



# NATIONAL SOCCER HALL OF FAME

## **2022 Builder Screening List**

The 2022 Builder Election will only consider referees. This list includes all referees on the Eligibility List and on the Nominee List. Each Screener will submit a ranked list 5 names (1 = most deserving) selected from the list below as their preliminary ballot.

## **2022 Builder Nominee List**

None

## **2022 Builder Eligibility List - Referees**

Arturo Angeles	Jorge Gonzalez	Alex Prus
Esse Baharmast	Chico Grajeda	Harry Rogers
Ed Bellion	Brian Hall	Kari Seitz
Jennifer Bennett	Richard Heron	David Socha
Angelo Bratsis	Sandra Hunt	Kevin Stott
Charles Creighton	Michael Kennedy	Thomas Syme
Thomas Cunningham	Toros Kibritjian	Paul Tamberino
Gino D'Ippolito	Larry King	Kevin Terry
John Di Salvatore	Henry Landauer	Baldomero Toledo
Raul Dominguez	Dante Maglio	Ricardo Valenzuela
Robert Evans	Vince Mauro	Tim Weyland
Sam Galin	James McFarlane	Rachel Woo
Richard Giebner	Abbey Okulaja	Mike Wuertz
Leo Goldstein	Silviu Petrescu	Marcel Yonan



### **2022 Builders Eligibility List Overview**

This is the list of individuals eligible in the election that will choose a Builder to be inducted into the National Soccer Hall of Fame in 2022. This list is based on the criteria that were established by the Board of Directors of the Hall of Fame in April 2007 and modified in 2020.

Because non-playing accomplishments are not subject to the sort of statistical recordkeeping that playing accomplishments are, it is sometimes difficult to determine who has and who has not met those criteria. However, the Hall of Fame's historians have examined all the available materials and made determinations that with a few exceptions, the people on this list have met the criteria. The exceptions apply to people who were already on the Builders Eligibility List before those definite criteria were established and who are over 50. Those people have been "grandfathered" onto this list whether they have met those criteria or not.

The criteria are that candidates must be at least 50 years old or deceased (for purposes of the 2021 election, this means that living candidates can have been born no later than Dec. 31, 1970) and must have had a positive impact on American soccer at the national federation or first-division level lasting at least 10 years.

An exception to this 10-year rule applies to referees, whose time at the top of their profession was limited during the many years when FIFA required international referees to retire at age 45. Therefore, seven years as a FIFA international referee is considered sufficient, although a referee who has less than seven years as a FIFA international referee still can qualify for this list via 10 or more years as a United States first-division referee.

Beginning with the 2022 election, a rotation system is being employed under which Builders elections in certain years are being limited to referees only, to coaches only or to contributors only (largely meaning administrators and team owners). The entry for each candidate on this list includes a notation of which of those three categories the candidate falls into. The 2022 Builders election is limited to referees only.

Two restrictions to the Builder Eligibility List are that elected officials and full-time employees of the USSF or the Hall of Fame are not eligible while they hold those positions, and persons on the suspended lists of FIFA, CONCACAF, the USSF, the IOC or the USOC are not eligible.

## **2022 Builder Nominee List Biographies**

*There were no nominees ahead of the 2022 election.*

## **2022 Builder Eligibility List Biographies**

**Arturo Angeles** (born Sept. 12, 1953).

An international and first-division referee. Angeles was a FIFA international referee for 11 years, 1988 through 1998, including refereeing one game at the 1994 World Cup, three in World Cup qualifying between 1989 and 1996, two at the 1991 CONCACAF Gold Cup, one at the 1993 Copa America and one at the 1989 Under-20 World Cup. He was an MLS referee for three seasons, 1996 through 1998. *Referees category.*

**Esse Baharmast** (born March 11, 1954).

An international and first-division referee and a U.S. Soccer Federation executive. Baharmast was a FIFA international referee for six years, 1993 through 1998, including refereeing two games at the 1998 World Cup, three at the 1996 Olympic Games, one at the 1997 Copa America, and five at the CONCACAF Gold Cup in 1996 and 1998. He was a Major League Soccer referee for three seasons, 1996 through 1998, including refereeing both the MLS final and the U.S. Open Cup final in 1996. He was the USSF's Director of Officials for 11 years, 1998 through 2008. He won the USSF's Werner Fricker Builder Award in 2020. *Referees category.*

**Ed Bellion** (born Sept. 6, 1944).

An international and first-division referee. Bellion was a FIFA international referee for 10 years, 1980 through 1989, including refereeing two games in World Cup qualifying in 1985, two at the 1985 CONCACAF Championships and one at the 1983 Under-20 World Cup. He was a North American Soccer League referee for four seasons, 1981 through 1984, including refereeing the NASL final in 1983. He received the Eddie Pearson Award in 2001. *Referees category.*

