



2027 Veteran Final Ballot

Each Voter will select up to 5 names from this list who they would like to see elected to the NSHOF Class of 2027. The individual who receives at least 50% of the vote and receives the most votes will be elected to the NSHOF Class of 2027. A second veteran will be elected if they are listed on at least 75% of the final ballots.

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2027 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.**

N/A

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Ken Cooper Sr.

Eligibility: 10 seasons in the North American Soccer League, with one NASL championship and two all-NASL selections.

A goalkeeper who starred for the Dallas Tornado for a decade. Cooper played in the NASL from the 1970 season through the 1979 season, all for the Dallas Tornado, and won an NASL title with the Tornado in 1971. He was a first-team NASL all-star selection in 1972 and 1973.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Homare Sawa

Eligibility: Three seasons in the Women's United Soccer Association, with two all-WUSA selections, and two seasons in Women's Professional Soccer.

A Japanese midfielder who was among the leading foreign stars in both the WUSA and WPS. Sawa, who played for Japan in six Women's World Cups, played all three seasons of the WUSA, all for Atlanta, and the 2009 and 2010 WPS seasons, both for Washington. She was chosen to the WUSA's post-season all-star team in both 2002 and 2003. During those five seasons, she played 103 games and scored 19 goals. After her final season in American pro soccer, Sawa continued playing in both the Japanese women's national team and the Japanese women's first division for an additional five years. She was captain of the Japan team that won the Women's World Cup in 2011.

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.