

Chip-In-Ball Technology to Make Handball Decisions Easier

Recently, **Adidas** has introduced a <u>microchip</u> in the **official ball** for **Euro 2024** to aid referees in making handball decisions during the tournament.

- The microchip, which is rechargeable, can send precise ball data to video match officials in real-time, and will be used in conjunction with limb-tracking technology to help determine whether there has been a handball in the lead-up to a goal.
- The microchip installed in the 'Fussballliebe', the official match ball of the Euros, will work in tandem with limb-tracking technology to create <u>real-time 3D visual</u> representations of players' skeletons.
- According to the law set by the International Football Association Board (IFAB), it's a handball if a
 player "touches the ball with their hand/arm when it has made their body unnaturally bigger.
- The technology will also be used to produce faster offside decisions, and will contribute to the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA)'s <u>Video Assistant Refereeing (VAR)</u> decisionmaking process.
 - The VAR will use the data from the device to create an image that accurately establishes the **point of contact** of the ball with the body.
- The chip also allows the technology to determine the exact time the ball was kicked, which will provide an accurate result when it comes to offside decisions.

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