

2020 Veteran Player Eligibility List

Eligibility Criteria for VETERAN PLAYER

Candidates appearing on the VETERAN PLAYER eligibility list must be a retired player for more than TEN (10) years, for purposes of the 2020 election they retired 2009 or earlier, and also meet ONE (1) of criteria listed below:

1. Through his/her play on the United States National Team (senior teams).
 - a. Player must have played at least TWENTY (20) full international games for the United States.
 - b. This TWENTY (20) game requirement is reduced to TEN (10) games if those games were prior to 1990 and to FIVE (5) games if games were prior to 1960.
2. Through his/her play in Major League Soccer, Women's United Soccer Association, original North American Soccer League prior to 1968, in one of various regional leagues that include the American Soccer League, North American Soccer Football League, German-American Soccer League of New York, National Soccer League of Chicago, St. Louis Soccer League, Keystone League of Western Pennsylvania, Greater Los Angeles Soccer League, San Francisco Soccer League and National Association Football League.
 - a. He/she must have played at least FIVE (5) seasons in above mentioned leagues
 - b. Been a post season league All Star at least ONE (1) time.
3. Through play in the Major Indoor Soccer League (1984 - 1992). There was no first division outdoor league in the United States.
 - a. Must have played at least FIVE (5) seasons in the MISL
 - b. Been a post season league All Star at least ONE (1) time.

The eligibility criteria was changed in 2008 by the Board of Directors of the National Soccer Hall of Fame. After the change, the Board of Directors agreed that previously eligible candidates, i.e. candidates who qualified under the pre-2008 criteria change be retained on the list.

Process in which eligibility is determined

1. The records of the United States National Teams, Major League Soccer, North American Soccer League, Women's United Soccer Association, Major Indoor Soccer League and American Soccer League where available have been studied to find players who meet the eligibility criteria via their play in the national teams, MLS, the NASL, the WUSA, the MISL or the ASL. Those who do meet the criteria in this way, and who have been retired long enough, have been added to this list.

2. Players no longer eligible for induction under the criteria set forth to be nominated for induction as a PLAYER.
3. Players who have been retired for TEN (10) years and fell below the FIVE (5) % requirement in past elections.
4. Players who have been previously dropped from the list of nominees after failing to appear on a final ballot for EIGHT (8) consecutive years and on whom's behalf an appeal has been received and accepted by the National Soccer Hall of Fame
5. Some nominations for players from certain other, pre-NASL, leagues have been received by the National Soccer Hall of Fame. The records of these leagues have been studied where possible and other research efforts have been made by the Hall of Fame's historians to determine whether the players in question meet the eligibility criteria. If they do, they have been added to this list.

Definition of Terms Used

Term/ phrase	Definition for purpose of eligibility
Qualifying seasons in the MISL	Indicates seasons after the end of the NASL in 1984
Overall seasons in the MISL	Indicates seasons both before and after the end of the NASL
Winning the league championship	Indicates the player played on the winning team in the championship game or series, or in one victory during seasons when there was no league final and the champion was decided by the league standings.
Winning the U.S. Open Cup	Indicates the player played on the winning team in the championship game or series.
NASL North American All-Star	Indicates the team selected by the Professional Soccer Reporters Association
References to "predecessors" of the APSL	Refer to third American Soccer League and the Western Soccer Alliance/Western Soccer League, which merged in 1990 to form the APSL.

In many pre-NASL leagues, all-star teams were not chosen. In those instances, winning a league MVP award or a league goal scoring title is considered sufficient to fulfill the all-star requirement.

Sources

Below is the list of sources consulted to compile biographies and verify eligibility criteria.

- 1984 North American Soccer League Media Guide
- 2017 U.S. Soccer Federation Men's National Team Media Guide
- 2017 U.S. Soccer Federation Women's National Team Media Guide
- 2013 MLS Fact and Record Book
- The "Bill Graham" Guides
- American Soccer League, 1921-31 by Colin Jose
- North American Soccer League Encyclopedia by Colin Jose
- The New York Times
- The Philadelphia Inquirer
- The Newark Evening News.

