



# NATIONAL SOCCER HALL OF FAME

## 2025 Builder Screening List

This list includes all builders on the Eligibility List and on the Nominee List. Each Screeners will submit a ranked list of 10 names (1 = most deserving) selected from the list below as their preliminary ballot.

## 2025 Builder Nominee List

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Colin Jose  
Bora Milutinovic  
Pia Sundhage

## 2025 Builder Eligibility List

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Ed Bellion	Jorge Gonzalez	John Motta
Jennifer Bennett	Chico Grajeda	Steve Negoesco
Greg Berhalter	Richard Groff	Steve Nicol
John Best	Burton Haimos	Abbey Okulaja
Gianfranco Borroni	Brian Hall	Lothar Osiander
Angelo Bratsis	Adrian Hanauer	Duncan Othen
Dick Cecil	Andrew Hauptmann	Oscar Pareja
Roberto Ceciliano	Richard Heron	Silviu Petrescu
Allen Chapman	Jay Hoffman	Lincoln Phillips
Clive Charles	Clark Hunt	Alex Prus
Gene Chyzowych	Sandra Hunt	Brian Remedi
Al Colone	Gordon Jago	Harry Rogers
William Cox	Michael Kennedy	Thomas Rongen
Charles Creighton	Toros Kibritjian	Nick Sakiewicz
Joe Cummings	Larry King	Ricardo Salazar
Thomas Cunningham	Dominic Kinnear	Steve Sampson
Walter Daggett	Frank Klopas	Charlie Schiano
Jack Daley	Robert Kraft	Kari Seitz
Betty D'Anjolell	Jason Kreis	David Socha
Pat Dinolfo	Tom Kutis	Eddie Soto
Gino D'Ippolito	Henry Landauer	Kevin Stott
John Di Salvatore	Tim Leiweke	Peter Strasser
Raul Dominguez	Frank Longo	George Strawbridge
Mike Edwards	Dante Maglio	Thomas Syme
Robert Evans	Sam Mark	Paul Tamberino
Eddie Firmani	Jesse Marsch	Kevin Terry
Ed Foster-Simeon	Fritz Marth	Baldomero Toledo
Jim Gabarra	Vince Mauro	Keith Tozer
Sam Galin	Cliff McCrath	Jim Trecker
Mark Geiger	Mark McCullers	Ricardo Valenzuela

Greg Vanney  
Terry Vaughn  
David Wagner  
Keith Walker

Tim Weyland  
Lew Wolff  
Rachel Woo  
Mike Wuertz

Frank Yallop  
Marcel Yonan



### **2025 Builders Eligibility List Overview**

This is the list of individuals eligible in the election that will choose a Builder to be inducted into the National Soccer Hall of Fame. This list is based on the criteria that were established by the Board of Directors of the Hall of Fame in April 2007 and modified in 2020.

Because non-playing accomplishments are not subject to the sort of statistical recordkeeping that playing accomplishments are, it is sometimes difficult to determine who has and who has not met the criteria. However, the Hall of Fame's historians have examined all the available materials and made determinations that with a few exceptions, the people on this list have met the criteria. The exceptions apply to people who were already on the Builders Eligibility List before those definite criteria were established and who are over 50. Those people have been "grandfathered" onto the list whether they have met those criteria or not.

The criteria are that candidates must be at least 50 years old or deceased (for purposes of the 2025 election, this means that living candidates must have been born before Jan. 1, 1975) and must have had a positive impact on American soccer at the national federation or first-division level lasting at least 10 years. There are several exceptions to this:

1. In addition to coaches in American first-division leagues and U.S. national teams, credit toward meeting that 10-year standard also is given to Americans coaching in the first division or national team of any country that has ever qualified for the World Cup and the second division of any country that has ever won the World Cup.
2. In addition to officials of the USSF and first-division teams and leagues, credit toward meeting the 10-year standard is also given to the top leaders of certain organizations closely affiliated with the USSF and first-division leagues.
3. A few people who do not otherwise meet the criteria have been added to this eligibility list via a nomination process, described below, involving the administrators of the Hall of Fame.

Beginning with the 2022 election, a rotation system has been employed under which Builders elections in certain years are being limited to referees only, to coaches only or to contributors only (largely meaning administrators and team owners). The entry for each candidate on this list includes a notation of which of those three categories the candidate falls into. **The 2025 Builders election is an All-Builders year.**

Two restrictions to this eligibility list are that elected officials and full-time employees of the USSF or the Hall of Fame are not eligible while they hold those positions, and persons on the suspended lists of FIFA, CONCACAF, the USSF the IOC, the NCAA or the USOC are not eligible.

In the case of the contributor category, individuals must have retired from their roles within the U.S. Soccer membership for a period of three calendar years or be deceased. Notably, exceptions to this requirement are extended to contributors who have been featured on the NSHOF Builder Semifinal ballot and/or the NSHOF Builder Final ballot since the year 2019. Additional exceptions can be made as determined by the NSHOF Board of Directors.

### **2025 Builder Nominee List Overview**

Due to the broad general nature of the criteria, nominations for this category will be considered. Nominations are screened by the Hall of Fame staff and historians to determine the accuracy of the nomination materials.

The individuals on the Builder Nominee List have received a waiver from the Hall of Fame to be considered during the 2025 Screening Process.

*Screeners should treat Builder Nominees the same as any other Eligible Builder for the purpose submitting a preliminary ballot.*

If a Builder Nominee is named to a Preliminary Ballot by any Screening Committee Member, the Nominee will be added permanently to the Builder Eligibility List. If a Builder Nominee does not receive any support during the Preliminary Ballot Process, they must wait five years before being nominated again.

### **2025 Builder Nominee List Biographies**

#### **William Garrett** (deceased)

Dr. William Garrett, known as Bill or Billy, significantly advanced U.S. soccer through his sports medicine expertise. As U.S. Soccer medical director (1990-2010), he enhanced medical care for national teams. His pioneering research on muscle strain injury and contributions to skeletal muscle and exercise physiology earned him international recognition. At Duke University, he oversaw medical care for soccer teams and collaborated with Nike to establish Krzyzewski Human Performance Lab. Garrett expanded U.S. Soccer's medical coverage, promoted head injury awareness, and developed field-based testing programs. His dedication and innovations profoundly impacted soccer in the United States.

#### **Colin Jose** (born January 12, 1931)

Jose, a legendary researcher, profoundly impacted American soccer history and the National Soccer Hall of Fame. Author of nine books, he chronicled the North American Soccer League and the original American Soccer League. As the Hall of Fame's historian (1997-2007), he established and meticulously organized its archives, preserving crucial historical records. His research debunked myths, such as the presence of six British ex-professionals on the U.S. 1930 World Cup team. Jose's dedication to uncovering and documenting the sport's history has left an enduring legacy in American soccer.

