



## 2026 Players Hall of Fame Eligibility List

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Each Screener will submit a ranked list of 20 names (1 = most deserving) selected from the list below as their preliminary ballot

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## 2026 Players Eligibility List Overview

This is the list of individuals eligible in the election that will choose Players to be inducted into the National Soccer Hall of Fame in 2026. This list is based on the criteria that were established by the Hall of Fame in March 1999 and modified in 2002, 2007, 2013, 2020 and other years.

**Criteria:** To be eligible for the National Soccer Hall of Fame Ballot, an individual must have met No. 1 and either No. 2 or No. 3:

- 1) A player must have been retired for at least three full calendar years, but for no more than 10 full calendar years, prior to the year of induction.
- 2) A player must have played at least 20 international games for the United States Men's National Team, the United States Women's National Team or one of the nine Extended National Teams (Men's and Women's Beach, Men's and Women's Futsal, Men's and Women's CP, Men's and Women's Deaf and Co-ed Power).
- 3) A player must have played at least five seasons in a United States first-division professional league\* and been a postseason league all-star at least once. (Best XI).

Unless subject to the Sunset Rule, players can appear on the Players Eligibility List up to seven years (Years 4 through 10 after retirement). In the 11th year after retirement, Players move to the Veterans Eligibility List.

**The Sunset Rule:** A player will be removed (sunsetting) from the Players Eligibility List if they do not receive any Screening Committee votes during the Preliminary Ballot. In order to remain on the Players Eligibility List, a player must appear on the ranked list of at least one member of the Screening Committee. Players that are sunsetted from the Players Ballot regain eligibility in the 11th year after retirement, when they can be considered for election as Veterans.

\* Since 1968, the United States first-division professional leagues are: Major League Soccer (MLS), the Women's United Soccer Association (WUSA), Women's Professional Soccer (WPS), the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) and the original North American Soccer League (NASL). Prior to 1968, the leagues recognized at this level are: the American Soccer League, the North American Soccer Football League, the German-American Soccer League of New York, the National Soccer League of Chicago, the St. Louis Soccer League, the Keystone League of Western Pennsylvania, the Greater Los Angeles Soccer League, the San Francisco Soccer League and the National Association Football League.

^ Retirement year is defined as the year in which a player last appeared in an official match. For United States National Team eligible players, an official match can be with any professional or semiprofessional team in the United States or abroad, including official non-league events such as the U.S. Open Cup and the CONCACAF Champions League. If the player is not eligible to play for the United States, he or she is considered to be retired for purposes of this list on departing from American professional soccer, unless he or she continues playing professional soccer in another country at a level ruled by the Hall of Fame's historians to be equivalent to or better than the top American leagues.

Play by foreign players in foreign leagues or with the national teams of other countries is usually cited here only when it affects retirement year, as those accomplishments have no bearing on a person's qualifications for a Hall of Fame of American soccer.

## 2026 Players 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 compiled by Hall of Fame historians. The statement of how each player met the Hall of Fame eligibility criteria appears in italics below their name.*

*Player biographies are grouped by the year that they "last played" which serves as the retirement year for the purpose of Hall of Fame record keeping. "Last year of eligibility" refers only to eligibility for the Player Ballot. After a candidate's eligibility via the Players Eligibility List expires, they will be moved to the Veterans Eligibility List.*

## **Players who last played in 2016 (last year of eligibility via this list is 2026)**

### **Aldo Balsano**

*Eligibility: 31 games for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team*

A goalkeeper, Balsano appeared in 31 matches and scored one goal for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team between 2013 and 2016. Over his three-year sand career, Balsano split time with various goalkeepers. He made the 2014 Intercontinental Beach Soccer Cup roster - scoring his lone goal in the second match against Japan. The following year, he represented the USA at the 2015 Concacaf Beach Soccer Championship in El Salvador, before tying for the team lead with 14 appearances during his final year in 2016.

### **Brad Davis**

*Eligibility: 15 seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.*

A midfielder who was one of the dominant playmakers in MLS throughout his career. Davis played 15 seasons in MLS between 2002 and 2016 for the MetroStars, Dallas, San Jose, Houston and Kansas City, with 10 of those seasons being for the Houston Dynamo. He won MLS championships in 2006 and 2007 with Houston, was named to the MLS Best XI in 2011, and when he retired was third on the all-time MLS assists list. During his MLS career, he played 392 regular-season games and 27 playoff games. In those 419 games, which placed him fourth on the all-time MLS appearances list, he scored 60 goals (many on free kicks with his deadly left foot) and had 132 assists, leading MLS in assists in 2009 and 2011. He was a runner-up for the MLS championship in 2012. Davis played 17 games in the U.S. national team between 2005 and 2014. He was a member of the U.S. team at the 2014 World Cup, playing one game, appeared in four World Cup qualifiers in 2013 and played on the U.S. team that won the CONCACAF Gold Cup in 2005.

### **Keith Johnson**

*Eligibility: 101 games for the U.S. Men's Cerebral Palsy National Team.*

A goalkeeper for the United States at the 2004 and 2012 Paralympics. Born with cerebral palsy, Johnson joined the U.S. team in 2003 and earned 101 caps during his 14-year career. Famous among experienced players for his hard-nosed play in practice and competition, he was a member of the bronze-medal-winning team at the 2012 World Cup in Manchester, England.

### **Mike Lawson**

*Eligibility: 33 caps for the U.S. Men's Deaf National Team*

A central midfielder who is one of the most-capped and longest-tenured players in the history of the U.S. Men's Deaf National Team. Lawson earned 33 caps from 2001 to 2016 and appeared in five major tournaments, including the 2001, 2005 and 2009 Deaflympics and the 2008 and 2016 Deaf World Championships. Lawson was part of the squad that came within a shootout of playing for the 2008 World Cup title and eventually claimed a team-best fourth place finish in Patras, Greece. He rounded out his career by helping the team to a sixth-place finish at the 2016 World Championship in Salerno, Italy.

### **Carlos Ruiz**

*Eligibility: 10 seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.*

A forward who was a goalscoring star in MLS. Ruiz, who was from Guatemala, played 10 seasons in MLS between 2002 and 2016, for Los Angeles, Dallas, Toronto, Philadelphia and D.C. The best of those seasons was 2002, when he was named the MLS most valuable player, scored the winning goal in overtime for Los Angeles in the MLS final and led MLS in scoring with 24 goals in the regular season (plus eight more in the playoffs). During his MLS years, he played 183 regular-season games and 19 playoff games, and scored 105 goals. Ruiz played for Guatemala from 2000 to 2016 and scored numerous key goals for it, including several against the United States.

