



Referee designations for matches 1-16

FIFA's Referee Committee today assigned Ravshan Irmatov from the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) as referee for the opening match of the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa™ held in Johannesburg Soccer City at 16:00 between South Africa and Mexico.

With an international career dating back to 2003, Ravshan Irmatov is the only Uzbek referee to have officiated in the finals of a FIFA tournament to date. He is currently rated as AFC Referee of the Year and he received this award for the two prior years, 2009 and 2008.

He has appeared three times at the FIFA U-17 World Cup (2003, 2007 and 2009), once at the FIFA U-20 World Cup and also at the FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2008, where he not only handled the quarter-final meeting of Al Ahly and Pachuca, but also took charge of the Liga de Quito-Manchester United Final.

His record in the top Asian tournaments includes a debut in the AFC Champions League in 2003 and in 2007 he officiated the Final of this tournament held in Japan, one of his biggest achievements to date. He was also selected for the AFC Asian Cup in 2004 and directed eight Asian preliminary matches for the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa™.

Match	Match Date	Match No.	Venue City	Group
RSA - MEX	11.06.2010	1	JOHANNESBURG (RSA)	Group A
	Referee		IRMATOV Ravshan (UZB)	
	Assistant Referee 1		ILYASOV Rafael (UZB)	
	Assistant Referee 2		KOCHKAROV Bakhadyr (KGZ)	
	Fourth Official		MOHD SALLEH Subkhiddin (MAS)	
	Reserve Assistant Referee		MU Yuxin (CHN)	



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URU - FRA	11.06.2010	2	CAPE TOWN (RSA)	Group A
	Referee		NISHIMURA Yuichi (JPN)	
	Assistant Referee 1		SAGARA Toru (JPN)	
	Assistant Referee 2		JEONG Hae Sang (KOR)	
	Fourth Official		AGUILAR Joel (SLV)	
	Reserve Assistant Referee		TORRES William (SLV)	
Match	Match Date	Match No.	Venue City	Group
ARG - NGA	12.06.2010	3	JOHANNESBURG (RSA)	Group B
	Referee		STARK Wolfgang (GER)	
	Assistant Referee 1		SALVER Jan-Hendrik (GER)	
	Assistant Referee 2		PICKEL Mike (GER)	
	Fourth Official		AL GHAMDI Khalil (KSA)	
	Reserve Assistant Referee		KAMRANIFAR Hassan (IRN)	
Match	Match Date	Match No.	Venue City	Group
KOR - GRE	12.06.2010	4	NELSON MANDELA BAY/PORT ELIZABETH (RSA)	Group B
	Referee		HESTER Michael (NZL)	
	Assistant Referee 1		HINTZ Jan Hendrik (NZL)	
	Assistant Referee 2		MAKASINI Tevita (TGA)	
	Fourth Official		VAZQUEZ Martin (URU)	
	Reserve Assistant Referee		PASTORINO Carlos (URU)	
Match	Match Date	Match No.	Venue City	Group
ENG - USA	12.06.2010	5	RUSTENBURG (RSA)	Group C
	Referee		SIMON Carlos (BRA)	
	Assistant Referee 1		HAUSMANN Altemir (BRA)	
	Assistant Referee 2		BRAATZ Roberto (BRA)	
	Fourth Official		MAILLET Eddy (SEY)	
	Reserve Assistant Referee		MENKOUANDE Evarist (CMR)	