Candidate Selection

The eligibility list is divided into TWO (2) sections to denote new candidates added this year or reinstated and candidates previously appearing on the VETERAN PLAYER eligibility list. All candidates are to be considered equally eligible regardless of the grouping.

Candidates on the 2020 VETERAN PLAYER Eligibility List are previous PLAYER candidates who are no longer eligible for nomination as outlined in the PLAYER eligibility criteria as well as those reinstated per the veteran eligibility. For purposes of the 2019 election, all players listed retired in 2009 or earlier.

Any person who has been officially suspended by FIFA, CONCACAF, U.S. Soccer, the IOC or the USOC are ineligible to appear on this list for the duration of the suspension.

VETERAN PLAYER biographies include information highlighting how candidates met the eligibility criteria and other information about his/her professional soccer careers. *Eligibility criteria denoted in italics.*



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Chris Armas (last played in the USISL in 1995; last played in the U.S. National Team in 2005; last played in MLS in 2007). *Played 12 seasons in MLS between 1996 and 2007 for Los Angeles and Chicago. MLS Best XI selection in 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2003. Played 66 full internationals for the United States between 1998 and 2005, including 19 World Cup qualifiers in 2000, 2001, 2004 and 2005.* MLS champion in 1998 with Chicago. U.S. Open Cup champion in 1998, 2000 and 2003 with Chicago. A member of the United States teams at the Confederations Cup in 2003 and the Concacaf Gold Cup in 2002 and 2005. USSF men's athlete of the year in 2000.

John Doyle (last played professionally outside the United States in 1993; last played in the U.S. national team in 1994; last played in the APSL/A-League in 1995; last played in MLS in 2000). *Played five seasons in MLS between 1996 and 2000 for San Jose. MLS Best XI selection in 1996. Played 53 full internationals for the United States between 1987 and 1994, including four World Cup qualifiers in 1988 and 1989 and two World Cup games in 1990.* Member of the United States teams at the 1988 Olympic Games and the 1991 Concacaf Gold Cup. MLS defender of the year in 1996. Played two seasons in the APSL/A-League, one season in the Swedish first division and one season in the German first division. Played 132 MLS regular-seasons games and three MLS playoff games.

Marco Etcheverry (last played in MLS in 2003; last played at the required level outside the United States in 2004). *Played eight seasons in MLS between 1996 and 2003, all of them for D.C. MLS Best XI selection in 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999.* MLS champion with D.C. in 1996, 1997 and 1999. U.S. Open Cup champion in 1996 with D.C. Concacaf Champions Cup champion in 1998 with D.C. MLS runner-up in 1998 with D.C. U.S. Open Cup runner-up in 1997 with D.C. Played 191 MLS regular-season games and 23 MLS playoff games.

Mary Harvey (last played professionally outside the United States in 1994; last played in the U.S. national team in 1996). *Played 27 full internationals for the United States between 1989 and 1996, including six World Cup games in 1991.* Women's World Cup champion in 1991. Member of the United States team at the 1991 Women's World Cup. Played three seasons in the German professional league and two seasons in the Swedish professional league.

Chris Henderson (last played in the WSL in 1989; last played professionally outside the United States in 1995; last played in the U.S. national team in 2001; last played in MLS in 2006). *Played 79 full internationals for the United States between 1990 and 2001.* Member of the United States team at the 1990 World Cup. Concacaf Gold Cup champion in 1991. Played 11 seasons in MLS between 1996 and 2006 for Colorado, Kansas City, Miami, Columbus and New York. MLS champion in 2000 with Kansas City. MLS runner-up in 1997 with Colorado. Played 317 MLS regular-season games and 31 MLS playoff games. Played one season each in the Western Soccer League, the Norwegian first division and the German second division.