## **Gavin Sibayan**

*Eligibility: At least 35 caps for the U.S. Men's Cerebral Palsy (CP) National Team*

A midfielder/defender who represented the United States at two Paralympic Games, the IFCPF World Cup, IFCPF Copa América and Parapan American Games. Sibayan played at least 35 matches for the U.S. Men's CP National Team from 2011-2016, tallying two goals while contributing to six shutouts. Sibayan appeared in all four matches at the 2014 Copa América where the USA claimed third place, appeared in all six matches at the 2015 IFCPF World Cup and a combined four matches at the 2012 and 2016 Paralympic Games. A 10-year veteran of the United States Army, Sibayan was involved in three IED incidents while serving in Iraq during 2007. The third incident resulted in hip damage and Traumatic Brain Injury which made him eligible for the CP MNT. He took part in his first National Team camp while still enlisted in 2010, and ultimately retired from the Army after reaching the rank of staff sergeant in 2011.

## **Players who last played in 2017 (last year of eligibility via this list is 2027)**

### **Bryce Boarman**

*Eligibility: At least 38 caps for the U.S. Men's Cerebral Palsy (CP) National Team*

A defender who represented the USA at two CPISRA World Championships, two IFCPF World Cups, one Paralympic Games, two IFCPF Copa América tournaments and one Parapan American Games. Boarman played for the U.S. Men's CP National Team from 2008 to 2017, recording one goal and two assists. Representing the USA at the 2009 and 2015 World Cups, he appeared in seven overall matches and scored his lone international goal in the 3-0 win against Venezuela in the opening game of the 2015 tournament. Appeared in four of five U.S. matches at the 2012 Paralympic Games in London. Diagnosed with cerebral palsy as a child, Boarman began playing soccer at age six and began playing with the CP MNT in 2008.

### **Maurice Edu**

*Eligibility: 46 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.*

A midfielder who played for the United States in the World Cup and won three Scottish first-division championships. Edu played 46 full internationals for the United States between 2007 and 2014. Those included three games at the 2010 World Cup and 11 World Cup qualifiers in 2008, 2009, 2013 and 2014. He also played for the United States in the 2011 CONCACAF Gold Cup. His only national-team goal came against Czech Republic in 2010, but he also had what could have been the game-winning goal against Slovenia in the 2010 World Cup called back (perhaps incorrectly) for a foul by another player. Edu played four seasons in MLS, four in the Scottish first division, one in the English Premier League, one in the Turkish first division and two in the USL. He won Scottish Premier League titles with Rangers in 2009, 2010 and 2011, and was a runner-up for the U.S. Open Cup in 2014 and 2015 with Philadelphia. In his MLS seasons, with Toronto and Philadelphia, he played 89 games.

### **Andrew Feld**

*Eligibility: 46 games for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team.*

A forward, Feld appeared in 46 matches and scored 15 goals for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team between 2012 and 2017. Feld was part of the U.S. squad at the 2013 Copa América where he scored in the opening match against Brazil. Later that year, he was named to the USA roster for the 2013 FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup, appearing in all three matches in Tahiti. Feld was part of the rosters at the 2015 and 2017 Concacaf Beach Soccer Championship, registering seven goals in 11 all-time appearances at the World Cup qualifying tournament.

### **Kevin Hensley**

*Eligibility: 35 caps for the U.S. Men's Cerebral Palsy (CP) National Team.*

A defender who represented the United States at two IFCPF World Cups, the Paralympic Games, IFCPF Copa America and Parapan American Games. Hensley played 35 matches for the U.S. Men's CP National Team from 2014 to 2017, tallying 13 goals and recording two assists. He also captained the team in 26 of 35 appearances. Hensley appeared in 10 of the team's 12 matches at the 2015 and 2017 World Cups and tallied four goals – two in the 3-0 win against Venezuela (2015) and two in the 5-0 win against Northern Ireland (2017). He also served as U.S. captain at the 2016 Paralympic Games, playing in all four matches and scoring one goal. Hensley contributed two goals for the U.S. at the 2014 IFCPF Copa America, helping the CP MNT claim the bronze medal and also played all four matches at the 2015 Parapan American Games. Hensley suffered a stroke at age 14 while playing soccer, leaving him with paralysis on the right side of his body.

### **Shalrie Joseph**

*Eligibility: 11 seasons in Major League Soccer, with four Best XI selections.*

A midfielder who was named to the MLS Best XI four times. Joseph, who was raised in the United States but played internationally for his native Grenada, played 11 seasons in MLS between 2003 and 2013, for New England, Chivas and Seattle. He was chosen to the MLS postseason Best XI in 2005, 2007, 2008 and 2009. He was a runner-up for the MLS championship in 2005, 2006 and 2007, all with New England. Joseph, who was primarily a defensive midfielder, played more than 300 MLS games, 283 in the regular season and 23 in the playoffs.

### **Javier Morales**

*Eligibility: 11 seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.*

A midfielder who was a mainstay of the attack at Real Salt Lake for a decade. Morales, who is Argentinian, played 11 seasons in MLS between 2007 and 2017, 10 of them for Real Salt Lake and one for FC Dallas. He won an MLS championship in 2009 with Real Salt Lake and was chosen to the MLS Best XI in 2010. He also was an MLS runner-up in 2013 with Salt Lake, a U.S. Open Cup runner-up in 2013 with Salt Lake and a CONCACAF Champions League runner-up in 2011 with Salt Lake. Prior to joining RSL, he had played nine seasons in Argentina and Spain, for five different teams. Morales played 255 regular-season games and 21 playoff games during his MLS career.

### **Oguchi Onyewu**

*Eligibility: 69 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.*

A defender who starred in the U.S. national team and for European club teams for more than a decade. Onyewu played 69 full internationals for the United States between 2004 and 2014. During that time, he played 21 World Cup qualifiers in five different years, appearing in the qualifying rounds of three different World Cups. He was a member of the United States teams at the 2006 and 2010 World Cups, and played in all three U.S. games in 2006. In 2010, an injury limited him to one game. Perhaps his greatest days in a U.S. uniform took place outside the World Cup. He was one of the stars of the teams that won the 2007 CONCACAF Gold Cup and reached the final of the 2009 Confederations Cup, the United States' only appearance in the final of a FIFA tournament. He was chosen as the USSF men's athlete of the year in 2006. Onyewu played in various leagues in Europe between 2002 and 2015. That period included five seasons in the Belgian first division, three seasons in English professional leagues, and one season each in the French first division, the Dutch first division, the Portuguese first division and the Spanish first division. He returned to the field in 2017 and played one season in MLS before retiring.

### **Lewie Valentine**

*Eligibility: 61 games for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team*

A defender, Valentine played 61 matches and tallied 16 goals with the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team between 2010 and 2017. Part of the U.S. roster at four Concacaf Beach Soccer Championships (2011, 2013, 2015, 2017), Valentine scored 10 goals in 22 overall appearances in the competition that doubles as the region's World Cup qualifying tournament. During the 2013 Concacaf Beach Soccer Championship, the Kailua-Kona, Hawaii product scored in both the 4-3 semifinal win against Mexico and 5-4 extra time victory against El Salvador in the final, helping the USA claim its second regional championship and qualification to that year's Beach Soccer World Cup. He also found the back of the net at that year's World Cup as the U.S. narrowly fell 5-4 to Spain in the opening match in Tahiti.

