



# NATIONAL SOCCER HALL OF FAME

## 2025 Veteran Semifinal Ballot List

Each Screener will select up to 10 names from this list who they would like to see appear on the 10-person Veteran Final Ballot.

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Chris Armas	Mary Harvey	Shep Messing
David Beckham	Frankie Hejduk	Heather Mitts
Chico Borja	Lori Henry	JC Russo
Sean Bowers	Zak Ibsen	Tony Sanneh
Kevin Crow	Eddie Lewis	Lindsay Tarpley
Francis Farberoff	Carlos Llamosa	Tatu
Lorrie Fair	Clint Mathis	Aly Wagner

### 2025 Veteran Eligibility List Biographies

These capsule biographies include both information about the achievements that enabled these candidates to meet the eligibility criteria and other information about their careers. The statement of how he or she met the Hall of Fame eligibility criteria appears in italics after the name.

This list has been broken into three sections. The purpose of doing this is to assist voters and not to indicate different levels of eligibility. All candidates in all sections are equally eligible.

1. Candidates who are appearing on the Veterans Eligibility List for the first time.
2. Previously sunset candidates restored to the Veterans Eligibility List via appeal
3. Candidates who have been on the Veterans Eligibility List in previous years.

#### 1) NEW TO THE VETERAN ELIGIBILITY LIST

##### **Francis Farberoff**

*Eligibility: 61 games for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team during the modern era (2005-present), and over 100 combined matches representing the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team.* A defender who collected over 100 combined appearances for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team both before and during U.S. Soccer's administration of the Beach MNT. Farberoff has had one of the most decorated Beach Soccer careers among anyone to wear a U.S. jersey on sand. Although the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup has been played since 2005, the game began more than 10 years earlier on the beaches of Brazil. Farberoff was a member of the USA team that competed at the 2000 Beach Soccer World Championships in Brazil - the sixth edition of the world's elite tournament - making his debut on Feb 10, 2000 in a 6-4 win over Uruguay. He also represented the USA at the 2001, 2003 and 2004 World Championships - scoring four goals - and then continued reaching the pinnacle tournament under the U.S. Soccer Federation crest at the 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2013 FIFA Beach Soccer World Cups, scoring twice more at the top competition. Prior to the sport falling under USSF, Farberoff appeared in over 40 international matches for the USA. And since the sport fell under FIFA in 2005, he appeared and served as captain in nearly all of his 61 modern-era games. Primarily playing on the defensive side of midfield, Farberoff came up with big goals time again. Of his 18 goals since 2005, he scored 11 in 30 World Cup qualifying matches and twice at the World Cup. Since his last match in 2014, Farberoff also served as the

team's assistant coach through the 2019 World Cup, and was the team's head coach at the 2021 and 2024 FIFA Beach Soccer World Cups.

### **Zak Ibsen**

*Eligibility: 22 games for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team.* One of the few U.S. Men's Beach Soccer players to also have caps with the U.S. Men's National Team, Ibsen amassed nine goals in 22 appearances with the Beach MNT between 2006 and 2010. Four years after retiring from a long outdoor career in Major League Soccer, Ibsen debuted for the Beach MNT at the 2006 Concacaf Beach Soccer Championship where he scored a goal in his first international beach soccer match, a 3-0 win against Canada leading to help the USA win its first confederation title. It was his first of four appearances at the regional World Cup qualifying tournament (2006, 2007, 2009, 2011), where he collected a total of 16 caps and seven goals. Ibsen took part in two FIFA Beach Soccer World Cups in 2006 and 2007, scoring two goals in the latter tournament, including what would stand as the game winner in the 7-6 victory against IR Iran. Prior to his time on the sand, Ibsen was a standout defender at UCLA and had a nine-year professional outdoor career which included time with German clubs Bochum, Saarbrücken and Rot-Weiß Erfurt, before returning home to play in Major League Soccer with New England Revolution, Dallas Burn, Chicago Fire, LA Galaxy and San Jose Earthquakes. Ibsen won the 1998 MLS Cup and U.S. Open Cup with Chicago, as well as the 2001 MLS Cup with San Jose.