**Jennifer Bennett** (born May 4, 1971).

An international and first-division referee. Bennett was a FIFA international referee for nine years, 2002 through 2010, including refereeing two games at the Women's World Cup in 2007 and eight at the Under-20 Women's World Cup in 2006 and 2008 (including the 2006 final). She was a Women's United Soccer Association referee for three seasons, 2001 through 2003, and a Women's Professional Soccer referee for three seasons, 2009 through 2011, including refereeing the 2010 WPS championship game. *Referees category.*

**Angelo Bratsis** (deceased).

An international and first-division referee. Bratsis was a FIFA international referee for 12 years, 1980 through 1991, including refereeing two games in World Cup qualifying in 1985 and 1988, and two at the 1985 Under-17 World Cup. He was a North American Soccer League referee for four seasons, 1981 to 1984. He received the Eddie Pearson Award in 1993. *Referees category.*

**Charles Creighton** (deceased).

A first-division referee. Creighton was one of the most prominent referees in the original American Soccer League and refereed the U.S. Open Cup final four times, 1914, 1918, 1927 and 1931. He refereed numerous games between American clubs and touring foreign teams,

including the Hakoah-New York Stars game in 1926 that drew a long-standing record crowd of 46,000. *Referees category.*

**Thomas Cunningham** (deceased).

A first-division referee. Cunningham, one of the most prominent referees of the original American Soccer League, refereed the U.S. Open Cup final in 1926 and numerous games involving touring foreign teams. *Referees category.*

**Gino D'Ippolito** (born March 4, 1935).

An international and first-division referee. D'Ippolito was a FIFA international referee for 10 years, 1976 through 1985, including refereeing one game in World Cup qualifying in 1980. He was a North American Soccer League referee for 12 seasons, 1973 through 1984, including refereeing the NASL final in 1979. He also refereed for many years in the Major Indoor Soccer League. *Referees category.*

**John Di Salvatore** (deceased).

An international and first-division referee. Di Salvatore was a FIFA international referee for eight years, 1966 through 1973, including refereeing one game in World Cup qualifying in 1968. He was a North American Soccer League referee for four seasons, 1973 through 1976. *Referees category.*

**Raul Dominguez** (born April 15, 1956).

An international and first-division referee. Dominguez was a FIFA international referee for eight years, 1990 through 1997, including refereeing four games in World Cup qualifying between 1992 and 1996, one at the 1995 Copa America, two at the 1991 Under-20 World Cup and one at the 1993 CONCACAF Gold Cup. He was a Major League Soccer referee for two seasons, 1996 and 1997. *Referees category.*

**Robert Evans** (deceased).

An international and first-division referee. Evans was a FIFA international referee for eight years, 1980 through 1987, including refereeing one game in World Cup qualifying in 1980. He was a North American Soccer League referee for 12 seasons, 1973 to 1984. He received the Eddie Pearson Award in 1992. *Referees category.*

**Sam Galin** (deceased).

An international and American Soccer League referee. Galin was among the first Americans certified as a FIFA international referee, and refereed at the first North American Championship in 1947. He was an ASL referee for more than a decade, and refereed the U.S. Open Cup final in 1945, 1946, 1949, 1950 and 1953. *Referees category.*

**Richard Giebner** (deceased).

An international and national referee. Giebner was a FIFA international referee for 10 years, from 1961 through 1970, including refereeing one game in World Cup qualifying in 1965. He was a national referee for most of the 1950s and '60s, including refereeing the U.S. Open Cup final in 1957. He received the Eddie Pearson Award in 1997. *Referees category.*

**Leo Goldstein** (deceased).

An international and American Soccer League referee. Goldstein was a FIFA international referee from 1961 to 1967, including refereeing one game in World Cup qualifying in 1961, and served as a linesman at the 1962 World Cup. He was one of the ASL's top referees in the 1950s and '60s. *Referees category.*

**Jorge Gonzalez** (born July 11, 1968).

A first-division referee. Gonzalez was a Major League Soccer referee for 12 seasons, 2006 through 2017. *Referees category.*

**Chico Grajeda** (born Sept. 2, 1967).

A first-division referee. Grajeda was a Major League Soccer referee for 15 seasons, 2004 through 2018, including refereeing the MLS final in 2013 and the U.S. Open Cup final in 2017. *Referees category.*