### **Players who last played in 2018 (last year of eligibility via this list is 2028)**

### **Yael Averbuch**

*Eligibility: 26 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.*

A midfielder who won three league championships during her eight seasons in first-division American soccer. Averbuch played three seasons in Women's Professional Soccer between 2009 and 2011, for Sky Blue and Western New York, and five seasons in the National Women's Soccer League between 2014 and 2018, for Washington, Kansas City and Seattle. She won two WPS titles, in 2009 with Sky Blue and 2011 with Western New York, and one NWSL title, in 2015 with Kansas City. In addition to her club seasons in the United States, she played two seasons in the Swedish first division and one season in the English first division. During her eight seasons in WPS and the NWSL, she played 138 regular-season games and seven playoff games. Averbuch played 26 full internationals for the United States, the first against England in 2007 and the last against Brazil in 2013.

## **Brad Evans**

*Eligibility: 27 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.*

A midfielder who played for the United States in World Cup qualifying and won two MLS championships. Evans played 27 full internationals for the United States between 2009 and 2017, including five World Cup qualifiers in 2013. He scored one of the key goals of the United States' campaign to qualify for the 2014 World Cup with a last-minute game-winner against Jamaica. Evans played 11 seasons in MLS between 2007 and 2017 for the Columbus Crew and Seattle Sounders, winning MLS titles in 2008 with Columbus and 2016 with Seattle. He also won three U.S. Open Cup titles with Seattle, in 2009, 2011 and 2014, and was a U.S. Open Cup runner-up with the Sounders in 2012.

## **Robbie Keane**

*Eligibility: Six seasons in Major League Soccer, with four Best XI selections.*

A forward who won three MLS titles and was named to MLS' postseason Best XI four years in a row. Keane, an Irish star who had played for top-rated teams in several European leagues, joined the Los Angeles Galaxy in 2011 and played for them through 2016. He won MLS titles with the Galaxy in 2011, 2012 and 2014, and was an MLS Best XI selection in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. In 2014, he reached his highest MLS single-season goal total, 21, and was named the MLS most valuable player. He played 125 MLS regular-season games and 21 MLS playoff games, and scored 92 goals in those games. Through his first four MLS seasons, he usually was paired with Landon Donovan in the Galaxy attack. Keane was captain of the Irish national team through most of his MLS career.

## **Players who last played in 2019 (last year of eligibility via this list is 2029)**

### **Michael Archer**

*Eligibility: 25 games for the U.S. Power Soccer National Team*

A center who was a member of the U.S. teams at the 2007, 2011 and 2017 Fédération Internationale de Powerchair Football Association (FIPFA) Powerchair Football World Cups. Diagnosed with Arthrogryposis, Archer appeared in 25 matches for the U.S. Power Soccer National Team between 2007 and 2019, helping the team to World Cup titles in 2007 and 2011, and a runner-up finish in 2017. A groundbreaking player in international Powerchair Football, Archer is the USA's all-time leader with 36 goals and 39 assists, and helped the team claim the American Powerchair Football Confederation (APFC) title in 2019, his last year of international competition.

### **Tyler Bennett**

*Eligibility: 60 caps for the U.S. Men's Cerebral Palsy (CP) National Team*

A midfielder who represented the United States at three IFCPF World Cups, two Paralympic Games, two IFCPF Copa América, and two Parapan American Games. Bennett played for the U.S. Men's CP National Team from 2010 to 2019, recording four goals and three assists. Bennett played for the USA at the 2015, 2017 and 2019 IFCPF World Cups, appearing in 13 of the 18 matches at those tournaments. He captained the side in the World Cup match on July 10, 2019, and also scored his lone World Cup goal in that contest. Appeared in eight of nine matches for the USA at the 2012 and 2016 Paralympic Games. Helped the USA earn the bronze medal at the 2019 Parapan American Games. A talented soccer player in his youth, Bennett suffered a traumatic brain injury at age 12, making him eligible for the U.S. Men's CP National Team.

### **Ricardo Clark**

*Eligibility: 15 seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection, and 35 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.*

A midfielder who played 15 seasons in MLS and played for the United States in the 2010 World Cup. Clark played in MLS from 2003 to 2009 and again from 2012 to 2019, with the MetroStars, San Jose, Houston and Columbus. The two MLS stints were separated by several seasons in Europe. Clark, who was named to the MLS Best XI in 2006, was one of the stars of the Houston Dynamo teams that won the MLS title in 2006 and 2007, although he was forced to miss the final both years. In his 15 MLS seasons, he played 357 regular-season games and 26 playoff games. Clark played 34 full internationals for the United States between 2005 and 2012. He started two of the United States' four games at the 2010 World Cup, four of its five games at the 2009 Confederations Cup and all three of its games at the 2007 Copa America. He also played four of the United States six games at the 2007 CONCACAF Gold Cup.

## **Dwayne DeRosario**

*Eligibility: 14 seasons in Major League Soccer, with six Best XI selections.*

A midfielder who won four MLS championships and was chosen to the MLS Best XI six times. DeRosario, considered one of Canada's greatest players ever, played 14 seasons in MLS, between 2001 and 2014, for San Jose, Houston, Toronto, New York and D.C. He won MLS titles in 2001 and 2003 with San Jose, and in 2006 and 2007 with Houston. In two of those four years, he scored the winning goal in the final. He also won a U.S. Open Cup title in 2013 with D.C. United. DeRosario was chosen to the MLS Best XI in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010 and 2011. In one of those seasons, 2011, he also was the MLS most valuable player and the MLS scoring leader. During his MLS career, he played 343 regular-season games and 24 playoff games, scoring 109 goals in those games. DeRosario played for the Canadian national team from 1998 to 2015, including games in the qualifying rounds of four different World Cups.

## **Adriano dos Santos**

*Eligibility: 31 games for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team.*

A tough defender, Dos Santos registered six goals and one assist across 31 matches for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team between 2016 and 2019. After several friendlies and regional tournaments, Dos Santos capped his three-year career on sand in 2019, helping the USA qualify for the 2019 FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup and then playing in all three matches at the pinnacle tournament in Paraguay. Of his six career goals, none were bigger than his last minute tally in the semifinal of the 2019 Concacaf Beach Soccer Championship semifinal against El Salvador, which tied the game and set the stage for the USA to win in penalties to qualify for the premier tournament for the first time since 2013. Dos Santos made a career of the small-sided version of the game, having also represented the U.S. Men's Futsal National Team in the 2016 Concacaf Championships playoff against Canada. He has enjoyed a professional indoor career in the Major Arena Soccer League that began in 2009.

## **Benny Feilhaber**

*Eligibility: Nine seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection, and 44 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.*

A midfielder who starred in the U.S. national team, Major League Soccer and European pro leagues. Feilhaber played 44 full internationals for the United States. Those included three games at the 2010 World Cup, but his most famous moment in a U.S. uniform was a spectacular volleyed goal that was the game-winner in the 2007 CONCACAF Gold Cup final against Mexico. He also played for the United States at the 2007 Copa America and in its run to the final of the 2009 Confederations Cup. Feilhaber played nine seasons in MLS between 2011 and 2019, for New England, Kansas City, Los Angeles FC and Colorado, and was named to the MLS Best XI in 2015. He won an MLS championship in 2013 with Kansas City, and U.S. Open Cup titles in 2015 and 2017 with Kansas City. In addition to his MLS years, Feilhaber played three seasons in Danish professional leagues, including two in the top division, one season in the German first division and one season in the English Premier League.