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ALG - SVN	13.06.2010	6	POLOKWANE (RSA)	Group C
	Referee		BATRES Carlos (GUA)	
	Assistant Referee 1		LEAL Leonel (CRC)	
	Assistant Referee 2		PASTRANA Carlos (HON)	
	Fourth Official		O LEARY Peter (NZL)	
	Reserve Assistant Referee		BEST Brent (NZL)	
Match	Match Date	Match No.	Venue City	Group
GER - AUS	13.06.2010	7	DURBAN (RSA)	Group D
	Referee		RODRIGUEZ Marco (MEX)	
	Assistant Referee 1		CAMARGO Jose Luis (MEX)	
	Assistant Referee 2		MORIN Alberto (MEX)	
	Fourth Official		HANSSON Martin (SWE)	
	Reserve Assistant Referee		ANDREN Henrik (SWE)	
Match	Match Date	Match No.	Venue City	Group
SRB - GHA	13.06.2010	8	TSHWANE/PRETORIA (RSA)	Group D
	Referee		BALDASSI Hector (ARG)	
	Assistant Referee 1		CASAS Ricardo (ARG)	
	Assistant Referee 2		MAIDANA Hernan (ARG)	
	Fourth Official		MOHD SALLEH Subkhiddin (MAS)	
	Reserve Assistant Referee		GEK PHENG Jeffrey (SIN)	
Match	Match Date	Match No.	Venue City	Group
NED - DEN	14.06.2010	9	JOHANNESBURG (RSA)	Group E
	Referee		LANNOY Stephane (FRA)	
	Assistant Referee 1		DANSAULT Eric (FRA)	
	Assistant Referee 2		UGO Laurent (FRA)	
	Fourth Official		ROSETTI Roberto (ITA)	
	Reserve Assistant Referee		CALCAGNO Paolo (ITA)	



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JPN - CMR	14.06.2010	10	MANGAUNG/BLOEMFONTEIN (RSA)	Group E
	Referee		BENQUERENCA Olegario (POR)	
	Assistant Referee 1		CARDINAL Jose (POR)	
	Assistant Referee 2		MIRANDA Bertino (POR)	
	Fourth Official		RUIZ Oscar (COL)	
	Reserve Assistant Referee		GONZALEZ Abraham (COL)	
Match	Match Date	Match No.	Venue City	Group
ITA - PAR	14.06.2010	11	CAPE TOWN (RSA)	Group F
	Referee		ARCHUNDIA Benito (MEX)	
	Assistant Referee 1		VERGARA Hector (CAN)	
	Assistant Referee 2		TORRENTERA Marvin (MEX)	
	Fourth Official		AGUILAR Joel (SLV)	
	Reserve Assistant Referee		ZUMBA Juan (SLV)	
Match	Match Date	Match No.	Venue City	Group
NZL - SVK	15.06.2010	12	RUSTENBURG (RSA)	Group F
	Referee		DAMON Jerome (RSA)	
	Assistant Referee 1		NTAGUNGIRA Celestin (RWA)	
	Assistant Referee 2		MOLEFE Enock (RSA)	
	Fourth Official		IRMATOV Ravshan (UZB)	
	Reserve Assistant Referee		ILYASOV Rafael (UZB)	
Match	Match Date	Match No.	Venue City	Group
CIV - POR	15.06.2010	13	NELSON MANDELA BAY/PORT ELIZABETH (RSA)	Group G
	Referee		LARRIONDA Jorge (URU)	
	Assistant Referee 1		FANDINO Pablo (URU)	
	Assistant Referee 2		ESPINOSA Mauricio (URU)	
	Fourth Official		VAZQUEZ Martin (URU)	
	Reserve Assistant Referee		NIEVAS Miguel (URU)	



Match	Match Date	Match No.	Venue City	Group
BRA - PRK	15.06.2010	14	JOHANNESBURG (RSA)	Group G
	Referee		KASSAI Viktor (HUN)	
	Assistant Referee 1		EROS Gabor (HUN)	
	Assistant Referee 2		VAMOS Tibor (HUN)	
	Fourth Official		MOHD SALLEH Subkhiddin (MAS)	
	Reserve Assistant Referee		MU Yuxin (CHN)	
Match	Match Date	Match No.	Venue City	Group
HON - CHI	16.06.2010	15	NELSPRUIT (RSA)	Group H
	Referee		MAILLET Eddy (SEY)	
	Assistant Referee 1		MENKOUANDE Evarist (CMR)	
	Assistant Referee 2		HASSANI Bechir (TUN)	
	Fourth Official		NISHIMURA Yuichi (JPN)	
	Reserve Assistant Referee		SAGARA Toru (JPN)	
Match	Match Date	Match No.	Venue City	Group
ESP - SUI	16.06.2010	16	DURBAN (RSA)	Group H
	Referee		WEBB Howard (ENG)	
	Assistant Referee 1		CANN Darren (ENG)	
	Assistant Referee 2		MULLARKEY Michael (ENG)	
	Fourth Official		HANSSON Martin (SWE)	
	Reserve Assistant Referee		WITTEBERG Stefan (SWE)	

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