#### **Bora Milutinovic** (born September 7, 1944)

Milutinovic, a Yugoslavian-born coach, led the United States men's national team from 1991 to 1995, significantly impacting American soccer. He guided the U.S. to its first international tournament win at the 1991 CONCACAF Gold Cup, highlighted by a historic 2-0 victory over Mexico. His most notable achievement was advancing the U.S. to the second round of the 1994 World Cup, following a key win against Colombia. Milutinovic's tenure marked a transformative period, establishing the U.S. as a competitive force in international soccer.

**Pia Sundhage** (born February 13, 1960)

Sundhage, coach of the U.S. women's national team from 2008 to 2012, led the team to significant success, including reaching the 2011 Women's World Cup final and winning two Olympic gold medals. Under her guidance, the U.S. women triumphed at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, defeating Brazil 1-0, and secured another gold at the 2012 London Olympics by beating Japan 2-1. Sundhage's tenure was marked by a record of 91 wins, 6 losses, and 10 ties. She was named FIFA Women's World Coach of the Year in 2012, leaving a lasting impact on U.S. women's soccer.

**2025 Builder Eligibility List Biographies**

**Mark Abbott (born Aug. 20, 1964)**

*Eligibility: 10 years as a first-division league official*

Abbott was president and deputy commissioner of Major League Soccer for 10 seasons, 2013 through 2022. Prior to becoming president, he was the league's vice president for business affairs. Abbott had been an MLS employee throughout the league's first 30 years, having been hired as the league's first employee in 1993, three years before the league began play. *Contributors category.*

**Nat Agar (deceased)**

*Eligibility: 10 years as a first-division team owner and coach*

Agar, who had been among the founders of the U.S. Football Association in 1913, was owner and coach of the Brooklyn Wanderers of the original American Soccer League throughout their existence, from 1922 to 1931. He also coached the U.S. national team several times in the 1920s and was one of the organizers of the American tours by Vienna Hakoah in 1926 and 1927. *Contributors category.*

**Arturo Angeles (born Sept. 12, 1953)**

*Eligibility: 11 years as an international or first-division referee*

Angeles was a FIFA international referee for 11 years, 1988 through 1998, including refereeing one game at the 1994 World Cup, three games in World Cup qualifying, two games at the CONCACAF Gold Cup, one game at the Copa America and one game at the Under-20 World Cup. He was an MLS referee for three seasons, 1996 through 1998. *Referees category.*

**Ed Bellion (born Sept. 6, 1944)**

*Eligibility: 10 years as an international or first-division referee.*

Bellion was a FIFA international referee for 10 years, 1980 through 1989, including refereeing two games in World Cup qualifying, two games at the CONCACAF Championships and one game at the Under-20 World Cup. He was a North American Soccer League referee for four seasons, 1981 through 1984, including refereeing the NASL final in 1983. He received the Eddie Pearson Award in 2001. *Referees category.*

**Jennifer Bennett (born May 4, 1971)**

*Eligibility: 11 years as an international or first-division referee*

Bennett was a FIFA international referee for nine years, 2002 through 2010, including refereeing two games at the Women's World Cup and eight games at the Under-20 Women's World Cup (including the 2006 final). She was a Women's United Soccer Association referee for three seasons, 2001 through 2003, and a Women's Professional Soccer referee for three seasons, 2009 through 2011, including refereeing the 2010 WPS championship game. *Referees category.*

**Gregg Berhalter (born Aug. 1, 1973)**

*Eligibility: 11 years as national-team coach or a first-division coach and team official*

Berhalter was coach of the U.S. men's national team during six years, 2019 through 2024. He was coach and sporting director of the Columbus Crew of Major League Soccer for five seasons, 2014 through 2018.

He coached the U.S. men's national team to the CONCACAF Nations League title in 2021 and 2024, the CONCACAF Gold Cup title in 2021 and the second round of the World Cup in 2022. *Coaches category.*

**John Best (deceased)**

*Eligibility: 11 years as a first-division coach or team official*

Best was coach of the Seattle Sounders of the North American Soccer League for three seasons, 1974 through 1976, and later was general manager and president of the Vancouver Whitecaps of the NASL for eight seasons, 1977 through 1984. Under his leadership, the Whitecaps won the NASL championship in 1979 and hosted the NASL championship game in 1983. *Contributors category.*

**Gianfranco Borroni (born Sept. 3, 1937)**

*Eligibility: 27 years as a leader of affiliated organizations*

Borroni was a member of the U.S. Soccer Foundation board of directors from 1995 through 2004 and from 2006 through 2018, and chairman of its grants committee from 2007 through 2017. He was chairman of the U.S. Amateur Soccer Association from 1991 through 1998. *Contributors category.*

**Angelo Bratsis (deceased)**

*Eligibility: 12 years as an international or first-division referee*

Bratsis was a FIFA international referee for 12 years, 1980 through 1991, including refereeing two games in World Cup qualifying, and two games at the Under-17 World Cup. He was a North American Soccer League referee for four seasons, 1981 to 1984. He received the Eddie Pearson Award in 1993. *Referees category.*

**Dick Cecil (deceased)**

*Eligibility: 10 years as a first-division team owner or team official*

Cecil was chief executive of the Atlanta Chiefs of the NASL and the NPSL for seven seasons, 1967 through 1973, and co-owner of the Chiefs for three seasons, 1979 through 1981. Under his leadership, the Chiefs won the NASL championship in 1968. He later served as a soccer consultant to the 1984 Olympic Games, the 1994 World Cup and the 1996 Olympic Games. *Contributors category.*

**Roberto Ceciliano (born 1964)**

*Eligibility: 10 years as a U.S. Extended National Team coach*

Ceciliano was coach of the United States men's national beach soccer team for 10 years, 1999 through 2008. Ceciliano was coach of the U.S. teams at the first three FIFA Beach Soccer World Cups, in 2005, 2006 and 2007, all held in Rio de Janeiro. *Coaches category.*

**Allen Chapman (born Aug. 8, 1974)**

*Eligibility: 13 years as a first-division referee*

Chapman has been a Major League Soccer referee for 13 seasons, 2012 through 2024, including refereeing the MLS championship game in 2017 and 2019, and the U.S. Open Cup final in 2019, and a National Women's Soccer League referee for one season, 2022. *Referees category.*

**Clive Charles (deceased)**

*Eligibility: Nomination Confirmed by Screening Committee, 2021*

A college and Olympic coach. Charles was the men's coach at the University of Portland for 17 seasons, 1986 through 2002, and the women's coach at the University of Portland for 14 seasons, 1989 through 2002. He coached Portland to an NCAA Division I women's championship in 2002 and had a career record of 439 collegiate victories, 144 defeats and 44 ties. He was coach of the United States team that reached the semifinals of the men's soccer tournament at the 2000 Olympic Games. The players he developed at Portland included Hall of Famers Kasey Keller, Shannon MacMillan, Steve Cherundolo and Tiffany Milbrett. *Coaches category.*