## **Ryan Futagaki**

*Eligibility: 58 games for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team.*

Ten years after representing the U.S. at the 1999 FIFA U-20 World Cup, Futagaki transitioned to the sand, where he earned 58 caps and scored 12 goals for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team between 2009 and 2019. A gritty defender, Futagaki earned 31 caps and scored eight goals at six Concacaf Beach Soccer Championships (2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019), helping the USA claim just its second regional title in 2013 and first World Cup berth since 2007, before aiding the team to a runner-up finish in 2019 and qualification to that year's Beach Soccer World Cup in Paraguay. Futagaki went on to play in all six World Cup matches in 2013 and 2019, tallying one goal in the 2013 opener against Spain. A highly touted prospect out of UCLA, Futagaki also briefly played for the Chicago Fire in 2003 and later the MISL's Chicago Storm.

## **Seth Jahn**

*Eligibility: 37 caps for the U.S. Men's Cerebral Palsy (CP) National Team.*

A forward who represented the United States at three IFCPF World Cups, the Paralympic Games and two editions of the Parapan American Games. Jahn played for the U.S. Men's CP National Team from 2014 to 2019, recording 21 goals and one assist in 37 career caps. Jahn represented the USA at the 2015, 2017 and 2019 IFCPF World Cups, finding the back of the net five times in 11 tournament appearances, including game-winning goals against Scotland and Argentina at the 2015 World Cup. Jahn also earned four caps at the 2016 Paralympic Games, scoring in the 3-2 loss to Argentina and 2-1 win against Ireland. At the regional level, Jahn represented the United States at the 2014 and 2018 IFCPF Copa America, scoring three goals in six matches to help the USA win bronze at both tournaments. He also took part in two Parapan American Games in 2015 and 2019, registering six goals in seven matches while also earning the bronze medal at the latter edition. A U.S. Army veteran who did three tours of Afghanistan as a member of the U.S. Army's Special Operations and also served in Iraq. In 2010 while serving in Afghanistan he was severely injured in combat after his all-terrain vehicle rolled down an embankment. Jahn began playing 7-a-side soccer through a military rehabilitation program.

## **Jermaine Jones**

*Eligibility: 69 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.*

A midfielder who was one of the stars of the United States team at the 2014 World Cup. Jones, who was born and raised in Germany, began playing for the U.S. national team in 2010, when he was 28. He eventually played 69 full internationals, including all four of the United States' games at the 2014 World Cup, and 15 World Cup qualifiers in 2012, 2013, 2016 and 2017. He scored a key goal for the United States against Portugal at the 2014 World Cup, and made the pass that produced a game-winning goal by Clint Dempsey for the United States against Ecuador in the quarterfinals of the 2016 Copa America. Jones had played 10 seasons in the German first division, and played partial seasons in the English Premier League and the Turkish first division, before moving to MLS in 2014. He played four seasons in MLS with New England, Colorado and the Los Angeles Galaxy, and was an MLS runner-up in 2014 with New England. He played 57 MLS regular-season games and 10 MLS playoff games.

## **Natasha Kai**

*Eligibility: 67 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.*

A forward who played for the United States in both the World Cup and the Olympic Games. Kai played 67 full internationals for the United States, the first against Denmark in March 2006 and the last against Sweden in March 2009, and scored 24 goals in those games. She played in all six games of the United States victory at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, and scored a goal in the quarterfinal victory over Canada. She also played in three of the United States' six games at the 2007 Women's World Cup. Kai played in all three seasons of WPS, winning a WPS championship with Sky Blue in 2009. She played 59 WPS games and scored 22 WPS goals. She later returned from retirement to play two seasons in the NWSL, appearing in 21 games and scoring four goals, and one in the Women's Premier Soccer League.

## **Jason Leopoldo**

*Eligibility: 70 games for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team*

An attacking player, Leopoldo played 70 matches and registered 26 goals and two assists for the U.S. Beach MNT between 2012 and 2019. During that time, he was part of the U.S. squad at four Concacaf Beach Soccer Championships (2013, 2015, 2017, 2019), recording six goals in 23 overall appearances as he helped the USA claim its second regional crown in 2013 and World Cup qualification in 2019. Leopoldo continued on to the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup in both of those years, with his bicycle kick goal against United Arab Emirates at Tahiti 2013 pushing the USA to just its third win at the tournament all-time.

## **Chad Marshall**

*Eligibility: 16 seasons in Major League Soccer, with four Best XI selections.*

A defender who won MLS championships with two different teams and was chosen to the MLS Best XI four times. Marshall played 16 seasons in MLS between 2004 and 2019 for Columbus and Seattle. He won MLS titles in 2008, when Columbus beat New York in the final, and 2016, when Seattle beat Toronto in the final. He also was a runner-up for the MLS title in 2017 with Seattle and runner-up for the U.S. Open Cup title in 2010 with Columbus. He was named the MLS defender of the year three times, in 2008, 2009 and 2014. Marshall, who was chosen to the MLS Best XI in 2008, 2009, 2014 and 2018, played 439 games in his MLS career, 409 in the regular season and 30 in the playoffs. At the time of his retirement, only three other players had played more games in first-division American soccer than Marshall. He played 12 full internationals for the United States between 2005 and 2017, including three World Cup qualifiers in 2005 and 2009.



**Michael Parkhurst**

*Eligibility: 10 seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection, and 25 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.*

A defender who reached the MLS championship game five times. Parkhurst played 10 seasons in MLS between 2005 and 2019, for New England, Columbus and Atlanta. He was a runner-up for the MLS title in 2005, 2006 and 2007 with New England and in 2015 with Columbus, and finally won an MLS title with Atlanta in 2018, when he was captain of that team. He was chosen to the MLS Best XI in 2007 and was the MLS defender of the year in 2007. In his MLS career, he played 301 regular-season games and 29 playoff games. In between his two stints in MLS, he played five seasons in the Danish first division and one season in the German first division.

Parkhurst played 25 full internationals for the United States between 2007 and 2014, and was a member of the United States team that won the CONCACAF Gold Cup in 2013, where he played in five of the six United States games, including the final.

**Jonathan Spector**

*Eligibility: 36 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.*

A defender who starred in the U.S. national team and had a long career in English soccer. Spector played 14 seasons in English professional soccer between 2003 and 2017, most of it with West Ham United in the Premier League and Birmingham City in the second division. During these 14 seasons, he played a total of 327 games for West Ham, Birmingham, Charlton Athletic and Manchester United. Spector played 36 full internationals for the United States between 2004 and 2015. He started all five of the United States' games in its run to the final of the 2009 Confederations Cup and played in two famous United States victories, the 2007 CONCACAF Gold Cup final against Mexico and the 2009 Confederations Cup semifinal against Spain. He also played four World Cup qualifiers in 2009 and was a member of the United States squad at the 2010 World Cup. After his career in England, he played two seasons in Major League Soccer for Orlando City, and one in the Scottish first division for Hibernians.

