO 2012	2
FIFA Club World Cup Morocco 2013	1

Howard WEBB (ENG)



Country England
Date of Birth 14.07.1971
Height 188cm
Residence Rotherham, England
Occupation Police Sergeant
Mother tongue English
Other languages
International since 2005

Assistant Referee 1
Michael MULLARKEY
 Country: England
 Date of Birth: 03.05.1970
Assistant Referee 2
Darren CANN
 Country: England
 Date of Birth: 22.01.1969

Howard Webb officiated the most recent World Cup Final in 2010 between Spain and the Netherlands. The son of a referee, the Englishman earned his international credentials in 2005 and since then has already participated in one European U-21 Championship (including the semi-final Serbia and Montenegro-Ukraine in 2006), two European Championships (2008 and 2012), one FIFA U-17 World Cup (2009), one U-20 World Cup (five games in 2007, including Austria-Czech Republic in the semi-finals) and two FIFA Confederations Cups (2009 and 2013, including the semi-final Spain-Italy in the latter edition). Webb is also into his eighth season in the UEFA Champions League, where he notably directed the 2012 final between Inter Milan and Bayern Munich. Among his overseas experience is a posting in the United States, where he refereed New England Revolution-Houston Dynamo in the final of the North American SuperLiga 2008.

"As a policeman, I help to arrange activities with kids to get them engaged in football, kids who otherwise would stand on street corners with not a lot to do or kids who might be involved in anti-social behaviour and so on. There are over 500 kids and I'm very proud to be part of such a beautiful project. On the other side, my younger referee colleagues like to compare me to a Hollywood star: but unfortunately not exactly a good-looking one! They say that I look like Shrek, which explains why I have a picture of him as a screensaver on my mobile phone!"

FIFA Competitions & Continental Finals

Howard WEBB (ENG)	MP
FIFA U-20 World Cup Canada 2007	5
UEFA EURO 2008	2
FIFA Confederations Cup South Africa 2009	2
FIFA U-17 World Cup Nigeria 2009	4
2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa	4
UEFA EURO 2012	3
FIFA Confederations Cup Brazil 2013	2

North, Central American and Caribbean Zone

Joel AGUILAR (SLV)



Country El Salvador
Date of Birth 02.07.1975
Height 170cm
Residence San Salvador, El Salvador
Occupation Teacher
Mother tongue Spanish
Other languages
International since 2001

Assistant Referee 1

William TORRES

Country: El Salvador

Date of Birth: 22.02.1975

Assistant Referee 2

Juan ZUMBA

Country: El Salvador

Date of Birth: 19.09.1982

Joel Aguilar will be the first referee from El Salvador to officiate at the finals of a FIFA World Cup™, although he did take part in South Africa 2010 as a fourth official.

Aguilar made his international debut aged just 26 in 2007, supervising games in both the FIFA U-17 and U-20 World Cups, before going on to referee at the 2009 edition of the latter competition. The Salvadoran participated in four CONCACAF Gold Cups from 2007 to 2013, where he covered two finals: Mexico-USA in 2011 and USA-Panama in 2013. In 2011, besides the Gold Cup final, Aguilar was appointed to cover the first leg of the CONCACAF Champions League final between Monterrey and Real Salt Lake, as well as Al Sadd-Barcelona in the semi-finals of the FIFA Club World Cup. Last year in Brazil he oversaw two FIFA Confederations Cup encounters, namely Tahiti-Nigeria and Nigeria-Spain.

"I am a cheery person and always in a good mood. I love to take care of my friends. I am an optimist and I like to have fun. Even if people think that referees are the strictest of people, off the pitch we are people who love life."