**Brian Hall** (born June 5, 1961).

An international and first-division referee. Hall was a FIFA international referee for 15 years, 1992 through 2006, including refereeing two games at the 2002 World Cup, six in World Cup qualifying between 1992 and 2005, one at the 1999 Confederations Cup, one at the 1993 Under-17 World Cup, four at the CONCACAF Gold Cup between 2000 and 2005, and three in the CONCACAF Champions Cup in 2005 and 2006. He was a Major League Soccer referee for 11 seasons, 1996 through 2006, including refereeing the MLS title game in 1997 and 2003, and the U.S. Open Cup final in 2002. *Referees category.*

**Richard Heron** (born 1958).

A first-division referee. Heron was a Major League Soccer referee for 11 seasons, 1998 through 2008. *Referees category.*

**Sandra Hunt** (born June 14, 1959).

A pioneer women's referee. Hunt, the leading American female referee in the 1990s, was a FIFA international referee for six years, 1999 (when FIFA began naming female referees) through 2004, including refereeing two games at the 1999 Women's World Cup. She was a Major League Soccer referee for three seasons, 1998 through 2000, and Women's United Soccer League referee for three seasons, 2001 through 2003, including refereeing the WUSA championship game in 2001. *Referees category.*

**Michael Kennedy** (born March 16, 1961).

An international and first-division referee. Kennedy was a FIFA international referee for eight years, 1999 through 2006, including refereeing one game in World Cup qualifying in 2004 and one game in the CONCACAF Champions Cup in 2006. He was a Major League Soccer referee for 15 seasons, 1998 through 2012, including refereeing the MLS championship game in 2004 and the U.S. Open Cup final in 2010. *Referees category.*

**Toros Kibritjian** (born Feb. 24, 1934).

An international and first-division referee. Kibritjian was a FIFA international referee for 16 years, 1968 through 1983, including refereeing six games in World Cup qualifying between 1972

and 1980. He was a North American Soccer League referee throughout that league's 17-year existence, 1968 through 1984, including refereeing the NASL championship game in 1977. He received the Eddie Pearson Award in 2011. *Referees category.*

**Larry King** (deceased).

An international and first-division referee. King was a FIFA international referee for 13 years, 1965 through 1977, including refereeing two games in World Cup qualifying in 1968. He was a North American Soccer League referee for four seasons, 1974 through 1977. *Referees category.*

**Henry Landauer** (deceased).

An international and first-division referee. Landauer was a FIFA international referee for 16 years, 1964 through 1979, including refereeing one game at the 1970 World Cup and three in World Cup qualifying between 1972 and 1976. He was the first American ever to referee a game at the World Cup. He was a North American Soccer League referee for 12 seasons, 1968 through 1979, including refereeing the NASL championship game in 1975. He refereed the U.S. Open Cup final in 1964. *Referees category.*

**Dante Maglio** (born Feb. 14, 1934).

A first-division referee. Maglio was a North American Soccer League referee for 11 seasons, from 1974 through 1984, including refereeing the NASL championship game in 1976 and 1981. *Referees category.*

**Vince Mauro** (born Oct. 23, 1943).

An international and first-division referee. Mauro was a FIFA international referee for seven years, 1985 through 1991, including refereeing one game at the 1990 World Cup, one at the 1988 Olympic Games and one at the 1987 Under-20 World Cup. He was a North American Soccer League referee for three seasons, 1982 through 1984. He was the U.S. Soccer Federation's Director of Officials for seven years, 1991 through 1998. *Referees category.*

**James McFarlane** (deceased).

A leading pre-World War II referee. McFarlane was one of the top referees in the American Soccer League, and refereed the U.S. Open Cup final in 1929, 1932 and 1935. *Referees category.*

**Abbey Okulaja** (born 1965).

A first-division referee. Okulaja was a Major League Soccer referee for 10 seasons, 2003 through 2012. *Referees category.*

**Silviu Petrescu** (born Oct. 6, 1968).

A first-division referee. Petrescu has been a Major League Soccer referee for 16 seasons, 2006 through 2021, including refereeing the MLS championship game in 2012. *Referees category.*

**Alex Prus** (born Feb. 6, 1964).

An international and first-division referee. Prus was a FIFA international referee for six years, 2004 through 2009, including refereeing one game in the CONCACAF Champions League in 2008. He was a Major League Soccer referee for 14 seasons, 1998 through 2011, including refereeing the MLS championship game in 2007 and the U.S. Open Cup final in 2005, 2007, 2009 and 2011. *Referees category.*

**Harry Rogers** (deceased).

A longtime prominent American referee. Rogers, one of the leading referees of the American Soccer League and college soccer in the mid-20th century, continued refereeing for many years. *Referees category.*