**Beverly Goebel Yanez**

*Eligibility: Two seasons in Women's Professional Soccer and six seasons in the National Women's Soccer League, with one Best XI selection.*

A forward who won first-division titles in three countries. Yanez played two seasons in Women's Professional Soccer, 2010 and 2011, with the Washington Freedom and Western New York Flash. She played six seasons in the National Women's Soccer League, 2014 through 2019, all with the Seattle Reign. She won an WPS championship in 2011 with Western New York, and was named to the NWSL Best XI in 2015. Yanez played three seasons in the Japanese first division, all for INAC Kobe Leonessa, winning league championships in 2012 and 2013, and a league goalscoring title in 2013. She played one season in the Australian first division, for Melbourne City, winning a league championship in 2017.

**Players who last played in 2020 (last year of eligibility via this list is 2030)****Kyle Beckerman**

*Eligibility: 58 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.*

A midfielder who had a remarkably long career in Major League Soccer and played for the United States in the World Cup. Beckerman played 21 seasons in MLS between 2000 and 2020, for the Miami Fusion, the Colorado Rapids and Real Salt Lake. He won an MLS championship with RSL in 2009, and was an MLS runner-up in 2013 with RSL. During his MLS career, he played 498 regular-season games and 37 playoff games, with his total of 535 games second in MLS annals only to his RSL teammate Nick Rimando. Beckerman played 58 internationals for the United States between 2007 and 2006, including eight World Cup qualifiers in 2009, 2012, 2013 and 2016, and three games at the 2014 World Cup in Brazil. In addition to his World Cup efforts, he was a member of the United States teams that won the CONCACAF Gold Cup in 2013 and finished second in 2009, and played in the 2007 and 2016 Copa America tournaments.

**Fabian Johnson**

*Eligibility: 57 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.*

A defender who was one of the stars of the United States team at the 2014 World Cup. Johnson started all four games of that World Cup at left back and played 90 minutes in three of them. Those four games were among 57 full internationals that he played for the United States between 2011 and 2017, which included 17 World Cup qualifiers in 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016 and 2017. He also played five of the United States' six games at the 2016 Copa America, missing only the third-place game. Johnson played 15 seasons in various levels of German professional soccer, most of which were in the first division, for 1860 Munich, Wolfsburg, Hoffenheim and Borussia Monchengladbach.

### **Diana Matheson**

*Eligibility: Five seasons in the National Women's Soccer League, with one Best XI selection.*

A midfielder who starred in the National Women's Soccer League and the Canadian women's national team. Matheson played five seasons in the NWSL between 2013 and 2018, for the Washington Spirit and the Utah Royals. She was chosen to the NWSL Best XI in 2013, the league's inaugural season, when she was with Washington. She also was a runner-up for the NWSL championship in 2016 with Washington. During her NWSL career, she played 84 regular-season games and four playoff games. Matheson played for the Canadian national team from 2003 through 2020, including three Women's World Cups and three Olympics Games. In those years, she played 206 full international games for Canada.

### **Ike Opara**

*Eligibility: 11 seasons in Major League Soccer, with two Best XI selections.*

A defender who was named Major League Soccer defender of the year twice during his MLS career. Opara played 11 seasons in MLS, for Sporting Kansas City and Minnesota United, between 2010 and 2020. He was named to the MLS Best XI in both 2017 and 2019 and was the MLS defender of the year in both of those seasons. He won the U.S. Open Cup twice, with Kansas City in 2015 and 2017, and was runner-up in 2019 with Minnesota. Opara, who played two seasons in the USL before making his MLS debut in 2010, played one full international for the United States, in 2018.

### **Luis Robles**

*Eligibility: Nine seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.*

A goalkeeper who played in both Major League Soccer and for the U.S. Men's National Team. Robles played nine seasons in MLS for the New York Red Bulls and Miami. His most outstanding season was 2015, when he was named to the MLS Best XI and was the MLS goalkeeper of the year after helping to lead the Red Bulls to the MLS Eastern Conference final. Prior to joining the Red Bulls, who reached the playoffs in every one of his eight seasons there, he had played five seasons in German professional leagues. Robles played three full internationals for the United States between 2009 and 2017, including one game at the 2009 CONCACAF Gold Cup. In his nine MLS seasons, he played a total of 253 regular-season games and 23 playoff games, including an MLS-record 183 consecutive regular-season games.

### **Danny Williams**

*Eligibility: 23 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.*

A midfielder who played in the U.S. Men's National Team and European pro leagues for more than a decade. Williams played 23 full internationals for the United States between 2011 and 2017, including five World Cup qualifiers in 2012 and 2013. His two goals for the United States both came in games against major opponents, Netherlands and Brazil. Williams played 12 seasons in various European leagues, five in Germany, six in England and one in Cyprus.

### **Players who last played in 2021 (last year of eligibility via this list is 2031)**

### **Matt Besler**

*Eligibility: 13 seasons in Major League Soccer, with two Best XI selections, and 47 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.*

A defender who starred in both Major League Soccer and the U.S. Men's National Team. Besler played 13 seasons in MLS between 2009 and 2021, 12 of those for Sporting Kansas City and one for Austin. He won an MLS title with Kansas City in 2013 and was chosen to the MLS Best XI in 2012 and 2013. He won the U.S. Open Cup with Kansas City in 2012, 2015 and 2017, and was named as the MLS defender of the year in 2012. Besler played 47 full internationals for the United States between 2013 and 2017, including 14 World Cup qualifiers during those years and all four of the United States' games at the 2014 World Cup (he started all four games and played the full 90 minutes in three of them, plus overtime in one). Besides his World Cup efforts, he played in the United States teams that won the CONCACAF Gold Cup in 2013 and 2017 and reached the semifinals of the Copa America in 2016.

### **Stephanie Lopez Cox**

*Eligibility: 89 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.*

A defender who played in two World Cups for the United States and won an Olympic gold medal. Cox was a regular for the United States at both the 2007 and 2011 Women's World Cups, playing a total of eight games in those two tournaments. She also played five games at the 2008 Olympic Games, when the United States won the title. In the course of her 10-year career in the U.S. national team, she played a total of 89 full internationals. She took a runner-up medal at the 2011 Women's World Cup. Cox played nine seasons in United States first-division leagues, three in WPS and six in the NWSL. She was a league runner-up three times in those six seasons, finishing second in WPS in 2009 with Los Angeles and in the NWSL in 2014 and 2015 with Seattle. During those nine seasons, she played a total of 111 regular-season games and eight playoff games. She was chosen as a second-team NWSL all-star in 2014 and 2015, and also played five seasons in the WPSL and one season in the W-League.

