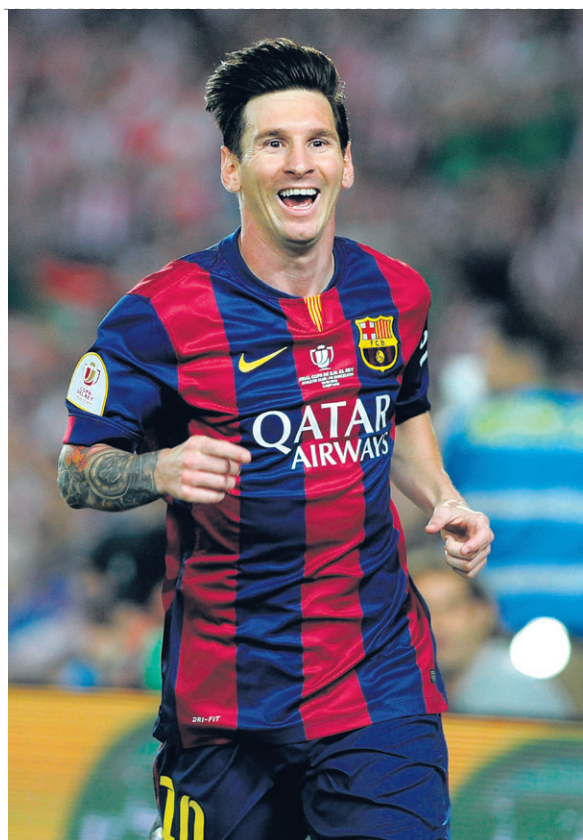


# The 2015 Ballon d'Or finalists

Who will be crowned the best footballer of the year on Jan 11? Here is a look at the three contenders.



**Lionel Messi**

**Cristiano Ronaldo**

**Neymar**

<b>Ballon d'Or winner</b>	2009, 2010, 2011, 2012	2008, 2013, 2014	
<b>Club and country (position)</b>	Barcelona and Argentina (forward)	Real Madrid and Portugal (forward)	Barcelona and Brazil (forward)
<b>Age</b>	28	30	23
<b>Games in 2015</b>	56	52	54
<b>Minutes played in 2015</b>	4,793	4,555	4,946
<b>Goals in 2015</b>	48	48	45
<b>Assists in 2015</b>	24	14	13
<b>Minutes per goal</b>	100	95	110
<b>Assists per goal</b>	200	325	380
<b>Titles in 2015</b>	4*	0	4*

**Stat attack**

**9** This will be Messi's ninth trip to the Ballon d'Or/Fifa World Player of the Year podium - a record.

**48** Real Madrid's all-time leading scorer ended last season with 48 La Liga goals - a league- and personal-best.

**58** Neymar has scored the most goals and provided the most assists in La Liga this season.