FIFA Competitions & Continental Finals

Joel AGUILAR (SLV)	MP
CONCACAF Gold Cup 2007 USA	2
FIFA U-20 World Cup Canada 2007	4
FIFA U-17 World Cup Korea 2007	5
CONCACAF Gold Cup 2009 USA	2
FIFA U-20 World Cup Egypt 2009	3
CONCACAF Gold Cup 2011 USA	2
FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2011	1
FIFA Confederations Cup Brazil 2013	2
CONCACAF Gold Cup 2013 USA	3

Mark GEIGER (USA)



Country USA
Date of Birth 25.08.1974
Height 177cm
Residence Beachwood NJ, USA
Occupation Professional referee,
High school mathematics teacher
Mother tongue English
Other languages
International since 2008

Assistant Referee 1

Sean HURD

Country: USA

Date of Birth: 09.11.1971

Assistant Referee 2

Joe FLETCHER

Country: Canada

Date of Birth: 10.09.1976

An American referee returns to the World Cup 12 years since Brian Hall took charge of two games at the 2002 edition. Mark Geiger supervised his first international match in 2008 and was man-in-the-middle for two finals in 2011: Costa Rica-Mexico in the CONCACAF U-20 Championship and Brazil-Portugal at the climax of the U-20 World Cup in Colombia. That same year, Mark Geiger was named Major League Soccer Referee of the Year. The following year he was in London for the Men's Olympic Football Tournament, where he handled two fixtures including the quarter-final meeting between Japan and Egypt. Last year Geiger was called up for the Club World Cup.

"I'm fortunate that I have been able to dedicate myself full-time to refereeing ever since last year. The other side of my life was mathematics. I spent 17 years as a high-school maths teacher. Last year, I was also an assistant cross-country and track coach with my brother."

FIFA Competitions & Continental Finals

Mark GEIGER (USA)	MP
FIFA U-20 World Cup Colombia 2011	4
Olympic Football Tournaments London 2012 - Men	2
CONCACAF Gold Cup 2013 USA	1
FIFA Club World Cup Morocco 2013	1

Marco RODRIGUEZ (MEX)



Country	Mexico
Date of Birth	11.11.1973
Height	179cm
Residence	Mexico City, Mexico
Occupation	Football coach, physical education teacher, entrepreneur, speaker and ambassador for Health, missionary of Christ for humanitarian aid
Mother tongue	Spanish
Other languages	English
International since	2000

Assistant Referee 1

Marvin TORRETERA

Country: Mexico

Date of Birth: 25.02.1971

Assistant Referee 2

Marcos QUINTERO

Country: Mexico

Date of Birth: 21.04.1973

Marco Rodriguez will be taking part in his third World Cup, having handled a total of four games at the 2006 and 2010 editions. This latest posting makes him the 20th referee to participate in three editions of the global showpiece. Before Rodriguez, only one other Mexican had refereed at three World Cups, namely Arturo Yamasaki Maldonado, who presided over a total of five matches spanning the 1962, 1966 and 1970 editions. During his career, Rodriguez has officiated at three U-17 World Cups (2003, 2005 and 2013), one U-20 World Cup (2009) and five editions of the CONCACAF Gold Cup. At club level he has refereed two consecutive CONCACAF Champions League finals, heading the first leg between Cruz Azul and Atlante in 2009 followed by Pachuca-Cruz Azul in the second match of the 2010 decider, as well as the return fixture of the most recent final in 2013, between Monterrey and Santos Laguna. His most prestigious assignment was the final of the Club World Cup 2007 between Boca Juniors and AC Milan. He later oversaw Al Ahly-Corinthians in the 2012 semi-finals of the same competition. Within the South American Confederation, Marco Rodriguez has been entrusted with a number of fixtures in the Copa Libertadores and also the Copa America 2004, including the semi-final between Brazil and Uruguay.

"I have completed a coaching course, which has helped me to understand the behaviour of players in both attack and defence. I'm also a lecturer for healthy living, especially with regard to drug prevention. I like to take care of people, to take care of kids and to help those in need."

Marco RODRIGUEZ (MEX)	MP
FIFA U-17 World Championship Finland 2003	4
Copa America 2004	3
CONCACAF Gold Cup 2005 USA	2
FIFA U-17 World Championship Peru 2005	2
2006 FIFA World Cup Germany	2
CONCACAF Gold Cup 2007 USA	1
FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2007	2
CONCACAF Gold Cup 2009 USA	2
FIFA U-20 World Cup Egypt 2009	3
2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa	2
CONCACAF Gold Cup 2011 USA	2
FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2012	1
CONCACAF Gold Cup 2013 USA	2
FIFA U-17 World Cup UAE 2013	2

Oceanian Zone

Peter O'LEARY (NZL)