### **Kendall Fletcher**

*Eligibility: Three seasons in Women's Professional Soccer and four seasons in the National Women's Soccer League, with one Best XI selection.*

A defender who starred in both Women's Professional Soccer and the National Women's Soccer League.

Fletcher played three seasons in WPS, for Los Angeles, St. Louis and Sky Blue, and four seasons in the NWSL, for the Seattle Reign and North Carolina Courage. She was named to the NWSL Best XI in 2014, and starred in the Seattle teams that were runner-up for NWSL titles in 2014 and 2015. During her WPS/NWSL seasons, she played 116 regular-season games and five playoff games. Fletcher played a large part of her pro career in other countries. She played eight seasons in the Australian first division (which played during the American offseason) and two seasons in the Swedish first division.

### **Will Johnson**

*Eligibility: 13 seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.*

A Canadian midfielder who had a long career in Major League Soccer, including a Best XI selection and an MLS title. Johnson played 13 seasons in MLS between 2005 and 2019, for the Chicago Fire, Real Salt Lake, the Portland Timbers, Toronto FC and Orlando City. He was named to the MLS Best XI in 2013, when he was with Portland. He won an MLS championship in 2009 with Real Salt Lake and was an MLS runner-up in 2016 with Toronto. During his MLS career he played 287 regular-season games and 25 playoff games. He also played two seasons in Dutch professional leagues, and was a member of the Canadian national team for more than a decade.

### **Justin Morrow**

*Eligibility: 12 seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.*

A defender and midfielder who starred in Major League Soccer for more than a decade. Morrow played 12 seasons in MLS between 2010 and 2021, for San Jose and Toronto. His best season was 2017, when he won an MLS championship with Toronto, was named to the MLS Best XI and scored eight goals despite not being a primarily attacking player. He also starred in the Toronto teams that reached the MLS championship game in 2016 and 2019 and were runner-up for the CONCACAF Champions League title in 2018. During his MLS career he played 278 MLS regular-season games and 18 MLS playoff games. Prior to the start of his MLS career, he played four seasons in the USL. Morrow played four full internationals for the United States between 2013 and 2018, and was a member of the United States team that won the 2017 CONCACAF Gold Cup.

### **Ignacio Piatti**

*Eligibility: Six seasons in Major League Soccer, with two Best XI selections.*

A midfielder who was the playmaking star of the Montreal Impact. Piatti played six seasons in MLS between 2014 and 2019, all for Montreal. He was chosen to the MLS Best XI in 2016 and 2018. During his MLS career, Piatti played 135 regular-season games and eight playoff games. Many of Piatti's best performances for Montreal came in 2015, when he led the team on a run in the CONCACAF Champions Cup that ended with the team reaching the tournament final. After his MLS retirement, Piatti played for two more first-division seasons in his native Argentina.

**Amy Rodriguez**

*Eligibility: Three seasons in Women's Professional Soccer, with one all-WPS selection; six seasons in the National Women's Soccer League, with one Best XI selection, and 132 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.*

A forward who played for the United States in two Women's World Cups and two Olympic Games. Rodriguez played in the U.S. national team from 2004 through 2018, and scored 30 goals in her 132 full internationals. Those games included five of the United States six games at the 2011 Women's World Cup, two games at the 2015 Women's World Cup, six games at the 2008 Olympic Games and four games at the 2012 Olympic Games. She took home a lot of medals from those tournaments, with the United States team winning both of those Olympics and the 2015 World Cup. She also played eight World Cup qualifiers in 2010 and 2014. Rodriguez played from 2009 through 2010 in WPS, for the Boston Breakers and Philadelphia Independence, and was named to the all-WPS team in 2010. She played from the 2014 season through the 2021 season in the NWSL, for FC Kansas City, the Utah Royals and the North Carolina Courage, and was named to the NWSL Best XI in 2014. During her WPS/NWSL seasons, she played 130 regular-season games and 11 playoff games, scoring 54 goals in those game.

**Angela Salem**

*Eligibility: Nine seasons in the National Women's Soccer League, with one Best XI selection, and two seasons in Women's Professional Soccer.*

A midfielder who won a first-division Best XI selection in her final season. Salem played in WPS in the 2010 and 2011 seasons, for Sky Blue and the Atlanta Beat, and in the NWSL from the 2013 season through the 2021 season, for the Western New York Flash, Washington Spirit, Boston Breakers and Portland Thorns. Salem played 157 games during her career in American first-division soccer and while she won NWSL Shields with Western New York in 2013 and Portland in 2021, she never captured a first-division championship. Still she persevered and finally got a Best XI nod in 2021, a season in which she also was an NWSL most valuable player finalist. Salem also played two seasons in the Australian first division and one season in the Finnish first division.

**Kealia Ohai Watt**

*Eligibility: Eight seasons in the National Women's Soccer League, with one Best XI selection.*

A forward who starred in the NWSL for nearly a decade. Watt played in the NWSL from the 2014 season through the 2021 season, for the Houston Dash and the Chicago Red Stars. Six of those seasons were with Houston, and she was named to the NWSL Best XI in 2016, when she was with the Dash. She reached the NWSL title game in 2021 with Chicago. Watt played three games for the U.S. national team, all of them in 2016, and scored a goal in one of those games, against Switzerland.

**Chris Wondolowski**

*Eligibility: 17 seasons in Major League Soccer, with three Best XI selections, and 35 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.*

A forward who, at the time he retired, was the leading career goalscorer in Major League Soccer history. Wondolowski played 17 seasons in MLS between 2005 and 2021, for San Jose and Houston. During those 17 seasons, he scored a total of 171 regular-season goals (he also had two playoff goals), surpassing Landon Donovan's regular-season total of 145 goals. Wondolowski was named to the MLS Best XI three times, in 2010, 2011, 2012. His best goalscoring season was 2012, when he had 27 goals, and was part of a streak of 10 consecutive seasons in which he scored at least 10 goals. He led MLS in goalscoring twice, in 2010 and 2012. During his MLS career, Wondolowski played 413 regular-season games and seven playoff games. Wondolowski played 35 full internationals for the United States between 2011 and 2016, including two games at the 2014 World Cup. He also was a member of the United States team at the 2016 Copa America.

**Bradley Wright-Phillips**

*Eligibility: Nine seasons in Major League Soccer, with two Best XI selections.*

A forward who was one of the sharpest goalscorers in MLS during the 2010s. Wright-Phillips played in MLS from the 2013 season through the 2021 season, for the New York Red Bulls, Los Angeles FC and Columbus Crew. His best season was his second, 2014, when he played 36 games (32 regular season and four playoff) and scored 31 goals in those games. He scored 27 goals in the regular season that year, which was one of three in which he scored 20 or more goals in the regular season. For his MLS career, he played 234 regular-season games and 21 playoff games, and scored 126 goals in those games. During one five-year stretch, 2014 through 2018, he scored 113 goals. Wright-Phillips was named to the MLS Best XI in 2014 and 2016, and was the MLS goalscoring leader in those same two seasons.