### **JC Russo**

*Eligibility: 21 games for the U.S. Power Soccer National Team.*

A goalkeeper and outfield player who was a member of the U.S. teams at the 2007 and 2011 Fédération Internationale de Powerchair Football Association (FIPFA) Powerchair Football World Cups. Born with Type 2 Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Russo appeared in 21 matches for the U.S. Power Soccer National Team between 2007 and 2014, making the game-winning penalty save against France to help the USA claim the inaugural Powerchair Football World Cup in 2007, before backstopping the team to another World Cup title in 2011. With nine clean sheets to his name, Russo is tied for the team's all-time lead in shutouts, and went on to become an outfield player at the 2014 American Powerchair Football Confederation (APFC) Copa America where he recorded six goals and 23 assists to help the USA claim its first regional title in his last year of international competition.

## **2) REINSTATED TO THE VETERAN ELIGIBILITY LIST**

### **Tatu**

*Eligibility: Eight seasons in the Major Indoor Soccer League during the qualifying period (1984-92), with three all-league selections in that period.* A forward who won the MISL's most valuable player award twice. Tatu, played in the MISL from the 1984-85 season through the 1991-92 season, all for the Dallas Sidekicks. He was a first-team all-MISL selection in 1987, 1990, 1991 and 1992, the MISL most valuable player in 1987 and 1990, and the MISL scoring leader in 1987, 1990 and 1991. He won an MISL championship in 1987 with Dallas. Tatu, whose real name is Antonio Carlos Pecorari, also played three outdoor seasons in the North American Soccer League for the Tampa Bay Rowdies, scoring 24 goals in those seasons. He played more than 10 seasons in several other indoor leagues, the National Professional Soccer League, the Continental Indoor Soccer League, the World Soccer League, the NASL indoor league and the second incarnation of the MISL. Four of those seasons were in the CISL, where he was the most valuable player three times.

### **3) VETERANS ELIGIBILITY LIST**

#### **Chris Armas**

*Eligibility: 12 seasons in Major League Soccer, with five Best XI selections, and 66 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.* A midfielder who was a longtime star of both MLS and the U.S. national team. Armas played the first 12 MLS seasons, initially for the Los Angeles Galaxy and later for the Chicago Fire. During those seasons, he played 264 MLS regular-season games and 37 playoff games. He was named to the MLS postseason Best XI five times, in 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2003. He played in the MLS championship game four times, in 1998 (when he was on the winning side), 2000 and 2003 with Chicago and 1996 with Los Angeles. He also won three U.S. Open Cup titles with Chicago, in 1988, 2000 and 2003. In addition to his MLS seasons, he also played two seasons in the USISL. Armas played 66 full internationals for the United States between 1998 and 2005. Those included 19 World Cup qualifiers, in 2000, 2001, 2004 and 2005. He never played in the World Cup, although he had been expected to be a starter in the 2002 World Cup before being injured a few weeks before the tournament. He was a member of the United States teams that won the CONCACAF Gold Cup finals in 2002 and 2005, played in the FIFA Confederations Cup in 2003 and was chosen as the USSF men's athlete of the year in 2000.

#### **David Beckham**

*Eligibility: Six seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.* A midfielder who brought great publicity, along with some controversy, to American soccer during his time in MLS. Beckham played six seasons in MLS, all of them for the Los Angeles Galaxy, and helped his team to MLS championships in the last two of those seasons, 2011 and 2012. He earlier had been a member of the Los Angeles team that lost in the MLS title game in 2009. He was chosen to the MLS postseason Best XI in 2011. Beckham, a star of the English national team, was one of the most famous players in the world when he signed with the Galaxy in 2007. His arrival in the league, and the publicity that came with it, was a factor in increasing MLS crowds. Prior to joining the Galaxy, he had won league championships with Manchester United in England and Real Madrid in Spain. In the one season he played after leaving the Galaxy, he won a league title with Paris St.-Germain in France. He played 98 MLS regular-season games and 17 MLS playoff games.