**Gene Chyzowych (deceased)**

*Eligibility: A U.S. national team coach and first-division league official*

Chyzowych, who eventually became one of the most legendary of high school soccer coaches, served as president of the American Soccer League for several years in the early 1970s and coached the U.S. men's national team in 1973. *Coaches category.*

**Al Colone (deceased)**

*Eligibility: 19 years as the leader of an affiliated organization*

Colone originated the idea of a physical location for the National Soccer Hall of Fame and was the executive director of the Hall of Fame for 19 years, 1979 through 1997. Under his leadership, the Hall of Fame opened its storefront museum in downtown Oneonta, N.Y., and began plans for a larger museum, created the Wright Campus soccer fields where numerous youth tournaments were played and where inductions were held, and began collecting the materials that eventually became the Hall of Fame archives. *Contributors category.*

**William Cox (deceased)**

*Eligibility: A professional league and first-division team official*

Cox was founder and president of the International Soccer League, which brought leading European and South American teams to New York, for six summer seasons, from 1960 through 1965. He later was among the founders of the National Professional Soccer League, one of the forerunners of the original North American Soccer League, and was president of the NASL's San Diego Toros in 1968. *Contributors category.*

**Charles Creighton (deceased)**

*Eligibility: A first-division referee throughout the life of the original American Soccer League*

Creighton was one of the most prominent referees in the original American Soccer League and refereed the U.S. Open Cup final four times, 1914, 1918, 1927 and 1931. He refereed numerous games between American clubs and touring foreign teams, including the Hakoah vs. New York Stars game in 1926 that drew a long-standing record crowd of 46,000. *Referees category.*

**Joe Cummings (born 1949)**

*Eligibility: Four years as a first-division team official and six years as the leader of an affiliated organization*

Cummings was president of the Boston Breakers in the Women's United Soccer Association for three seasons, 2001 through 2003, and in Women's Professional Soccer for one season, 2009. He was executive director of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America for six years, 2009 through 2015. *Contributors category.*

**Thomas Cunningham (deceased)**

*Eligibility: A leading referee in the 1920s.*

Cunningham, one of the most prominent referees of the original American Soccer League, refereed the U.S. Open Cup final in 1926 and numerous games involving touring foreign teams. *Referees category.*

**Walter Daggett (deceased)**

*Eligibility: Eight years as a first-division team owner and team official*

Daggett, the founder of the Seattle Sounders of the North American Soccer League, was managing general partner of the Sounders for six seasons, 1974 through 1979, and a director of the team in 1980 and 1981. Under his leadership, the Sounders hosted the NASL championship game in 1976. *Contributors category.*

**Jack Daley (deceased)**

*Eligibility: 14 years as a first-division team official*

Daley was one of the longest-serving North American Soccer League team officials, whose involvement with NASL teams lasted from the 1971 season to the 1984 season, nearly the entire length of the NASL. He was general manager of the Toronto Metros, president of the Seattle Sounders and president of the San Diego Sockers. Under his leadership, Seattle hosted the NASL championship game in 1976. *Contributors category.*

**Betty D'Anjolell (deceased)**

*Eligibility: Several decades as the leader of affiliated organizations and four years as a first-division team official*

D'Anjolell held various positions with the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association and the U.S. Youth Soccer Association in the 1970s, '80s and '90s. She was an official of two Major League Soccer teams, D.C. United and the Miami Fusion, from 1996 to 1999. *Contributors category.*

**Pat Dinolfo (deceased)**

*Eligibility: 12 years as a first-division team official*

Dinolfo, who was one of the founders of the Rochester Lancers of the North American Soccer League, served as president of the Lancers for 12 seasons, 1970 through 1981. Under his leadership, the Lancers won the NASL championship in 1970. *Contributors category.*

**Gino D'Ippolito (deceased)**

*Eligibility: 13 years as an international or first-division referee*

D'Ippolito was a FIFA international referee for 10 years, 1976 through 1985, including refereeing one game in World Cup qualifying. He was a North American Soccer League referee for 12 seasons, 1973 through 1984, including refereeing the NASL final in 1979. He also refereed for many years in the Major Indoor Soccer League. *Referees category.*

**John Di Salvatore (deceased)**

*Eligibility: 11 years as an international or first-division referee*

Di Salvatore was a FIFA international referee for eight years, 1966 through 1973, including refereeing one game in World Cup qualifying. He was a North American Soccer League referee for four seasons, 1973 through 1976. *Referees category.*

**Raul Dominguez (born April 15, 1956)**

*Eligibility: Eight years as an international referee*

Dominguez was a FIFA international referee for eight years, 1990 through 1997, including refereeing four games in World Cup qualifying, one game at the Copa America, two games at the Under-20 World Cup and one game at the CONCACAF Gold Cup. He was a Major League Soccer referee for two seasons, 1996 and 1997. *Referees category.*

**Mike Edwards (born 1953)**

*Eligibility: 11 years as a U.S. Soccer Federation official*

Edwards was executive vice president of the USSF for 11 years, 2006 through 2016. He had previously been vice president of the U.S. Adult Soccer Association. *Contributors category.*

**Robert Evans (deceased)**

*Eligibility: 15 years as an international or first-division referee*

Evans was a FIFA international referee for eight years, 1980 through 1987, including refereeing one game in World Cup qualifying. He was a North American Soccer League referee for 12 seasons, 1973 to 1984. He received the Eddie Pearson Award in 1992. *Referees category.*

**Eddie Firmani (born Aug. 7, 1933)**

*Eligibility: 10 seasons as a first-division coach*

Firmani won three North American Soccer League titles with two different teams. He was coach of the Tampa Bay Rowdies from the 1975 season to the 1977 season, the New York Cosmos from the 1977 season to the 1979 season, the Philadelphia Fury in the 1980 season, the Montreal Manic in the 1981 and 1982 seasons and the New York Cosmos again in the 1984 season. He coached the Rowdies to the NASL championship in 1975 and the Cosmos to NASL championships in 1977 and 1978. He coached the MetroStars of Major League Soccer for one season, 1996. *Coaches category.*

**Ed Foster-Simeon (born 1961)**

*Eligibility: 17 years as leader of an affiliated organization*

Foster-Simeon has been president of the U.S. Soccer Foundation for 17 years, 2008 through 2024. *Contributors category.*

**Jim Gabarra (born Sept. 22, 1959)**

*Eligibility: 12 years as a first-division coach*

Gabarra coached in all of the first 12 seasons of first-division women's soccer in the United States. In the Women's United Soccer Association, he coached the Washington Freedom in all three seasons. In Women's Professional Soccer, he coached Washington in the 2009 and 2010 seasons, and Sky Blue in the 2011 season. In the National Women's Soccer League, he coached Sky Blue for three seasons, 2013 through 2015, and the Washington Spirit (where he also was general manager) for three seasons, 2016 through 2018. He coached Washington to the WUSA championship in 2003. *Coaches category.*