## **Players who last played in 2022 (first year of eligibility is 2026, last is 2032)**

### **Geoff Cameron**

*Eligibility: Seven seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection, and 55 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.*

A defender who played for the United States in the World Cup and Copa America. Cameron's 55 full internationals for the United States between 2010 and 2017 included three of the U.S. team's four games at the 2014 World Cup and every minute of its six games at the 2016 Copa America. He also played 24 World Cup qualifiers for the United States in 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016 and 2017. Cameron played seven seasons in MLS, divided into two sections. He played five seasons for the Houston Dynamo between 2008 and 2012, starring in the Houston team that reached the MLS final in 2011, and two seasons for FC Cincinnati, in 2021 and 2022. In between, he played nine seasons in English professional leagues, for Stoke City and Queens Park Rangers. Six of those seasons were in the English Premier League, all for Stoke.

### **Jaelene Hinkle Daniels**

*Eligibility: Seven seasons in the National Women's Soccer League, with one Best XI selection.*

A defender who played seven seasons in the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) from 2015 through 2020 and in 2022, Hinkle Daniels appeared in 118 league matches and scored four goals. Playing two seasons for the Western New York Flash, Hinkle Daniels helped the club to the 2016 NWSL championship. She continued with the club after it moved to become the North Carolina Courage, aiding the side in winning the 2018 and 2019 NWSL championships, as well as the 2017, 2018 and 2019 NWSL Shields. She was named to the Best XI at the 2020 NWSL Challenge Cup. Hinkle Daniels also earned eight caps for the U.S. Women's National Team between 2015 and 2016, and made three appearances to help the U.S. win the 2016 Concacaf Women's Olympic Qualifying Championship.

### **Matt Eby**

*Eligibility: 36 caps for the U.S. Men's Deaf National Team*

A center back who played 36 times for the U.S. Men's Deaf National Team from 2005 to 2022, Eby is one of the most-capped and longest-tenured players in Deaf MNT history. Eby represented the USA at the 2005, 2009 and 2022 Deaflympics, the 2008, 2012 and 2016 World Championships and the 2011 Deaf Pan American Games. Notably, he was part of the U.S. squad that came within a shootout of playing for the 2008 World Cup title, instead settling for a team-best fourth-place finish in Patras, Greece.

### **David Garza**

*Eligibility: 54 caps for the U.S. Men's Cerebral Palsy (CP) National Team*

A midfielder/defender who represented the United States at three IFCPF World Cups, one Paralympic Games, two IFCPF Copa América tournaments and two Parapan American Games. Garza played for the U.S. Men's CP National Team from 2014-2022, recording 11 goals. He appeared in 15 of the 18 U.S. matches at the 2015, 2017 and 2019 World Cups, scoring five goals in those games while helping the USA to a fifth place finish in 2017 and sixth place finish in 2019. Played in a combined eight matches to help the USA claim back-to-back third-place finished at the 2014 and 2018 IFCPF Copa America. Played four matches and scored a goal to push the USA to a bronze medal at the 2019 Parapan American Games in Lima, Peru. An accomplished player, after redshirting during his freshman season at Cal State-Dominguez Hills, Garza was involved in a car accident in May 2012 following his freshman year, suffering traumatic brain injury and leaving him in a coma for a month. After initially being told he would never walk again, Garza recovered and began representing the U.S. less than two years later.

### **Ashlyn Harris**

*Eligibility: Two seasons in Women's Professional Soccer and nine seasons in the National Women's Soccer League, with two Best XI selections, and 24 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.*

A goalkeeper who played at the top levels of American soccer for more than a decade. Harris spent most of her national-team career as a backup to Hope Solo or Alyssa Naeher, but she still managed to play 24 full internationals for the United States. Those 24 included two World Cup qualifiers, against Haiti in 2014 and against Panama in 2018. She was a member of the United States rosters in both the 2015 and 2019 Women's World Cups. Harris played in Women's Professional Soccer in the 2010 and 2011 seasons, for the Washington Spirit and Western New York Flash, and the National Women's Soccer League from the 2014 season through the 2022 season, for the Washington Spirit and Orlando Pride. In both leagues she was a postseason all-star selection and in both she was named goalkeeper of the year. In WPS, she was an all-WPS selection in 2011 and goalkeeper of the year in 2011. In the NWSL, she was a Best XI selection in 2016 and goalkeeper of the year in 2016. 2016 was a banner year for her, as she was also named CONCACAF women's goalkeeper of the year.

### **Tobin Heath**

*Eligibility: Two seasons in Women's Professional Soccer and eight seasons in the National Women's Soccer League, with three Best XI selections, and 181 matches for the U.S. Women's National Team.*

A mercurial attacker presence, Tobin Heath contributed mightily to one of the most successful eras of the U.S. Women's National Team. A player who graced the pitch 181 times for her country, Heath took part in three Women's World Cups, lifting the trophy in 2015 and 2019, as well as four Olympic Games, winning gold in both 2008 and 2012 and bronze in 2021. Heath finished her international career with 42 assists and 36 goals, one of which came as the capping goal in the 5-2 win against Japan in the 2015 World Cup Final. Additionally, she helped the USA claim the 2014 and 2018 Concacaf Women's Championship, as well as the 2008, 2012, 2016 and 2020 Concacaf Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament titles. Winner of U.S. Soccer's Women's Player of the Year in 2016, Heath appeared in 16 World Cup matches, eight World Cup qualifiers and 18 matches at the Olympics. A player that appeared for Atlanta Beat and Sky Blue FC across two seasons in Women's Professional Soccer (WPS), Heath went on to play eight seasons in the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL), seven of which came with the Portland Thorns between 2013 and 2019, and one for OL Reign in 2022. A three-time NWSL Best XI selection in 2016, 2018 and 2019, Heath scored the game-winning free kick to lead the Thorns past the New York Flash in the 2013 NWSL championship match and was selected as the game's Most Valuable Player. She also helped the club win the 2017 NWSL championship, as well as the 2016 NWSL Shield. Heath also played four seasons abroad, featuring for Paris Saint-Germain in France from 2012-14, and English sides Manchester United (2020-21) and Arsenal (2021-22).

### **Chris Jones**

*Eligibility: 34 caps for the U.S. Men's Deaf National Team*

A goalkeeper who earned 34 caps for the U.S. Men's Deaf National Team from 2008 to 2022, Jones is one of the most capped and longest-tenured players in team history. Jones took part in seven major tournaments for the Deaf MNT, including appearances at the 2008, 2012 and 2016 Deaf World Championships, the 2009 and 2022 Deaflympics and 2011 and 2019 Deaf Pan American Games. Jones's debut tournament came at the 2008 Deaf World Championships in Patras, Greece where the team was a shootout away from advancing the Final, before helping the side to a best-ever fourth-place finish. At the 2019 Deaf Pan American Games, an amazing recovery stop against Argentina in the final ensured the USA claimed its first-ever gold medal, with Jones awarded the Golden Glove as the tournament's best goalkeeper.