Frank Klopas (last played in the MISL in 1988; last played in the U.S. national team in 1995; last played professionally outside the United States in 1995; last played in MLS in 1999). *Played 39 full internationals for the United States between 1988 and 1995, including seven World Cup qualifiers in 1988 and 1989.* Member of the United States teams at the 1988 Olympic Games and the 1994 World Cup. Played four seasons in MLS between 1996 and 1999 for Kansas City and Chicago. Played five seasons in the Greek first division and four seasons in the MISL. MLS champion in 1998 with Chicago. U.S. Open Cup champion in 1998 with Chicago. Played 89 MLS regular-season games and 10 MLS playoff games.

Shep Messing (last played in the NASL in 1979; last played in the MISL in 1987). *Played seven seasons in the NASL between 1973 and 1979 for New York, Boston, Oakland and Rochester. NASL champion in 1977 with New York.* Member of the United States team at the 1972 Olympic Games. Played 119 NASL regular-season games and nine NASL playoff games. Played eight seasons in the MISL.

Tiffany Roberts (last played in the WUSA in 2003; last played in the U.S. national team in 2004; last played in the W-League in 2006; last played in the in the WPSL in 2006). *Played 109 full internationals for the United States between 1994 and 2004, including seven in the 1995 and 1999 World Cups, nine World Cup qualifiers in 1994 and 2002, and five in the 1996 Olympic Games.* Played three WUSA seasons, all for Carolina. Played 58 WUSA regular-season games and two WUSA playoff games.

Taylor Twellman (last played professionally outside the United States in 2002; last played in the U.S. national team in 2008; last played in MLS in 2009). *Played eight seasons in MLS between 2002 and 2009, all with New England. MLS Best XI selection in 2002 and 2005. Played 30 full internationals for the United States between 2002 and 2008, including five World Cup qualifiers in 2004 and 2005.* MLS most valuable player in 2005. Played 174 MLS regular-season games and 21 MLS playoff games, scoring 111 goals in those games. U.S. Open Cup champion with New England in 2007. MLS runner up with New England in 2002, 2005, 2006 and 2007. Played two seasons in the German second division. A member of the United States teams at the 2003 Confederations Cup and the 2007 CONCACAF Gold Cup.

Greg Vanney (last played in the U.S. National Team in 2005; last played professionally outside the United States in 2005; last played in MLS in 2008). *Played 10 seasons in MLS between 1996 and 2008 for Los Angeles, Dallas, D.C. and Colorado. MLS Best XI selection in 2000 and 2001. Played 37 full internationals for the United States between 1996 and 2005, including nine World Cup qualifiers in 1996, 2000, 2001, 2004 and 2005.* U.S. Open Cup winner with Los Angeles in 2001. Concacaf Champions Cup winner in 2001 with Los Angeles. MLS runner-up in 1996, 1999 and 2001 with Los Angeles. U.S. Open Cup runner-up in 2005 with Dallas. Played four seasons in the French first division. Played 267 MLS regular-season games and 32 MLS playoff games.



Tisha Venturini-Hoch (last played in the WPSL in 1997; last played in the W-League in 1998; last played in the U.S. national team in 2000; last played in the WUSA in 2003). *Played 132 full internationals for the United States between 1992 and 2000, including eight World Cup games in 1995 and 1999 and three World Cup qualifiers in 1994.* Member of the United States teams at the 1996 Olympic Games, the 1995 World Cup and the 1999 World Cup. Played three seasons in the WUSA, all for San Jose. WUSA champion in 2001 with San Jose. Played one season in the W-League and one season in the WPSL. Played 60 WUSA regular-season games and two WUSA playoff games.

Slavisa “Steve” Zungul (last played in the NASL in 1984; last played in the MISL in 1990). *Played six qualifying seasons in the MISL between 1984 and 1990, for San Diego and Tacoma. All-MISL first-team selection in 1985, 1986 and 1987.* Played two seasons in the NASL between 1983 and 1984 for Chicago. NASL first-team all-star selection in 1983 and 1984. NASL most valuable player in 1984. NASL scoring champion in 1984. MISL most valuable player in 1985 and 1986. MISL scoring leader in 1985 and 1986.