**Sam Galin (deceased)**

*Eligibility: More than 10 years as an international or first-division referee*

Galín was among the first Americans certified as a FIFA international referee, and refereed at the first North American Championships in 1947. He was an American Soccer League referee for more than a decade, and refereed the U.S. Open Cup final in 1945, 1946, 1949, 1950 and 1953. *Referees category.*

**Mark Geiger (born Aug. 25, 1974)**

*Eligibility: 17 years as an international or first-division referee or as leader of an affiliated organization*

Geiger was a FIFA international referee for 11 years, 2008 through 2018, including refereeing six games at the 2014 and 2018 World Cups, two games at the Olympic Games, 11 games in World Cup qualifying, one game at the Copa America, two games at the Confederations Cup, five games at the CONCACAF Gold Cup, four games at the Under-20 World Cup (including the 2011 final), one game at the Club World Cup and 17 games in the CONCACAF Champions League. He was a Major League Soccer referee for 15 seasons, 2004 through 2018, including refereeing the 2014 MLS championship game and the 2008 U.S. Open Cup final. He has been general manager of the Professional Referee Organization, which supplies referees for Major League Soccer and the National Women's Soccer League, for two seasons, 2023 and 2024. In both 2014 and 2018, he refereed games in the knockout rounds of the World Cup, becoming the first American to do so. He was named CONCACAF men's referee of the year in 2014. *Referees category.*

**Afshin Ghotbi (born Feb. 8, 1964)**

*Eligibility: 14 years as a first-division or national-team coach*

Ghotbi, an American-Iranian dual citizen, has been coach of Vancouver FC of the Canadian Premier League during two years, 2023 and 2024. He was coach of Shijiazhuang Ever Bright/Cangzhou Lions in the Chinese first division during two years, 2020 and 2021; coach of Persepolis in the Iranian first division during two years, 2007 and 2008; coach of Shimizu S-Pulse in the Japanese first division during four years, 2011 through 2014; and coach of Foolad in the Iranian first division during two years, 2018



and 2019. He was coach of the Iranian men's national team during three years, 2009 through 2011. *Coaches category.*

**Richard Giebner (deceased)**

*Eligibility: More than 10 years as an international or first-division referee*

Geibner was a FIFA international referee for 10 years, from 1961 through 1970, including refereeing one game in World Cup qualifying. He was a national referee for most of the 1950s and '60s, including refereeing the U.S. Open Cup final in 1957. He received the Eddie Pearson Award in 1997. *Referees category.*

**Leo Goldstein (deceased)**

*Eligibility: More than 10 years as an international or first-division referee*

Goldstein was a FIFA international referee from 1961 to 1967, including refereeing one game in World Cup qualifying, and served as a linesman at the 1962 World Cup. He was one of the American Soccer League's top referees in the 1950s and '60s. *Referees category.*

**Jorge Gonzalez (born July 11, 1968)**

*Eligibility: 12 years as a first-division referee*

Gonzalez was a Major League Soccer referee for 12 seasons, 2006 through 2017. *Referees category.*

**Chico Grajeda (born Sept. 2, 1967)**

*Eligibility: 15 years as a first-division referee*

Grajeda was a Major League Soccer referee for 15 seasons, 2004 through 2018, including refereeing the MLS final in 2013 and the U.S. Open Cup final in 2017. *Referees category.*

**Richard Groff (born 1946)**

*Eligibility: 19 years as a U.S. Soccer Federation official and leader of an affiliated organization*

Groff was a member of the board of directors of the USSF for a total of 16 years in three different stretches beginning in 2001. He was treasurer of the USSF from 1991 to 1994 and president of the U.S. Adult Soccer Association from 2010 to 2014. He won the USSF's Werner Fricker Builder Award in 2014. *Contributors category.*

**Burton Haimés (born May 22, 1943)**

*Eligibility: 21 years as leader of an affiliated organization*

Haimés, one of the most prominent administrators of youth soccer in America, served as either president or chairman of the American Youth Soccer Organization from 1989 to 2009. He also has been a member of the boards of directors of the U.S. Soccer Federation and the National Soccer Hall of Fame. He won the USSF's Werner Fricker Builder Award in 2024. *Contributors category.*

**Brian Hall (born June 5, 1961)**

*Eligibility: 15 years as an international or first-division referee*

Hall was a FIFA international referee for 15 years, 1992 through 2006, including refereeing two games at the 2002 World Cup, six games in World Cup qualifying, one game at the Confederations Cup, one game at the Under-17 World Cup, four games at the CONCACAF Gold Cup, and three games in the CONCACAF Champions Cup. He was a Major League Soccer referee for 11 seasons, 1996 through 2006, including refereeing the MLS championship games in 1997 and 2003, and the U.S. Open Cup final in 2002. *Referees category.*

**Adrian Hanauer (born Feb. 7, 1966)**

*Eligibility: 14 years as a first-division team owner or team official*

Hanauer was general manager of the Seattle Sounders of Major League Soccer for six seasons, 2009 through 2014, and has been majority investor/operator of the Sounders for nine seasons, 2016 through 2024. Under his leadership, Seattle won the MLS championship in 2016 and 2019, won the CONCACAF Champions League championship in 2022 and won the U.S. Open Cup in 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2014. *Contributors category.*

**Andrew Hauptmann (born 1969)**

*Eligibility: 13 years as a first-division team owner*

Hauptmann was investor/operator or majority investor/operator of the Chicago Fire of Major League Soccer for 13 seasons, 2007 through 2019. Under his ownership, the Fire hosted the MLS all-star game in 2017. *Contributors category.*

**Richard Heron (born 1958)**

*Eligibility: 11 seasons as a first-division referee*

Heron was a Major League Soccer referee for 11 seasons, 1998 through 2008. *Referees category.*

**Jay Hoffman (born Jan. 15, 1951)**

*Eligibility: 15 years as a U.S. Extended National Team coach, youth national team coach or first-division coach*

Hoffman was coach of the United States 7-a-side Paralympic team for 14 years, 2002 through 2014, coach of the United States team at the Under-20 World Cup in 1997, and coach of the Boston Breakers of the Women's United Soccer Association for two years, 2001 and 2002. *Coaches category.*

**Clark Hunt (born Feb. 19, 1965)**

*Eligibility: 17 seasons as a first-division team owner*

Hunt has been investor/operator of FC Dallas of Major League Soccer for 18 seasons, 2007 through 2024. He was investor/operator of the Columbus Crew of Major League Soccer for six seasons, 2007 through 2012. Under his ownership, the Crew won the MLS championship in 2008 and Dallas won the U.S. Open Cup in 2016. *Contributors category.*