Country	New Zealand
Date of Birth	03.03.1972
Height	186cm
Residence	Hamilton, New Zealand
Occupation	Teacher
Mother tongue	English
Other languages	
International since	2003

Assistant Referee 1

Jan Hendrik HINTZ
Country: New Zealand
Date of Birth: 24.06.1976

Assistant Referee 2

Ravinesh KUMAR
Country: Fiji
Date of Birth: 24.05.1982

A secondary-school biology teacher by profession, Peter O'Leary was involved in several matches at the South Africa finals four years ago, although as a fourth official rather than a referee. O'Leary holds a number of appearance records in FIFA competitions. He has accumulated the most participations (five: 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011 and 2012) and refereed the most matches (five) in the FIFA Club World Cup and, just like Oscar Ruiz of Colombia, has taken part in four editions of the FIFA U-20 World Cup (from 2007 to 2013). In 2012 the New Zealander supervised Tahiti-New Caledonia in the final of the OFC Nations Cup, as well as handling one game at the Olympic Football Tournament. Last year he officiated the OFC Champions League title-decider between New Zealand rivals Waitakere United and Auckland City.

"People call us 'Kiwis', but do you know why? Back home in New Zealand, we eat kiwi fruit, but the kiwi is also our national bird. Most people outside New Zealand only know the fruit. I'm proud to represent my country and I will do my best."

FIFA Competitions & Continental Finals

Peter O'LEARY (NZL)	MP
OFC Nations Cup 2004 Play-off	1
FIFA U-20 World Cup Canada 2007	2
FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2007	1
FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2008	1
FIFA U-20 World Cup Egypt 2009	3
FIFA Club World Cup UAE 2009	1
FIFA U-20 World Cup Colombia 2011	3
FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2011	1
Olympic Football Tournaments London 2012 - Men	1
FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2012	1
FIFA U-20 World Cup Turkey 2013	2

South American Zone

Enrique OSSES (CHI)



Country	Chile
Date of Birth	26.05.1974
Height	180cm
Residence	Santiago de Chile, Chile
Occupation	Industrial Engineer
Mother tongue	Spanish
Other languages	English
International since	2005

Assistant Referee 1

Carlos ASTROZA

Country: Chile

Date of Birth: 23.11.1976

Assistant Referee 2

Sergio ROMAN

Country: Chile

Date of Birth: 11.02.1969

Enrique OsSES became an international referee in 2005. In 2006 oversaw his first match in the Copa Libertadores, a competition in which he has since covered two semi-finals in the last three editions, as well as the first leg of the 2012 decider between Boca Juniors and Corinthians. In the Copa Sudamericana he has also handled the return leg of each of the last two title-deciders. In 2011 OsSES was selected for two Copa America games and was called up for his first FIFA competition, the Club World Cup, where he supervised Esperance-Al Sadd. Last year the Chilean presided over two games in the FIFA Confederations Cup, namely Mexico-Italy and the semi-final between Brazil and Uruguay.

"To be a top referee, you need to make a lot of sacrifices and get used to having precious little free time. When I do have some spare time, I like to spend it with my family. I have three kids and a beautiful wife, so I like to dedicate all the time that I have to them."

FIFA Competitions & Continental Finals

Enrique OSSES (CHI)	MP
Copa America 2011	2
FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2011	1
FIFA Confederations Cup Brazil 2013	2

Nestor PITANA (ARG)



Country Argentina
Date of Birth 17.06.1975
 Height 193cm
 Residence Posados-Misiones, Argentina
 Occupation Physical education teacher
 Mother tongue Spanish
 Other languages
 International since 2010

Assistant Referee 1

Hernan MAIDANA

Country: Argentina

Date of Birth: 14.02.1972

Assistant Referee 2

Juan Pablo BELATTI

Country: Argentina

Date of Birth: 15.04.1979

Nestor Pitana's international career began in 2010, just three years after he made his refereeing debut in the Argentinian top tier. He subsequently oversaw Universidad de Chile-Santos in the first leg of the Recopa Sudamericana final in 2012, as well as the first leg of the Copa Libertadores decider between Olimpia Asuncion and Atletico Mineiro in 2013. A few months later Pitana was appointed to his first FIFA competition, the U-17 World Cup, where he took charge of two fixtures in the opening round and one in the Round of 16.