### **Sacha Kljestan**

*Eligibility: 13 seasons in Major League Soccer, with two Best XI selections, and 52 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.*

A midfielder who was part of the U.S. national team's impressive run at the 2009 Confederations Cup. Kljestan played three of the United States' five games at that Confederations Cup, at which it became the first U.S. men's team to reach the final of a FIFA world tournament. Those three included the final against Brazil. His 52 full internationals for the United States between 2007 and 2017 also included 18 World Cup qualifiers in 2008, 2009, 2012, 2013 and 2016. Kljestan played 13 seasons in Major League Soccer between 2006 and 2022, for Chivas USA, the New York Red Bulls, Orlando City and the Los Angeles Galaxy. He was named to the MLS Best XI in 2008 and 2016. Besides his MLS years, Kljestan played five seasons in the Belgian first division, and won a Belgian first-division championship with Anderlecht in 2012.

### **Samantha Mewis**

*Eligibility: Seven seasons in the National Women's Soccer League, with one Best XI selection, and 83 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.*

A midfielder who was a key player in the United States victory at the 2019 Women's World Cup. Mewis, whose sister Kristie also was a U.S. national-team player, played 83 full internationals for the United States, and scored 24 goals in those games. Those 83 games included six of the United States' seven games at the 2019 Women's World Cup, all six United States games at the 2021 Olympic Games, and two World Cup qualifiers in 2018. At the 2019 Women's World Cup, the games she played included the final against the Netherlands, and she assisted on Rose Lavelle's goal in that 2-0 victory. She also scored two goals in a first-round game. She was named the U.S. Soccer Federation women's athlete of the year in 2020. Mewis, whose career was shortened by a knee injury suffered when she was 29 years old, won three National Women's Soccer League championships during her seven-season NWSL career. Those came in 2016 with Western New York, 2018 with North Carolina and 2019 with North Carolina. She was named to the NWSL Best XI in 2017. Mewis played one season in the English first-division, for Manchester City, winning an English Women's FA Cup title in 2020.

### **Lee Nguyen**

*Eligibility: Nine seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.*

A midfielder who starred in MLS, and is the only U.S. national team player who has played for clubs in Vietnam. Nguyen played in MLS from the 2012 season through the 2020 season, for the New England Revolution, Los Angeles FC and Inter Miami. He was named to the MLS Best XI in 2014, when he was with New England, which reached the MLS title game that season. In addition to his MLS years, Nguyen, who is of Vietnamese descent, also played five seasons in the Vietnamese first division, one in the Dutch first division and one in the Danish first division. Nguyen played nine full internationals for the United States between 2007 and 2016, including one game at the 2007 Copa American in Ecuador. In his MLS career, he played 256 regular-season games and 13 playoff games.

### **Heather O'Reilly**

*Eligibility: 231 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.*

A forward and winger who starred in the U.S. national team for more than a decade, winning three Olympic gold medals and a World Cup title. O'Reilly played 231 full internationals for the United States between 2002 and 2016. Those games included 12 World Cup games in 2007, 2011 and 2015, 13 World Cup qualifiers in 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014, and 14 Olympic games in 2004, 2008 and 2012. She played in the teams that won Olympic titles in 2004, 2008 and 2012, and the team that won the Women's World Cup in 2015. She played in the Women's World Cup final in 2011 and two Olympic finals. Over the course of her 231 national-team games, she scored 47 goals. O'Reilly played a total of nine seasons in first-division American women's soccer, three in Women's Professional Soccer between 2009 and 2011, all with Sky Blue, and six in the National Women's Soccer League between 2013 and 2019, with Boston, Kansas City and North Carolina, winning first-division titles with three different teams. She won a WPS title in 2009 with Sky Blue, and NWSL titles in 2015 with Kansas City and 2019 with North Carolina. Over the course of those WPS and NWSL seasons, she played 138 regular-season games and nine playoff games, and scored 23 goals. In 2009, she scored the only goal of Sky Blue's victory over Los Angeles in the WPS final. O'Reilly, who had earlier played two seasons in the W-League and one in the WPSL, also played two first-division seasons in England with Arsenal, winning an English League Cup title in 2018, and one first-division season in Ireland.

### **Michael Orozco**

*Eligibility: 29 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.*

A defender who played most of his club career in Mexico. Orozco's national-team career extended over nearly a decade, with his first full international for the United States coming against Trinidad in 2008 and the last against Mexico in 2016. Those included six World Cup qualifiers in 2008, 2013, 2015 and 2016, and four games at the 2013 CONCACAF Gold Cup, which the United States won. His four goals for the United States included one in a 3-2 World Cup qualifying victory over Panama in 2013. He was a member of the United States team at the 2016 Copa America, which was played in the United States. Orozco played one season in Major League Soccer, for the Philadelphia Union, three seasons in the United Soccer League and 12 seasons in the Mexican first division.

**Yosef Osheyack**

*Eligibility: 25 caps for the U.S. Men's Deaf National Team*

A right back who earned 25 caps for the U.S. Men's Deaf National Team from 2008 to 2022. Osheyack competed in five major tournaments, including the 2008, 2012 and 2016 World Championships, the 2022 Deaflympics and 2019 Deaf Pan American Games. The defender was part of the squad that came within a shootout of playing for the 2008 World Cup title, setting instead for fourth place in Patras, Greece. Eleven years later, Osheyack helped the USA to a 1-0 win against Argentina in the 2019 Deaf Pan Am Games Final, claiming the Deaf MNT's first-ever tournament title.

**Brek Shea**

*Eligibility: 13 seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection, and 34 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.*

A midfielder who had a long career in MLS and the U.S. national team. Shea played 13 seasons in MLS, between 2008 and 2022, for Dallas, Orlando, Vancouver, Atlanta and Miami. He was named to the MLS Best XI in 2011, a season in which he played 32 games and scored 11 goals for FC Dallas. He was an MLS runner-up with Dallas in 2010. He also played three seasons in English professional leagues. During his MLS career, he played 267 games and scored 35 goals. Shea played 34 full internationals for the United States between 2010 and 2015, including two World Cup qualifiers in 2012 and 2013, and won a CONCACAF Gold Cup title in 2013.

**Diego Valeri**

*Eligibility: Nine seasons in Major League Soccer, with three Best XI selections.*

A midfielder who was the playmaking star of the Portland Timbers for years. Valeri played in MLS from the 2013 season through the 2021 season, all for the Portland Timbers. He was one of the greatest of the many Argentinian playmaking midfielders in MLS over the years (a group that includes Guillermo Barros Schellotto, Mauro Diaz, Christian Gomez, Leo Messi, Maxi Moralez and Ignacio Piatti). He was named to the MLS Best XI in 2013, 2014 and 2017, and topped that with a selection as MLS most valuable player in 2017. He reached the MLS championship game three times, winning an MLS championship in 2015 and finishing as runner-up in 2018 and 2021. In 2015, he scored the first goal of the MLS title game as Portland upset the Columbus Crew for the title. In his MLS career, Valeri played 262 regular-season games and 22 playoff games, and scored 92 goals.