**Sandra Hunt (born June 14, 1959)**

*Eligibility: Six years as an international or first-division referee*

Hunt, one of the world's first prominent female referees and the leading American female referee in the 1990s, was a FIFA international referee for six years, 1999 (when FIFA began naming female referees) through 2004, including refereeing two games at the 1999 Women's World Cup. She was a Major League Soccer referee for three seasons, 1998 through 2000, and Women's United Soccer League referee for three seasons, 2001 through 2003, including refereeing the WUSA championship game in 2001. *Referees category.*

**Gordon Jago (born Oct. 22, 1932)**

*Eligibility: Seven years as a first-division or national team coach*

Jago was coach of the U.S. men's national team during World Cup qualifying in 1969. He coached the Baltimore Bays of the North American Soccer League for two seasons, 1968 and 1969, and the Tampa Bay Rowdies of the NASL for five seasons, 1978 through 1982. He later became a leading figure in professional indoor soccer. *Coaches category.*

**Michael Kennedy (born March 16, 1961)**

*Eligibility: 15 years as an international or first-division referee*

Kennedy was a FIFA international referee for eight years, 1999 through 2006, including refereeing one game in World Cup qualifying and one game in the CONCACAF Champions Cup. He was a Major League Soccer referee for 15 seasons, 1998 through 2012, including refereeing the MLS championship game in 2004 and the U.S. Open Cup final in 2010. *Referees category.*

**Toros Kibritjian (born Feb. 24, 1934)**

*Eligibility: 17 years as an international or first-division referee*

Kibritjian was a FIFA international referee for 16 years, 1968 through 1983, including refereeing six games in World Cup qualifying. He was a North American Soccer League referee throughout that league's 17-year existence, 1968 through 1984, including refereeing the NASL championship game in 1977. He received the Eddie Pearson Award in 2011. *Referees category.*

**Larry King (deceased)**

*Eligibility: 13 years as an international or first-division referee*

King was a FIFA international referee for 13 years, 1965 through 1977, including refereeing two games in World Cup qualifying. He was a North American Soccer League referee for four seasons, 1974 through 1977. *Referees category.*

**Dominic Kinnear (born July 26, 1967)**

*Eligibility: 16 years as a first-division coach*

Kinnear was coach of the San Jose Earthquakes of Major League Soccer for five seasons, 2004 through 2005 and 2015 through 2017; was coach of the Houston Dynamo of MLS for nine seasons, 2006 through 2014, and was coach of the Los Angeles Galaxy for two seasons, 2018 and 2020. He coached the Dynamo to MLS championships in 2006 and 2007, and was named MLS coach of the year in 2005. *Coaches category.*

**Frank Klopas (born Sept. 1, 1966)**

*Eligibility: 11 years as a first-division coach or team official*

Klopas has been coach of the Chicago Fire of Major League Soccer for six seasons, 2011 through 2013, 2021, 2023 and 2024. He was technical director of the Fire for three seasons, 2008 through 2010, and coach of the Montreal Impact of MLS for two seasons, 2014 and 2015. *Coaches category.*

**Robert Kraft (born June 5, 1941)**

*Eligibility: 29 years as a first-division team owner*

Kraft has been investor/operator of the New England Revolution of Major League Soccer for 29 seasons, 1996 through 2024. Under his ownership, New England won the U.S. Open Cup in 2007, and hosted the MLS championship game in 1996, 1999 and 2002. *Contributors category.*

**Jason Kreis (born Dec. 29, 1972)**

*Eligibility: 12 years as a first-division or Olympic coach*

Kreis was coach of Real Salt Lake of Major League Soccer for seven seasons, 2007 through 2013; was coach of New York City FC of MLS for one season, 2015; and was coach of Orlando City of MLS for three seasons, 2016 through 2018. He was coach of the U.S. team in men's Olympic qualifying in 2021. He coached Real Salt Lake to the MLS championship in 2009. *Coaches category.*

**Tom Kutis (deceased)**

*Eligibility: More than 10 years as owner of a classic American club*

Kutis owned the Kutis SC team of St. Louis, one of the most honored teams in American soccer history, which won the U.S. Open Cup in 1957 and the National Amateur Cup in six consecutive years, 1956

through 1961. St. Louis soccer traditionally has been more dependent on commercial sponsors than on ethnic organizations, and Kutis was the owner of a funeral home that sponsored the Kutis team. *Contributors category.*

**Henry Landauer (deceased)**

*Eligibility: 16 years as an international or first-division referee*

Landauer was the first American ever to referee a game at the World Cup, handling a game between Sweden and Uruguay at the 1970 World Cup in Mexico. He was a FIFA international referee for 16 years, 1964 through 1979, including refereeing one game at the 1970 World Cup and three games in World Cup qualifying. He was a North American Soccer League referee for 12 seasons, 1968 through 1979, including refereeing the NASL championship game in 1975. He refereed the U.S. Open Cup final in 1964. *Referees category.*

**Tim Leiweke (born April 21, 1957)**

*Eligibility: 14 years as a first-division team official*

Leiweke was president of Anschutz Entertainment Group, owner of the Los Angeles Galaxy of Major League Soccer, for 13 seasons, 2001 through 2013, and president of Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment, owner of Toronto FC of MLS, in the 2014 season. Under his leadership, the Galaxy won MLS championships in 2002, 2005, 2011 and 2013, won the U.S. Open Cup in 2001 and 2005, opened a soccer-specific stadium in 2003, and hosted the MLS championship game in 2003, 2004, 2008, 2011 and 2012. During the time that he was president of AEG, three other AEG-owned teams also won MLS titles. *Contributors category.*

**Frank Longo (deceased)**

*Eligibility: More than 10 years as a U.S. Soccer Federation official*

Longo, a former college soccer coach, was chief of staff of the USSF headquarters for several years in the 1990s, and was chairman of the USSF's Hall of Fame Veterans Committee. *Contributors category.*

**Dante Maglio (deceased)**

*Eligibility: 11 years as a first-division referee*

Maglio was a North American Soccer League referee for 11 seasons, from 1974 through 1984, including refereeing the NASL championship game in 1976 and 1981. *Referees category.*

**Sam Mark (deceased)**

*Eligibility: 11 years as a first-division team owner*

Mark was the owner of the Fall River Marksmen of the original American Soccer League, that league's outstanding team. He bought the team in 1922 and built Mark's Stadium in Tiverton, R.I., the leading American soccer stadium of its day. Under his ownership, Fall River won ASL championships in 1924, 1925, 1926, 1929 and 1930, and U.S. Open Cups in 1924, 1927, 1930, 1931 and 1932. *Contributors category.*

