



2026 Builder Semifinal Ballot List

This list includes all builders who now appear on the semifinal ballot. Each Screener will submit a list of 4 names selected from the list below to create the Final Builder Ballot of 4 candidates.

2026 Builder Semifinal Ballot - Referees

Gino D'Ippolito
Mark Geiger
Brian Hall
Sandra Hunt
Vince Mauro
Harry Rogers
Ricardo Salazar
Kari Seitz
Kevin Stott
Terry Vaughn

2026 Builder Semifinal 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.*

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 Association referee for three seasons, 2001 through 2003, including refereeing the WUSA championship game in 2001. *Referees 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 eight years, 1991 through 1998. *Referees 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.*

Ricardo Salazar (born Sept. 6, 1972).

Eligibility: 17 years 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.*

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.*

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 the league. *Referees 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.*