#### **Chico Borja**

*Eligibility: Eight seasons in the Major Indoor Soccer League during the qualifying period (1984-92), with one all-MISL selection in that period, and 11 games for the U.S. Men's National Team (prior to 1990).* A midfielder who starred in both the North American Soccer League and the Major Indoor Soccer League. Borja, who was born in Ecuador, played four seasons in the NASL between 1981 and 1984, for New York and Team America. He was named to the NASL's North American all-star team in 1984 and won an NASL title in 1982 with the New York Cosmos. He played eight seasons in the MISL during the period when there was no first-division outdoor league in the United States, for Las Vegas, Wichita and Los Angeles. He was a first-team all-MISL selection in 1989, when he was with the Wichita Wings. Borja's 11 full internationals for the United States included five World Cup qualifiers in 1984, 1985 and 1988. He also was a member of the United States team at the 1984 Olympic Games.

#### **Sean Bowers**

*Eligibility: 35 games for the U.S. Futsal National Team.* A defender who captained the United States team in two Futsal World Cups. Bowers holds the record for caps in the U.S. futsal team, with his 35 surpassing the record of 30 long held by Jim Gabarra. In the course of earning those caps, he was captain of the United States teams at the 1996 Futsal World Cup in Spain and the 2004 Futsal World Cup in Taiwan. Bowers played professional indoor soccer from 1991 to 2010 with five different teams in various leagues. He also played four seasons of first-division outdoor soccer with the Kansas City Wizards of Major League Soccer. He played 116 games in his MLS career.

**Kevin Crow**

*Eligibility: Eight seasons in the Major Indoor Soccer League during the qualifying period (1984-92), with five all-MISL selections in that period, and 13 games for the U.S. Men's National Team (prior to 1990).*

A defender who starred for both indoor and outdoor teams. Crow played eight seasons in the MISL, all of them during the period when there was no first-division outdoor soccer league in the United States. He was chosen to the All-MISL first team in 1985, 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1991, and won MISL championships, all of them with the San Diego Sockers, in 1986, 1988, 1980, 1990, 1991 and 1992. Outdoors, Crow played two seasons in the North American Soccer League, both for San Diego. His 13 full internationals for the United States included five World Cup qualifiers in 1984, 1985 and 1988, and he was a member of the United States teams at the 1984 and 1988 Olympic Games. During his NASL career, he played 52 regular-season games and two playoff games

**Lorrie Fair**

*Eligibility: 120 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.* A midfielder who was a member of the United States team that won the 1999 Women's World Cup. Fair played 120 full internationals for the United States, the first against Norway in February 1996 and the last against Iceland in July 2005. Those 120 games included four World Cup qualifiers in 2002, four in the 1999 World Cup and five in the 2000 Olympic Games. Fair played all three WUSA seasons for Philadelphia, plus the WUSA festivals in 2004. After the end of WUSA, she played two seasons in the WPSL, two in the French first division and one in the English first division.

**Mary Harvey**

*Eligibility: 27 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.* The goalkeeper on the U.S. team that won the first Women's World Cup in 1991. Harvey played every minute of all six United States games in the 1991 Women's World Cup, conceding only five goals and scoring three shutouts, after having been one of the last players added to the U.S. roster, because she was playing in Germany at the time. In addition to her World Cup title, she also won an Olympic silver medal with the United States team at the 1996 Olympic Games, the first in which women's soccer was included. Her first full international for the United States was against Poland in 1989 and the last against Australia in 1996. Harvey, who was one of the first American women to play professionally overseas, played three seasons in the German women's first division and two seasons in the Swedish women's first division.

**Frankie Hejduk**

*Eligibility: 85 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.* A defender who was a key man in the United States' run at the 2002 World Cup and also had a long career in MLS. Hejduk played 85 full internationals for the United States, the first against El Salvador in 1996 and the last against Denmark in 2009. He started four of the United States' five games at the 2002 World Cup, missing one game because of a suspension. He also played in three games at the 1998 World Cup and 26 World Cup qualifiers in 1996, 2000, 2004, 2005, 2008 and 2009. In addition to those two World Cups, he was a member of the United States teams at the 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games and the 1999 and 2003 Confederations Cups. He was a regular in the United States teams that won the 2002 and 2005 CONCACAF Gold Cups, playing in both finals. Hejduk played 12 seasons in MLS between 1996 and 2011, for Tampa Bay, Columbus and Los Angeles, playing a total of 203 MLS regular-season games and 17 MLS playoff games. He was the captain of the Columbus team that won the MLS championship in 2008, and also was a runner up in the U.S. Open Cup with Columbus in 2010. In between his two stretches in MLS, he played four seasons in the German first division and one season in the Swiss first division.