**Jesse Marsch (born Nov. 8, 1973)**

*Eligibility: 11 years as a national team or first-division coach*

Marsch, an American, has been coach of the Canadian national team during one year, 2024. He was coach of Leeds United of the English Premier League during two years, 2022 and 2023, coach of RB Leipzig of the German first division during one year, 2021, and coach of RB Salzburg of the Austrian first division during three years, 2019 through 2021. He was coach of the Montreal Impact of Major League Soccer for one season, 2012, and the New York Red Bulls of MLS for four seasons, 2015 through 2018. He coached RB Salzburg to Austrian first-division titles in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 seasons. *Coaches category.*

**Fritz Marth (deceased)**

*Eligibility: 22 years as leader of an affiliated organization*

Marth was the executive director of the U.S. Amateur Soccer Association from 1981 through 2002, including the years when it conducted the U.S. Open Cup along with its other tournaments. *Contributors category.*

**Vince Mauro (deceased)**

*Eligibility: 10 years as an international or first-division referee, and seven years as a U.S. Soccer Federation official*

Mauro was a FIFA international referee for seven years, 1985 through 1991, including refereeing one game at the 1990 World Cup, one game at the 1988 Olympic Games and one game at the Under-20 World Cup. He was a North American Soccer League referee for three seasons, 1982 through 1984. He was the U.S. Soccer Federation's Director of Officials for seven years, 1991 through 1998. *Referees category.*

**Cliff McCrath (born 1936)**

*Eligibility: Nomination Confirmed by Screening Committee, 2023*

McCrath's teams won 597 games during his college coaching career, which included 38 seasons at Seattle Pacific as well as earlier stints at Wheaton, Gordon and Spring Arbor. At Seattle Pacific, his teams won five NCAA Division II championships, in 1978, 1983, 1985, 1986 and 1993. In addition to his coaching achievements, he also was the color commentator for TV broadcasts of NASL Seattle Sounders games and after retiring from coaching was executive director of the National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association for six years. *Coaches category.*

**Mark McCullers (born Aug. 19, 1962)**

*Eligibility: 10 years as a first-division team official*

McCullers was general manager of the Columbus Crew of Major League Soccer for 10 seasons, 2004 through 2013, and president of the Crew for eight seasons, 2007 through 2014. Under his leadership, Columbus won the MLS championship in 2008. *Contributors category.*

**James McFarlane (deceased)**

*Eligibility: Several decades as a leading American referee*

McFarlane was one of the top referees in the American Soccer League during the 1920s and 1930s, and refereed the U.S. Open Cup final in 1929, 1932 and 1935. *Referees category.*

**Bill McNutt (deceased)**

*Eligibility: 16 seasons as a first-division team official*

A co-founder of the Dallas Tornado of the North American Soccer League. McNutt was a president of that team for six seasons, 1968 through 1973, a director for eight additional seasons, 1974 through 1981, and a director of the Tampa Bay Rowdies for two seasons, 1982 and 1983. Under his leadership, Dallas won the NASL championship in 1971 and hosted the NASL championship game in 1973. *Contributors category.*

**Thom Meredith (born Nov. 7, 1951)**

*Eligibility: Several decades as a first-division team and league official and a U.S. Soccer Federation official*

Meredith, who was publicity director for several North American Soccer League teams, became the U.S. Soccer Federation's director of communications in the 1980s. He was the USSF director of events for most of the 1990s and a vice president of the Women's United Soccer Association throughout its existence. *Contributors category.*

**John Motta (born Dec. 18, 1957)**

*Eligibility: 11 years as U.S. Soccer Federation official and a leader of an affiliated organization*

Motta has been president of the U.S. Adult Soccer Association for nine years, 2015 through 2024. He was executive vice president of the USSF for two years, 1998 and 1999. *Contributors category.*

**Steve Negoesco (deceased)**

*Eligibility: Nomination Confirmed by Selection Committee, 2023*

Negoesco's teams won 540 games and four NCAA Division I championships during his 39 years as head coach at the University of San Francisco, where he himself had played. He was the first college coach to reach 500 victories, and his total of 540 is the second best of all-time. In addition to winning NCAA titles in 1966, 1975, 1976 and 1980, his teams also reached the NCAA final in 1969 and 1977. He had 35 winning seasons at USF and also coached the San Francisco Italian AC team to the U.S. Open Cup title in 1976. *Coaches category.*

**Steve Nicol (born Dec. 11, 1961)**

*Eligibility: 11 years as a first-division coach*

Nicol was coach of the New England Revolution of Major League Soccer for 11 seasons, 1999 and then 2002 through 2011. He was named MLS coach of the year in 2002 and coached the Revolution to the U.S. Open Cup in 2007. *Coaches category.*

**Abbey Okulaja (born 1965)**

*Eligibility: 10 years as a first-division referee*

Okulaja was a Major League Soccer referee for 10 seasons, 2003 through 2012. *Referees category.*

**Lothar Osiander (born Nov. 8, 1939)**

*Eligibility: Eight years as a national team, Olympic team and first-division coach*

Osiander was coach of the U.S. men's national team for three years, 1986 through 1988. He coached the United States men's teams in two Olympic Games, 1988 and 1992. In Major League Soccer, he was coach of the Los Angeles Galaxy for two seasons, 1996 and 1997, and the San Jose Earthquakes for two seasons, 1999 and 2000. *Coaches category.*

**Duncan Othen (deceased)**

*Eligibility: 11 years as a first-division coach and team official*

Othen was manager of Brooklyn Hispano of the American Soccer League for 11 seasons, 1940-41 through 1950-51, including the Hispano team that won both the ASL title and the U.S. Open Cup in 1943. *Coaches category.*

**Oscar Pareja (born Aug. 10, 1968)**

*Eligibility: 11 years as a first-division coach*

Pareja has been coach of Orlando City of Major League Soccer for four seasons, 2020 through 2023. He was coach of the Colorado Rapids of MLS for two seasons, 2012 and 2013, and was coach of FC Dallas of MLS for five seasons, 2014 through 2018. He has coached teams to the U.S. Open Cup title twice, Dallas in 2016 and Orlando in 2022, and was named MLS Coach of the Year in 2016. *Coaches category.*

**Silviu Petrescu (born Oct. 6, 1968)**

*Eligibility: 17 years as a first-division referee*

Petrescu has been a Major League Soccer referee for 17 seasons, 2006 through 2022, including refereeing the MLS championship game in 2012. *Referees category.*

**Lincoln Phillips (born July 4, 1941)**

*Eligibility: Nomination Confirmed by Screening Committee, 2021*

Phillips was the men's coach at Howard University for 11 seasons, 1970 through 1980, and at Virginia Commonwealth University for four seasons, 1990 through 1993. He coached Howard to the NCAA Division I men's championship in 1974, one of eight seasons that his Howard team reached the NCAA tournament, and had 150 career collegiate victories. He coached the Washington Darts of the North American Soccer League in the 1970 NASL season, after having coached the Darts to the American Soccer League championship in 1969. *Coaches category.*

