



2026 Veterans Hall of Fame Eligibility List

2026 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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2026 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. The three sections are:

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

***The following candidates are appearing on the Veterans Eligibility List for the first time.**

Lori Chalupny

Eligibility: Three seasons in Women's Professional Soccer, with one all-WPS selection, and three seasons in the National Women's Soccer League, with one Best XI selection, and 106 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.

A defender who won World Cup and Olympic championships with the U.S. Women's National Team. Chalupny played 106 full internationals for the United States between 2001 and 2015, including seven games at the 2007 and 2015 Women's World Cups and five games at the 2008 Olympic Games. Although she was not a frequent goalscorer over the years, with 10 goals in her national-team games, several of those came in key situations in both the World Cup and Olympic Games. At the 2007 Women's World Cup, where she scored two goals, she played every minute of all six United States games. She reached the 100-plus caps level despite having missed four years of national-team play due to concussions. Chalupny played all three seasons of WPS, with St. Louis and Atlanta, and the first three seasons of the NWSL, with Chicago. She was chosen to the WPS post-season all-star team in 2009 and the NWSL post-season Best XI in 2013. In those six first-division

seasons, she played 108 regular-season games and two playoff games. She also played one season in the WPSL and one season in the Swedish first division.

Karina LeBlanc

Eligibility: Three seasons in the Women's United Soccer Association, three seasons in Women's Professional Soccer, with one all-WPS selection, and three seasons in the National Women's Soccer Association.

A Canadian goalkeeper who had a very long career in American first-division soccer. LeBlanc played all three seasons of the WUSA, all for Boston; all three seasons of WPS, for Los Angeles, Philadelphia and magicjack, and the first three seasons of the NWSL, for Portland and Chicago. She was one of only three players to play those nine seasons. LeBlanc, who played in the Canadian national team from 1998 to 2015, including five Women's World Cups, was chosen as a WPS all-star in 2009 and won an NWSL championship in 2013 with Portland.

Cat Reddick Whitehill

Eligibility: 134 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.

A defender who played for the United States in two World Cups and one Olympic Games. Whitehill played in five of the United States' six games (including the final) in its gold-medal-winning effort at the 2004 Olympics. She also played in all six of the United States' games at both the 2003 Women's World Cup and the 2007 Women's World Cup. Those 17 games, and seven World Cup qualifiers, were among 134 full internationals that Whitehill played for the United States. Her first full international was against Italy in 2000 and her last against Mexico in 2010. She scored 11 goals in those games, including two against North Korea in the 2003 Women's World Cup. Whitehill played three seasons in WPS, for Atlanta and Washington, and three seasons in the NWSL, all for Boston. During those six seasons, she played 106 regular-season games and two playoff games.

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Victor Nogueira

Eligibility: Five seasons in the North American Soccer League, with one league championship, and eight seasons in the Major Indoor Soccer League during the qualifying period (1984-92), with three all-league selections in that period.

A goalkeeper who starred in the NASL and then continued playing indoors for two decades afterward. Nogueira, who was born in Mozambique, broke into the NASL in 1979 with the Atlanta Chiefs. He won his only NASL championship in 1984, the league's final season, with the Chicago Sting. During his six-season NASL career, in which he also played for the Montreal Manic, he played 79 regular-season games and eight playoff games. Nogueira played in the MISL from the 1982-83 season through the 1991-92 season, for the Chicago Sting, Cleveland Force and San Diego Sockers, and the National Professional Soccer League from the 1993-93 season through the 2002-2003 season, all for the Milwaukee Wave. He was a first-team all-MISL selection in 1989, 1991 and 1992, and a first-team all-NPSL selection in 1994, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003. He was the MISL most valuable player in 1991 and 1992, and the NPSL most valuable player in 1996 and 1998. He won MISL championships in 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1992 with San Diego, and NPSL championships in 1998, 2000 and 2001 with Milwaukee. Nogueira played 16 games for the U.S. national futsal team between 1992 and 2000.

The following candidates have been on the Veterans Eligibility List in previous years.

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.

Gregg Berhalter

Eligibility: 44 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.

A defender who played for the United States in two famous cup runs, at the 1999 Confederations Cup and the 2002 World Cup. Berhalter played 44 full internationals for the United States between 1994 and 2006, including games against Mexico and Germany at the 2002 World Cup and games against Brazil, Mexico and Saudi Arabia at the 1999 Confederations Cup. It was Berhalter's header that was controversially kept out of the net by a German defender's arm in the 2002 World Cup quarterfinals. Berhalter's 44 caps also included 14 World Cup qualifiers in 2000, 2001 and 2004, and he was a member of the United States teams at the 2006 World Cup and the 2003 Confederations Cup. Berhalter's three seasons in MLS, all with the Los Angeles Galaxy, came at the end of a club career that was spent mostly in Europe. Earlier, he had played seven seasons in Germany, six in Holland and one in England, mostly at the second-division level. He was team captain at both Energie Cottbus and Munich 1860, leading Cottbus to promotion in the 2005-06 season. He played 52 MLS regular-season games and five 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. Borja was also a member of the U.S. Men's Futsal National Team from 1992 to 1995, helping the team to a runner-up finish at the 1992 FIFA Futsal World Championship. He finished his futsal career with seven goals in 11 caps.

