



2027 Builder Semifinal Ballot List

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

2027 Builder Semifinal Ballot - Coaches

Gregg Berhalter
Clive Charles
Gene Chyzowych
Jay Hoffman
Gordon Jago
Steve Negroesco
Lothar Osiander
Lincoln Phillips
Pia Sundhage
Frank Yallop

2027 Builder Semifinal Ballot Biographies

Gregg Berhalter (born Aug. 1, 1973).

Eligibility: 13 years as national-team coach or a first-division coach and team official.

Berhalter has been the sporting director and head coach of Chicago Fire FC for two seasons, from 2025 to 2026. Previously he was coach of the U.S. Men's National Team during six years, 2019 through 2024. He was coach and sporting director of the Columbus Crew of Major League Soccer for five seasons, 2014 through 2018. He coached the U.S. Men's National Team to the CONCACAF Nations League title in 2021 and 2024, the CONCACAF Gold Cup title in 2021 and the second round of the World Cup in 2022. *Coaches category.*

Clive Charles (deceased).

Eligibility: Nomination Confirmed by Screening Committee, 2021.

A college and Olympic coach. Charles was the men's coach at the University of Portland for 17 seasons, 1986 through 2002, and the women's coach at the University of Portland for 14 seasons, 1989 through 2002. He coached Portland to an NCAA Division I women's championship in 2002 and had a career record of 439 collegiate victories, 144 defeats and 44 ties. He was coach of the United States team that reached the semifinals of the men's soccer tournament at the 2000 Olympic Games. The players he developed at Portland included Hall of Famers Kasey Keller, Shannon MacMillan, Steve Cherundolo and Tiffany Milbrett. *Coaches category.*

Gene Chyzowych (deceased).

Eligibility: A U.S. national team coach and first-division league official.

Chyzowych, who eventually became one of the most legendary of high school soccer coaches, served as president of the American Soccer League for several years in the early 1970s and coached the U.S. Men's National Team in 1973. *Coaches category.*

Jay Hoffman (born Jan. 15, 1951).

Eligibility: 15 years as a U.S. Extended National Team coach, youth national team coach or first-division coach.

Hoffman was coach of the United States Men's Cerebral Palsy National Team for 14 years, 2002 through 2014, coach of the United States team at the Under-20 World Cup in 1997, and coach of the Boston Breakers of the Women's United Soccer Association for two years, 2001 and 2002. *Coaches category.*

Gordon Jago (deceased).

Eligibility: Seven years as a first-division or national team coach.

Jago was coach of the U.S. Men's National Team during World Cup qualifying in 1969. He coached the Baltimore Bays of the North American Soccer League for two seasons, 1968 and 1969, and the Tampa Bay Rowdies of the NASL for five seasons, 1978 through 1982. He also coached English clubs Queens Park Rangers for three seasons, 1971 to 1974 and Millwall for three seasons, 1974 to 1977. He later became a leading figure in professional indoor soccer. *Coaches category.*

Steve Negroesco (deceased)

Eligibility: Nomination Confirmed by Selection Committee, 2023.

Negoesco's teams won 540 games and four NCAA Division I championships during his 39 years as head coach at the University of San Francisco, where he himself had played. He was the first college coach to reach 500 victories, and his total of 540 is the second best of all-time. In addition to winning NCAA titles in 1966, 1975, 1976 and 1980, his teams also reached the NCAA final in 1969 and 1977. He had 35 winning seasons at USF and also coached the San Francisco Italian AC team to the U.S. Open Cup title in 1976. *Coaches category.*

Lothar Osiander (born Nov. 8, 1939).

Eligibility: Eight years as a national team, Olympic team and first-division coach.

Osiander was coach of the U.S. Men's National Team for three years, 1986 through 1988. He coached the United States men's teams in two Olympic Games, 1988 and 1992. In Major League Soccer, he was coach of the Los Angeles Galaxy for two seasons, 1996 and 1997, and the San Jose Earthquakes for two seasons, 1999 and 2000. *Coaches category.*

Lincoln Phillips (born July 4, 1941).

Eligibility: Nomination Confirmed by Screening Committee, 2021.

Phillips was the men's coach at Howard University for 11 seasons, 1970 through 1980, and at Virginia Commonwealth University for four seasons, 1990 through 1993. He coached Howard to the NCAA Division I men's championship in 1974, one of eight seasons that his Howard team reached the NCAA tournament and had 150 career collegiate victories. He coached the Washington Darts of the North American Soccer League in the 1970 NASL season, after having coached the Darts to the American Soccer League championship in 1969. *Coaches category.*

Pia Sundhage (born February 13, 1960)

Eligibility: Nomination Confirmed by Screening Committee, 2025.

Sundhage, coach of the U.S. women's national team from 2008 to 2012, led the team to significant success, including reaching the 2011 Women's World Cup final and winning two Olympic gold medals. Under her guidance, the U.S. women triumphed at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, defeating Brazil 1-0, and secured another gold at the 2012 London Olympics by beating Japan 2-1. Sundhage's tenure was marked by a record of 91 wins, 6 losses, and 10 ties. She was named FIFA Women's World Coach of the Year in 2012, leaving a lasting impact

on U.S. women's soccer. Since her time coaching the U.S. Women, Sundhage has since managed Sweden from 2012 to 2017, Brazil from 2019 to 2023, Switzerland from 2024 to 2025 and began a tenure as head coach of the Haiti Women's National Team in 2026. *Coaches category.*

Frank Yallop (born April 4, 1964).

Eligibility: 15 years as a first-division coach.

A first-division coach. Yallop was coach of the San Jose Earthquakes of Major League Soccer for nine seasons, 2001 through 2003 and 2008 through 2013; the Los Angeles Galaxy for two seasons, 2006 and 2007, and the Chicago Fire for two seasons, 2014 and 2015. He coached San Jose to the MLS championship in 2001 and 2003 and was named the MLS coach of the year in 2001 and 2012. He was coach of the Canadian national team in 2004 and 2005. *Coaches category.*