**Lori Henry**

*Eligibility: 39 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.* A defender who played in two landmark teams in American women's soccer history. In 1985, Henry was a member of the first women's national team organized by the U.S. Soccer Federation, for a tournament in Jesolo, Italy, and started all four games in that tournament. In 1991, she played in the first Women's World Cup in China, and was the only player from that 1985 first USWNT game to do so. Henry played two games in that 1991 Women's World Cup, which the United States won. In between those two tournaments, she played another 33 games for the United States, scoring three goals in those games, and served as captain of the team for three years. In all, she started each of the first 28 games ever played by the U.S. Women's National Team.

**Eddie Lewis**

*Eligibility: Seven seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection, and 82 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.* A midfielder who starred in MLS, the U.S. national team and English leagues. Lewis played 82 full internationals for the United States, the first against Peru in October 1996 and the last against Trinidad in September 2008. More than a quarter of those 82 games came in World Cup play, five in the 2002 and 2006 World Cups and 21 in World Cup qualifiers in 2000, 2001, 2004, 2005 and 2008. Perhaps Lewis' most famous moment in a U.S. uniform came in 2002, when his perfect cross from the left wing was headed into the net by Landon Donovan for the second goal of the United States' World Cup upset over Mexico. In addition to his World Cup play, Lewis was a member of the United States teams at the 1999 and 2003 Confederations Cups and the U.S. team that won the 2002 CONCACAF Gold Cup. Lewis played seven seasons in MLS between 1996 and 2010 for San Jose and Los Angeles, and was chosen to the MLS post-season Best XI in 1999. He played 163 MLS regular-season games and nine MLS playoff games. Between 2000 and 2008, Lewis played nine seasons in English professional leagues, becoming a regular at several different clubs.

**Carlos Llamosa**

*Eligibility: Nine seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection, and 29 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.* A defender who was part of the United States run to the quarterfinals of the 2002 World Cup. Llamosa played in two of the United States five games in that World Cup, the victories over Portugal and Mexico. His 29 full internationals for the United States also included nine World Cup qualifiers in 2000 and 2001 and one at the 2000 CONCACAF Gold Cup. He played in MLS from 1997 to 2006, for D.C. United, the Miami Fusion, the New England Revolution and Chivas USA. He was an MLS Best XI selection in 2001 and won MLS championships in 1997 and 1999 with D.C. Llamosa, who was born and raised in Colombia, played six seasons in Colombian professional leagues, and then two seasons in the A-League after emigrating to the United States.

**Clint Mathis**

*Eligibility: 12 seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection, and 46 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.* A midfielder who played 12 seasons in MLS and played in the 2002 World Cup. Mathis played in MLS from 1998 to 2010, for Los Angeles, New York, Salt Lake and Colorado. He was chosen to the MLS Best XI in 2000, won an MLS title in 2009 with Salt Lake and played in 258 MLS regular-season games and 29 MLS playoff games. He holds the MLS record for goals in a single game with five, for the MetroStars against Dallas in 2000. Mathis played 46 full internationals for the United States between 1998 and 2005, including seven World Cup qualifiers in 2000, 2001 and 2004 and three World Cup games in 2002. The 12 goals that he scored in those 46 games included a crucial one against South Korea in the 2002 World Cup, when the United States reached the quarterfinals. He also played for the United States at the 2002 CONCACAF Gold Cup and the 2003 Confederations Cup. In addition to his MLS years, Mathis also played two seasons in the German first division and one season in the Greek first division.

