



### **2026 Builder Final Ballot**

This list includes all builders who now appear on the Final Ballot. Each Voter will submit a list of 2 names selected from the list below. The individual who receives at least 50% of the vote and receives the most votes will be elected to the NSHOF Class of 2026.

### **2026 Builder Final Ballot - Referees**

Gino D'Ippolito  
Mark Geiger  
Brian Hall  
Kari Seitz

### **2026 Builder Final Ballot Biographies**

#### **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.*

#### **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.*

**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.*

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

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

An international and 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 Under20 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. Since 2024 she has been U.S. Soccer's Vice President of Referees and remains eligible for election to the Hall of Fame because she was eligible prior to working for U.S. Soccer. *Referees category.*