"I love football in all of its forms. Watching a good football match is as good as having a good Argentinian barbeque with friends, and sharing some fabulous Argentinian meat."

FIFA Competitions & Continental Finals

	Nestor PITANA (ARG)	MP
	FIFA U-17 World Cup UAE 2013	3

Wilmar ROLDAN (COL)



Country	Colombia
Date of Birth	24.01.1980
Height	192cm
Residence	Medellin, Colombia
Occupation	Degree in physical education
Mother tongue	Spanish
Other languages	English, Portuguese
International since	2008

Assistant Referee 1

Humberto CLAVIJO

Country: Colombia

Date of Birth: 18.07.1973

Assistant Referee 2

Eduardo DIAZ

Country: Colombia

Date of Birth: 10.07.1973

Aged 34, Wilmar Roldan is the youngest referee in the shortlist for Brazil 2014. He made his debut at the tender age of 23 in the Colombian top flight and at 28 presided over his first Copa Libertadores match. Roldan is one of South America's busiest referees, having covered two South American U-20 Championships, the first leg of the 2011 Recopa Sudamericana final (Independiente-Internacional), Peru-Venezuela in the third-place match of the Copa America 2011 and two Copa Libertadores finals (the second-leg fixtures Corinthians-Boca Juniors in 2012 and Atletico Mineiro-Olimpia Asuncion in 2013). His first FIFA posting was at the Youth Olympic Football Tournament 2010 in Singapore. In 2012 he refereed two games at the London Olympics, including the quarter-final between Great Britain and Korea Republic. Last year Roldan took part in the FIFA U-20 World Cup.

"When I'm at home I like to spend time with my little daughter. She means the world to me. I also like to stay with friends, which helps me to unwind. It's important to have something that gives you your energy and power back."

FIFA Competitions & Continental Finals

Wilmar ROLDAN (COL)	MP
Youth Olympic Football Tournaments Singapore 2010 - Boys	1
Copa America 2011	3
Olympic Football Tournaments London 2012 - Men	2
FIFA U-20 World Cup Turkey 2013	2

Sandro RICCI (BRA)



Country Brazil
Date of Birth 19.11.1974
Height 183cm
Residence Brasilia, Brazil
Occupation Official at the Brazilian Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade
Mother tongue Portuguese
Other languages English
International since 2011

Assistant Referee 1
Emerson DE CARVALHO
Country: Brazil
Date of Birth: 24.06.1972

Assistant Referee 2
Marcelo VAN GASSE
Country: Brazil
Date of Birth: 09.03.1976

Brazil's Referee of the Year in 2010, Sandro Ricci joined FIFA's international list in 2011 and supervised his first Copa Libertadores match in 2012. In 2013 he oversaw four U-20 World Cup fixtures, including a quarter-final and the third-place match between Ghana and Iraq. A few months later he was also selected for the Club World Cup, where he took charge of Guangzhou Evergrande-Al Ahly in the quarter-finals before being handed the honour of controlling the decider between Bayern Munich and Raja Casablanca.

"Before each game I take off my ring and kiss it four times in honour of the four women in my life: my mother, my wife and my two daughters."

FIFA Competitions & Continental Finals

	Sandro RICCI (BRA)	MP
	FIFA U-20 World Cup Turkey 2013	4
	FIFA Club World Cup Morocco 2013	2

Carlos VERA (ECU)



Country	Ecuador	Assistant Referee 1	Christian LESCANO
Date of Birth	25.06.1976		Country: Ecuador
Height	176cm	Assistant Referee 2	Byron ROMERO
Residence	Guayaquil, Ecuador		Country: Ecuador
Occupation	Technical delegate of sport ministry		Date of Birth: 12.07.1980
Mother tongue	Spanish		
Other languages	English		
International since	2006		

Carlos Vera is the third Ecuadoran referee to take part in the FIFA World Cup™ after Jacome Guerrero in 1990 and Byron Moreno in 2002. His first international engagement was Mexico-Bolivia in the 2007 bronze medal play-off at the Panamerican Games. He has officiated at the Copa Libertadores every year since 2008. In 2011 he was among the men in black at the Copa America and refereed Chile-Venezuela in the quarter-finals. The following year he was picked for the FIFA Club World Cup, where he was assigned to a quarter-final (Sanfrecce Hiroshima-Al Ahly) and the semi-final encounter between Monterrey and Chelsea. Last year Vera headed two U-20 World Cup games in Turkey, the second of which was Portugal-Ghana in the Round of 16.