**Alex Prus (born Feb. 6, 1964)**

*Eligibility: 14 years as an international or first-division referee*

Prus was a FIFA international referee for six years, 2004 through 2009, including refereeing one game in the CONCACAF Champions League. He was a Major League Soccer referee for 14 seasons, 1998 through 2011, including refereeing the MLS championship game in 2007 and the U.S. Open Cup final in 2005, 2007, 2009 and 2011. *Referees category.*

**Brian Remedi (born March 10, 1972)**

*Eligibility: 12 years as a U.S. Soccer Federation official*

Remedi was chief administrative officer of the USSF for 12 years, 2009 through 2020. He was interim chief executive officer of the USSF for two years, 2019 and 2020. *Contributors category.*

**Harry Rogers (deceased)**

*Eligibility: Many decades as a prominent American referee*

Rogers, one of the leading referees of the American Soccer League and college soccer in the mid-20th century, continued refereeing for many years. *Referees category.*

**Thomas Rongen (born Oct. 31, 1956)**

*Eligibility: 10 years as first-division coach or youth national team coach*

Rongen was coach of the Tampa Bay Mutiny of Major League Soccer for one season, 1996; coach of the New England Revolution of MLS for two seasons, 1997 and 1998; coach of D.C. United of MLS for three seasons, 1999 through 2001, and coach of Chivas USA of MLS for one season, 2005. He was coach of the United States teams at the Under-20 World Cup in 2003, 2007 and 2009. He coached D.C. United to the MLS championship in 1999. *Coaches category.*

**Nick Sakiewicz (born Jan. 14, 1961)**

*Eligibility: 17 seasons as a first-division team official*

Sakiewicz was general manager of the Tampa Bay Mutiny of Major League Soccer for four seasons, 1996 through 1999; general manager of the MetroStars of MLS for seven seasons, 1999 through 2005; CEO of AEG Soccer New York in 2006 and CEO of the Philadelphia Union of MLS for six seasons, 2010 through 2015. Under his leadership, the Union opened a soccer-specific stadium in 2010 and hosted the MLS all-star game in 2012. *Contributors category.*

**Ricardo Salazar (born Sept. 6, 1972)**

*Eligibility: 17 seasons as an international or first-division referee*

Salazar was a FIFA international referee for 11 years, 2005 through 2015, including refereeing two games in World Cup qualifying and eight games in the CONCACAF Champions League. He was a Major League Soccer referee for 17 seasons, 2001 through 2017, including refereeing the 2011 MLS championship game and the 2012 U.S. Open Cup final. *Referees category.*

**Steve Sampson (born Jan. 19, 1957)**

*Eligibility: 10 years as a national team or first-division coach*

Sampson became head coach of the U.S. men's national team in 1995 and stayed in that position through 1998. He was coach of the national team during its run to the semifinals of the 1995 Copa America, and also coached it at the 1996 and 1998 CONCACAF Gold Cups and the 1998 World Cup. Sampson, an American, was coach of the Costa Rican national team from 2002 through 2004 and coach of the Los Angeles Galaxy of Major League Soccer for three seasons, 2004 through 2006. He coached the Galaxy to both the MLS championship and the U.S. Open Cup in 2005. *Coaches category.*

**Charlie Schiano (born Feb. 12, 1934)**

*Eligibility: 15 seasons as a first-division team owner or leader of an affiliated league*

Schiano was one of the founders of the Rochester Lancers of the North American Soccer League and was chairman of the board of the Lancers for 12 seasons, 1970 through 1981. Earlier, he had been president of the American Soccer League for three years, 1967 through 1969. Under his leadership, Rochester won the NASL championship in 1970. *Contributors category.*

**Kari Seitz (born Nov. 2, 1970).**

*Eligibility: 10 years as an international or first-division referee*

Seitz was a FIFA international referee for 15 years, 1999 through 2013, including refereeing nine games at the Women's World Cup in 1999, 2003, 2007 and 2011, six at the Olympic Games in 2004, 2008 and 2012, two at the Women's Under-20 World Cup in 2002, and two in Women's World Cup qualifying in 2010. She was a Major League Soccer referee in 1999, a Women's United Soccer Association referee from 2001 through 2003, a Women's Professional Soccer referee from 2009 through 2011 and a National Women's Soccer League referee in 2013, including refereeing the WPS final in 2009 and 2011, and the NWSL final in 2013. In 2016 she became Senior Manager of the women's referee program at FIFA.

**David Socha (born Sept. 27, 1938)**

*Eligibility: 10 years as an international or first-division referee*

Socha was a FIFA international referee for 10 years, 1977 through 1986, including refereeing two games at the World Cup in 1982 and 1986, six games in World Cup qualifying, three games at the Olympic Games and four games at the CONCACAF Championships. He was a North American Soccer League referee for seven seasons, 1978 through 1984, including refereeing the NASL championship games in 1982 and 1984. *Referees category.*

**Eddie Soto (born June 14, 1972)**

*Eligibility: 11 years as a U.S. Extended National Team coach*

Soto was coach of the United States men's national beach soccer team for 11 years, 2009 through 2019. *Coaches category.*

**Kevin Stott (born July 9, 1967)**

*Eligibility: 28 years as an international or first-division referee*

Stott was a FIFA international referee for 14 years, 1995 through 2008, including refereeing 12 games in World Cup qualifying, four games at the Under-20 World Cup, two games at the Under-17 World Cup, four games at the CONCACAF Gold Cup, and three games in the CONCACAF Champions League. He was a Major League Soccer referee for 27 seasons, 1996 through 2022, including refereeing the MLS championship game in 2001, 2005 and 2009. Between 2012 and 2022, he was the only referee from MLS' first season still refereeing in MLS. *Referees category.*



**Peter Strasser (deceased)**

*Eligibility: Many years as owner of one of the outstanding teams in American soccer*

Throughout the 1940s, Strasser, a jeweler, owned the Morgan Strasser team of Morgan, Pa., a leading team in the Keystone League of western Pennsylvania and winner of the U.S. Open Cup in 1949.