**Kari Seitz** (born Nov. 2, 1970).

An international and first-division referee. Seitz was a FIFA international referee for 15 years, 1999 through 2013, including refereeing nine games at the Women's World Cup in 1999, 2003, 2007 and 2011, six at the Olympic Games in 2004, 2008 and 2012, two at the Women's Under-20 World Cup in 2002, and two in Women's World Cup qualifying in 2010. She was a Major League Soccer referee in 1999, a Women's United Soccer Association referee from 2001 through 2003, a Women's Professional Soccer referee from 2009 through 2011 and a National Women's Soccer League referee in 2013, including refereeing the WPS final in 2009 and 2011, and the NWSL final in 2013. Since 2016, she has been Senior Manager of the women's referee program at FIFA. *Referees category.*

**David Socha** (born Sept. 27, 1938).

An international and first-division referee. Socha was a FIFA international referee for 10 years, 1977 through 1986, including refereeing two games at the World Cup in 1982 and 1986, six in World Cup qualifying between 1980 and 1985, three at the 1984 Olympic Games and four at the CONCACAF Championships in 1981 and 1985. He was a North American Soccer League referee for seven seasons, 1978 through 1984, including refereeing the NASL championship games in 1982 and 1984. *Referees category.*

**Kevin Stott** (born July 9, 1967).

An international and first-division referee. Stott was a FIFA international referee for 14 years, 1995 through 2008, including refereeing 12 games in World Cup qualifying between 2000 and 2005, four at the Under-20 World Cup in 2001 and 2003, two at the Under-17 World Cup in 2005, four at the CONCACAF Gold Cup in 2003 and 2005, and three in the CONCACAF Champions League in 2004, 2005 and 2006. He has been a Major League Soccer referee for 26 seasons, 1996 through 2021, including refereeing the MLS championship game in 2001, 2005 and 2009. He was the last referee from MLS' first season still refereeing in MLS. *Referees category.*

**Thomas Syme** (deceased).

One of the earliest of the United States' international referees. Syme was a FIFA international referee for 20 years, 1949 through 1968. *Referees category.*

**Paul Tamberino** (born April 29, 1954).

A first-division referee and a first-division and U.S. Soccer Federation official. Tamberino was a Major League Soccer referee for six seasons, 1996 through 2001, including refereeing the 2000 MLS championship game and the 2001 U.S. Open Cup final. He was USSF director of officials from 2008 through 2010 and MLS director of competition in the 2011 season. *Referees category.*

**Kevin Terry** (born Sept. 20, 1959).

An international and first-division referee. Terry was a FIFA international referee for seven years, 1998 through 2004. He was a Major League Soccer referee for 10 seasons, 1996 through 2005, including refereeing the MLS championship game in 1998 and 2002. *Referees category.*

**Baldomero Toledo** (born Feb. 6, 1970).

An international and first-division referee. Toledo was a FIFA international referee for 11 years, 2007 through 2017, including refereeing two games in World Cup qualifying in 2008 and 2011, one game at the 2007 Copa America, two at the 2011 CONCACAF Gold Cup and eight in the CONCACAF Champions League in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016 and 2017. He has been a Major League Soccer referee for 18 seasons, 2004 through 2021, including refereeing the MLS championship game in 2008 and 2010, and the U.S. Open Cup final in 2016. *Referees category.*

**Ricardo Valenzuela** (born Feb. 7, 1964).

An international and first-division referee. Valenzuela was a FIFA international referee for seven years, 1999 through 2005, including refereeing three games in World Cup qualifying between 2000 and 2004. He was a Major League Soccer referee for 10 seasons, 1996 through 2005. *Referees category.*

**Tim Weyland** (born Nov. 17, 1962).

An international and first-division referee. Weyland was a FIFA international referee for six years, 1995 through 2000, including refereeing three games in World Cup qualifying between 1996 and 2000. He was a Major League Soccer referee for 10 seasons, 1996 through 2001 and 2006 through 2009. *Referees category.*

**Rachel Woo** (born Aug. 30, 1968).

An international and first-division referee. Woo was a FIFA international referee for eight years, 2001 through 2008. She was a Women's United Soccer Association referee for three seasons, 2001 through 2003. *Referees category.*

**Mike Wuertz** (born Aug. 14, 1934).

An international and first-division referee. Wuertz was a FIFA international referee for 13 years, 1967 through 1979, including refereeing three games in World Cup qualifying between 1968 and 1977, and one at the 1972 Olympic Games. He was a North American Soccer League referee for seven seasons, 1978 through 1984. He received the Eddie Pearson Award in 1998. *Referees category.*

**Marcel Yonan** (born March 22, 1956).

A first-division referee. Yonan was a Major Soccer League referee for 11 seasons, 1996 through 2006. *Referees category.*