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.

Brian Ching

Eligibility: 45 games for the U.S. Men's National Team, and 12 seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.

A forward who scored 90 goals in MLS and 11 for the U.S. national team. Ching played 12 MLS seasons between 2001 and 2013 for Los Angeles, San Jose and Houston, winning an MLS title in 2006 with Houston and being chosen to the MLS postseason Best XI in 2004. His MLS goals included 82 in regular-season play and eight in the playoffs. Ching played 45 full internationals for the United States between 2003 and 2010, including 17 World Cup qualifiers in 2004, 2005, 2008 and 2009, and was a member of the United States team

at the 2006 World Cup. His achievements for the United States also included winning a CONCACAF Gold Cup championship in 2007. Ching also played one season in the A-League and was a runner-up for the MLS title in 2011 and 2012 with Houston. He played 229 MLS regular-season games and 26 MLS playoff games.

Jimmy Conrad

Eligibility: 13 seasons in Major League Soccer, with four Best XI selections, and 28 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.

A defender who had a long career in MLS and also played for the United States in the World Cup. Conrad played 13 seasons in Major League Soccer, between 1999 and 2011, for San Jose, Kansas City and Chivas, winning an MLS championship in 2001, when he was with San Jose. Conrad, who also won a U.S. Open Cup title in 2004 with Kansas City, was chosen to the MLS postseason Best XI four times, in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2008, and was the MLS defender of the year in 2005. Conrad played 28 full internationals for the United States, the first against Cuba in 2005 and the last against Honduras in 2010. His 28 caps included one World Cup qualifier in 2005 and two World Cup games in 2006. He also was a member of the U.S. team that won the 2005 CONCACAF Gold Cup, playing in all of the United States' six games in that tournament. Conrad played one season in the A-League, in 1998. During his MLS career he played 308 regular-season games and 18 playoff games.

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 six MISL championships, all of them with the San Diego Sockers, in 1986, 1988, 1989, 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 Women's United Soccer Association 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.

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 captained 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.

Kevin Hartman

Eligibility: 16 seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.

A goalkeeper who was one of the leading stars of MLS for more than a decade and retired as the all-time leader in first-division appearances in American soccer. Hartman played 16 seasons in MLS between 1997 and 2012 for Los Angeles, Kansas City and Dallas, appearing in a total of 465 MLS games, 416 in the regular season and 49 in the playoffs. At the time that he retired, only one active player was within 100 appearances of Hartman's total. Hartman won a string of championships during his seasons with the L.A. Galaxy, the MLS title in 2002 and 2005, the U.S. Open Cup in 2001 and 2005 and the CONCACAF Champions Cup in 2001. In all, he played in the MLS final five times, being on the losing side with Los Angeles in 1999 and 2001 and with Dallas in 2010. He also won individual honors, being named to the MLS postseason Best XI in 1999 and the MLS Goalkeeper of the Year in 1999 and 2010. He played five full internationals for the United States between 1999 and 2006.

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 played in all three matches at the 1998 World Cup. One of only seven USMNT players to appear in qualifiers for four different World Cups, Hejduk amassed 26 World Cup qualifying caps 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 and was also part of the 2007 Gold Cup winning side. 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.

Dominic Kinnear

Eligibility: 54 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.

A star of the U.S. national team and the early seasons of Major League Soccer. Kinnear played for the United States from 1990 to 1994. His 54 full internationals included two of the United States' three games at the 1993 Copa America in Ecuador and two of its five games at the 1991 CONCACAF Gold Cup, where the United States won its first major international title. He played five seasons in Major League Soccer, from 1996 to 2000,

for Colorado, San Jose and Tampa Bay, as well as one season in the Mexican first division and six seasons in the APSL/A-League. Kinnear played 117 MLS regular-season games and four MLS playoff games.

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 played 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.

Tiffany Roberts

Eligibility: 109 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.

A midfielder who played for the United States in two World Cups and one Olympic Games. Roberts played 109 full internationals for the United States, the first against Portugal in March 1994 and the last against New Zealand in October 2004. Those caps included nine in World Cup qualifiers in 1994 and 2002, five in the 1995 Women's World Cup, two in the 1999 Women's World Cup and five in the 1996 Olympic Games. Roberts played three Women's United Soccer Association seasons, all for Carolina. She was a second-team WUSA all-star in 2003 and a WUSA champion in 2002 with Carolina. In addition to her WUSA seasons, in which she played 58 regular-season games and two playoff games, she also played one season in the WPSL and one season in the W-League.

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' landmark 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.

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.

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, 2003, 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.