*Contributors category.*

**George Strawbridge (born Oct. 10, 1937)**

*Eligibility: 10 years as a first-division team owner*

Strawbridge was the founder of the Tampa Bay Rowdies of the North American Soccer League, and was owner and president of the Rowdies for 10 seasons, 1975 to 1984. Under his ownership, Tampa Bay won the NASL championship in 1975. *Contributors category.*

**Thomas Syme (deceased)**

*Eligibility: 20 years as an international referee*

Syme, one of the earliest of the United States's international referees, was a FIFA international referee for 20 years, 1949 through 1968. *Referees category.*

**Paul Tamberino (born April 29, 1954)**

*Eligibility: 10 seasons as a first-division referee, a first-division league official or a U.S. Soccer Federation official*

Tamberino was a Major League Soccer referee for six seasons, 1996 through 2001, including refereeing the 2000 MLS championship game and the 2001 U.S. Open Cup final. He was USSF director of officials from 2008 through 2010 and MLS director of competition in the 2011 season. *Referees category.*

**Kevin Terry (born Sept. 20, 1959)**

*Eligibility: 10 years as an international or first-division referee*

Terry was a FIFA international referee for seven years, 1998 through 2004. He was a Major League Soccer referee for 10 seasons, 1996 through 2005, including refereeing the MLS championship game in 1998 and 2002. *Referees category.*

**Baldomero Toledo (born Feb. 6, 1970)**

*Eligibility: 18 years as an international or first-division referee*

Toledo was a FIFA international referee for 11 years, 2007 through 2017, including refereeing two games in World Cup qualifying, one game at the Copa America, two games at the CONCACAF Gold Cup and eight games in the CONCACAF Champions League. He was a Major League Soccer referee for 18 seasons, 2004 through 2021, including refereeing the MLS championship game in 2008 and 2010, and the U.S. Open Cup final in 2016. *Referees category.*

**Keith Tozer (born April 4, 1957)**

*Eligibility: 15 years as a U.S. Extended National Team coach*

Tozer was coach of the U.S. national futsal team for 15 years, 1996, 1998 through 2000, 2002 through 2004, 2007 and 2008 and 2011 through 2016. He was a leading coach in professional indoor leagues for 30 years. *Coaches category.*

**Jim Trecker (born May 14, 1945)**

*Eligibility: More than 40 years as a first-division or U.S. Soccer Federation official*

Trecker filled various public relations positions for the U.S. Soccer Federation and the National Soccer Hall of Fame for several decades, particularly in the area of book editing. In earlier years, he was the New York Cosmos director of public relations, the NASL director of public relations, and chief press officer of the 1994 World Cup. *Contributors category.*

**Ricardo Valenzuela (born Feb. 7, 1964)**

*Eligibility: 10 years as an international or first-division referee*

Valenzuela was a FIFA international referee for seven years, 1999 through 2005, including refereeing three games in World Cup qualifying. He was a Major League Soccer referee for 10 seasons, 1996 through 2005. *Referees category.*

**Greg Vanney (born June 11, 1974)**

*Eligibility: 11 years as a first-division coach or team official*

Vanney has been coach of the Los Angeles Galaxy of Major League Soccer for four seasons, 2021 through 2024. He was coach of Toronto FC of MLS for seven seasons, 2014 through 2020 and sporting director of the Galaxy for one season, 2023. He coached Toronto FC to the MLS championship in 2017 and was named both MLS coach of the year and CONCACAF men's coach of the year in 2017. *Coaches category.*

**Terry Vaughn (deceased)**

*Eligibility: 16 years as an international or first-division referee*

Vaughn was a FIFA international referee for 10 years, 2004 through 2013, including refereeing three games in World Cup qualifying, four games at the CONCACAF Gold Cup, two games at the Under-20 World Cup, and 11 games in the CONCACAF Champions League. He was a Major League Soccer referee for 15 seasons, 1998 through 2012 and a WUSA referee for three seasons, 2001 to 2003, including refereeing the 2004 and 2006 U.S. Open Cup finals and the 2003 WUSA championship game. *Referees category.*

**David Wagner (born Oct. 19, 1971)**

*Eligibility: 10 years as a first-division coach*

Wagner, an American-German dual citizen, was coach of Huddersfield Town of the English Premier League during five years, 2015 through 2019, coach of Schalke 04 of the German first division during three years, 2019 through 2021, coach of Young Boys Berne of the Swiss first division during two years, 2021 and 2022, and coach of Norwich City of the English second division during two years, 2023 and 2024. *Coaches category.*

**Keith Walker (deceased)**

*Eligibility: Eight years as a first-division or U.S. Soccer Federation official*

Walker was the North American Soccer League director of officials for four seasons, 1979 through 1982, and general secretary of the USSF for four years, 1987 through 1990. He received the Eddie Pearson Award in 1991. *Contributors category.*

**Tim Weyland (born Nov. 17, 1962)**

*Eligibility: 11 seasons as an international or first-division referee*

Weyland was a FIFA international referee for six years, 1995 through 2000, including refereeing three games in World Cup qualifying. He was a Major League Soccer referee for 10 seasons, 1996 through 2001 and 2006 through 2009. *Referees category.*

**Peter Wilt (born March 20, 1960)**

*Eligibility: 10 years as a first-division team official*

Wilt was general manager or president of the Chicago Fire of Major League Soccer for eight seasons, 1998 through 2005, and president or an owner of the Chicago Red Stars of Women's Professional Soccer for two seasons, 2009 and 2010. Under his leadership, Chicago won the MLS championship in 1998 and the U.S. Open Cup in 1998, 2000 and 2003. He later was involved in several lower-division soccer efforts in Indiana and Wisconsin. *Contributors category.*

**Lew Wolff (born Dec. 13, 1935)**

*Eligibility: 10 years as a first-division team owner*

Wolff was investor/operator of the San Jose Earthquakes of Major League Soccer for 10 seasons, 2008 through 2017. Under his ownership, the Earthquakes opened a soccer-specific stadium in 2015 and hosted the MLS all-star game in 2016. *Contributors category.*

**Rachel Woo (born Aug. 30, 1968)**

*Eligibility: Eight years as an international or first-division referee*

An international and first-division referee. Woo was a FIFA international referee for eight years, 2001 through 2008. She was a Women's United Soccer Association referee for three seasons, 2001 through 2003. *Referees category.*

**Mike Wuertz (born Aug. 14, 1934)**

*Eligibility: 17 years as an international or first-division referee.*

An international and first-division referee. Wuertz was a FIFA international referee for 13 years, 1967 through 1979, including refereeing three games in World Cup qualifying, and one game at the Olympic Games. He was a North American Soccer League referee for seven seasons, 1978 through 1984. He received the Eddie Pearson Award in 1998. *Referees category.*

**Frank Yallop (born April 4, 1964)**

*Eligibility: 13 years as a first-division coach*

A first-division coach. Yallop was coach of the San Jose Earthquakes of Major League Soccer for nine seasons, 2001 through 2003 and 2008 through 2013; the Los Angeles Galaxy for two seasons, 2006 and 2007, and the Chicago Fire for two seasons, 2014 and 2015. He coached San Jose to the MLS championship in 2001 and 2003, and was named the MLS coach of the year in 2001 and 2012. He was coach of the Canadian national team in 2004 and 2005. *Coaches category.*

**Marcel Yonan (born March 22, 1956)**

*Eligibility: 11 years as a first-division referee*

Yonan was a Major Soccer League referee for 11 seasons, 1996 through 2006. *Referees category.*