### **Shep Messing**

*Eligibility: Seven seasons in the North American Soccer League, with one NASL championship.* A goalkeeper who starred in both the NASL and the Major Indoor Soccer League. Messing played seven seasons in the NASL, for the New York Cosmos, Boston Minutemen, Oakland Stompers and Rochester Lancers. He won an NASL title in 1977, making a crucial save near the end of the final that preserved the Cosmos' win over Seattle. During his NASL career, he played 119 regular-season games and nine playoff games. He played eight seasons in the MISL, for the New York Arrows, New York Cosmos, New York Express and Pittsburgh Spirit, winning four MISL championships with the Arrows, in 1979, 1980, 1981 and 1982. He was named to the all-MISL first team in 1979, 1980 and 1981, and played 182 MISL regular-season games and 20 MISL playoff games. Messing, who never appeared in the U.S. Men's National Team, did play for the United States in the 1972 Olympic Games in Germany. He was a colorful player who succeeded in attracting considerable attention to soccer with off-the-field activities, and wrote an autobiographical book, *The Education of an American Soccer Player*, that told much of life as a pro soccer player.

### **Heather Mitts**

*Eligibility: 137 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.* A defender who won three Olympic gold medals with the U.S. national team. Mitts played 137 full internationals for the United States, the first against Finland in 1999 and the last against China in 2012. Those included seven World Cup qualifiers in 2006 and 2010 and nine games at the 2004, 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games. Injuries kept her out of the World Cup early in her career, but she was a member of the United States squad at the 2011 Women's World Cup. She played three seasons in the Women's United Soccer Association between 2001 and 2003, all for the Philadelphia Charge, and three seasons in Women's Professional Soccer between 2009 and 2011, for the Boston Breakers, Philadelphia Independence and Atlanta Beat. During her WUSA/WPS career, she played 94 regular-season games and five playoff games.

### **Tony Sanneh**

*Eligibility: 43 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.* A defender who starred in the national team and MLS, reaching his peak during the United States' successful run at the 2002 World Cup. Sanneh played 43 full internationals for the United States, the first against China in 1997 and the last against Costa Rica in 2005. Those 43 caps included all five of the United States games at the 2002 World Cup. Sanneh was one of only three U.S. players to play every minute of each of those games, and it was his cross that Brian McBride headed home for the third goal of the United States' victory over Portugal. He also played 15 World Cup qualifiers in 2000, 2001 and 2004. Sanneh played eight seasons in MLS between 1996 and 2009 for D.C., Columbus, Chicago, Colorado and Los Angeles, and was a member of the D.C. United teams that won the first two MLS titles in 1996 and 1997. He also won the U.S. Open Cup twice, in 1996 with D.C. and 2006 with Chicago, and played six seasons in German professional leagues, two seasons in the APSL and USL, two seasons in the USISL and one season in the NPSL. During his MLS career he played 130 regular-season games and 20 playoff games.

### **Lindsay Tarpley**

*Eligibility: 125 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.* A forward who won two Olympic gold medals with the United States team. Tarpley played 125 full international games for the United States, the first against Japan in January 2003 and the last against Japan in May 2011. At both the 2004 Olympic Games and the 2008 Olympic Games, she played in all six of the United States' games. She started the final both years and scored one of the United States' two goals in the 2004 final. She played three games at the 2007 Women's World Cup, and was scheduled to be a member of the U.S. team at the 2011 Women's World Cup before being injured shortly beforehand. Tarpley played all three seasons of WPS, for Chicago, St. Louis, Boston and magicjack. She played 43 WPS games and scored eight WPS goals.

**Aly Wagner**

*Eligibility: 131 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.* A midfielder who played in two Women's World Cups and two Olympic Games for the United States. Wagner played 131 full internationals for the United States, the first against Ukraine in 1998 and the last against South Korea in 2008. In between, she played seven World Cup qualifiers in 2002 and 2006, five World Cup games in 2003 and 2007, and five Olympic games in 2004 and 2008, winning Olympic gold medals in 2004 and 2008. She played one season in the Women's United Soccer Association, with the San Diego Spirit, and one season in Women's Professional Soccer, 2009, with the Los Angeles Sol, plus one season in the French first division and two seasons in the WPSL. She was a WUSA second-team all-star in 2003 and a runner-up for the WPS title in 2009.