"When people watch me during games, they think that I have a strong and strict character. But on the contrary, I'm a happy person who likes to laugh and spend time with his kids. I'm also a sensible person with a big heart. So maybe people have the wrong image of me."

FIFA Competitions & Continental Finals

Carlos VERA (ECU)	MP
Copa America 2011	2
FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2012	2
FIFA U-20 World Cup Turkey 2013	2

Predecessors of the 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil™ Referees

(in alphabetical order of country code)

Algeria (ALG)

LACARNE Belaid (1982)

Argentina (ARG)

BALDASSI Hector (2010)
ELIZONDO Horacio (2006)
SANCHEZ Angel (2002)
CASTRILLI Javier (1998)
LAMOLINA Francisco Oscar (1994)
LOUSTAU Juan (1990)
ESPOSITO Carlos (1986)
ITHURRALDE Arturo Andres (1982)
COEREZZA Norberto Angel (1970, 1978)
PESTARINO Luis (1974)
GOICOECHEA Roberto (1966)
BROZZI Juan (1958)
MACIAS Jose (1930)

Australia (AUS)

SHIELD Mark (2002, 2006)
LENNIE Edward (1998)
BAMBRIDGE Christopher (1986)
BOSKOVIC Tony (1974, 1982)

Bahrain (BHR)

AL DOY Ebrahim (1982)

Brazil (BRA)

SIMON Carlos (2002, 2006, 2010)
REZENDE Marcio (1998)
MARSIGLIA Renato (1994)
RAMIZ WRIGHT Jose (1990)
ARPI FILHO Romualdo (1986)
COELHO Arnaldo (1978, 1982)
MARQUES Armando (1966, 1974)
DE MORAES Ayrton Vieira (1970)
ETZEL FILHO Joao (1962)
VIANA Mario (1950, 1954)
GARDELLI Mario (1950)
MALCHER Alberto (1950)
REGO Gilberto (1930)

Chile (CHI)

POZO Pablo (2010)
SANCHEZ YANTEN Mario (1998)
SILVA ARCE Hernan (1986, 1990)
CASTRO Gaston (1982)
SILVAGNO CAVANNA Juan (1978)
HORMAZABAL DIAZ Rafael (1970)
BUSTAMANTE Sergio (1962)
ROBLES Carlos (1962)
WARNKEN Alberto (1930)

Colombia (COL)

RUIZ Oscar (2002, 2006, 2010)
TORO RENDON John (1998)
TORRES CADENA Jose Joaquin (1994)
DIAZ PALACIO Jesus (1986)
ARISTIZABAL MURCIA Gilberto (1982)
DELGADO Omar (1974)

Ecuador (ECU)

MORENO Byron (2002)
JACOME GUERRERO Elias V. (1990)

England (ENG)

WEBB Howard (2010)
POLL Graham (2002, 2006)
DURKIN Paul (1998)
DON Philip (1994)
COURTNEY George (1986, 1990)
WHITE Clive (1982)
PARTRIDGE Patrick (1978)
TAYLOR John (1970, 1974)
DAGNALL Kenneth (1966)
FINNEY Jim (1966)
McCABE George (1966)
ASTON Ken (1962)
ELLIS Arthur (1950, 1954, 1958)
LEAFE Reginald (1950, 1958)
LING William (1954)
READER George (1950)

Spain (ESP)

UNDIANO Alberto (2010)
MEDINA CANTALEJO Luis (2006)
LOPEZ NIETO Antonio (2002)
GARCIA ARANDA Jose Maria (1998)
DIAZ VEGA Manuel (1994)
SORIANO ALADREN Emilio (1990)
SANCHEZ ARMINIO Victoriano (1986)
LAMO CASTILLO Augusto (1982)
MARTINEZ Angel (1978)
SANCHEZ IBANEZ Pablo (1974)
ORTIZ DE MENDIBIL Jose Maria (1970)
GARDEAZABAL Juan (1958, 1962, 1966)
ASENSI Manuel (1954)
AZON ROMA Ramon (1950)

Germany (GER) /Germany FR (FRG)

STARK Wolfgang (2010)
MERK Markus (2002, 2006)
HEYNEMANN Bernd (1998)
KRUG Hellmut (1994)
SCHMIDHUBER Aron (1990)
KIRSCHEN Siegfried (1986, 1990)
ROTH Volker (1986)
ESCHWEILER Walter (1982)
BIWERSI Ferdinand (1978)
SCHULENBURG Gerhard (1974)
WEYLAND Hans Joachim (1974)
TSCHENSCHER Kurt (1966, 1970, 1974)
KREITELIN Rudolf (1966)
DUSCH Albert (1958, 1962)
SCHMETZER Emil (1954)
BIRLEM Alfred (1934, 1938)

Italy (ITA)

ROSETTI Roberto (2006, 2010)
COLLINA Pierluigi (1998, 2002)
PAIRETTO Pierluigi (1994)
BALDAS Fabio (1994)
LANESE Tullio (1990)
AGNOLIN Luigi (1986, 1990)
CASARIN Paolo (1982)
GONELLA Sergio (1978)
ANGONESE Aurelio (1974)
SBARDELLA Antonio (1970)
LO BELLO Concetto (1966)
JONNI Cesare (1962)
ORLANDINI Vincenzo (1954, 1958)
DATILO Generoso (1950)
GALEATI Giovanni (1950)
SCARPI Giuseppe (1938)
BARLASSINA Rinaldo (1934, 1938)
CARRARO Albino (1934)
MATTEA Francesco (1934)

Japan (JPN)

NISHIMURA Yuichi (2010)
KAMIKAWA Toru (2002, 2006)
OKADA Masayoshi (1998)
TAKADA Shizuo (1986, 1990)



Mexico (MEX)

ARCHUNDIA Benito (2006, 2010)
RODRIGUEZ Marco (2006, 2010)
RAMOS RIZO Felipe (2002)
BRIZIO CARTER Arturo (1994, 1998)
CODESAL MENDEZ Edgardo (1990)
MARQUEZ RAMIREZ Antonio (1986)
RUBIO VAZQUEZ Mario (1982)
GONZALEZ ARCHUNDIA Alfonso (1974, 1978)
AGUILAR ELIZALDE Abel (1970)
DE LEO Diego (1970)
YAMASAKI MALDONADO Arturo (1962, 1966, 1970)

Netherlands (NED)

WEGEREEF Jan (2002)
VAN DER ENDE Mario (1994, 1998)
KEIZER Jan (1986)
CORVER Charles (1978, 1982)
VAN GEMERT Arie (1974)
VAN RAVENS Laurens (1970)
HORN Leo (1962)
BRONKHORST Jan (1958)
VAN DER MEER Karel (1950)
VAN MOORSEL Johannes (1934)

New Zealand (NZL)

HESTER Michael (2010)

Portugal (POR)

BENQUERENCA Olegario (2010)
MELO PEREIRA Vitor (1998, 2002)
SILVA VALENTE Carlos Alberto (1986, 1990)
GARRIDO Antonio (1978, 1982)
SALDANHA RIBEIRO Antonio (1970)
FERNANDES CAMPOS Joaquim (1958, 1966)
DA COSTA VIEIRA Jose (1954)

Serbia (SRB)/ Yugoslavia (YUG)

PETROVIC Zoran (1986, 1990)
MAKSIMOVIC Dusan (1978)
LEMESIC Leo (1958)
STEFANOVIC Vasa (1954)
TESANIC Branko (1962)
ZECEVIC Konstantin (1966)

Sweden (SWE)

FRISK Anders (2002)
KARLSSON Bo (1994)
FREDRIKSSON Erik (1982, 1986, 1990)

ERIKSSON Ulf (1978)
LOEOEW Bertil (1966)
AHLNER Sten (1958)
EKLIND Ivan (1934, 1938, 1950)

Turkey (TUR)

BABACAN Dogan (1974)

USA (USA)

HALL Brian (2002)
BAHARMAST Esse (1998)
ANGELES Arturo (1994)
MAURO Vincent (1990)
SOCHA David (1982, 1986)
LANDAUER Henry (1970)

Uzbekistan (UZB)

IRMATOV Ravshan (2010)

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