



NATIONAL SOCCER HALL OF FAME

2024 Builder Screening List

The 2024 Builder Election will only consider contributors. This list includes all coaches on the Eligibility List and on the Nominee List. Each Screener will submit a ranked list of 5 names (1 = most deserving) selected from the list below as their preliminary ballot.

2024 Builder Nominee List – Contributors

NONE

2024 Builder Eligibility List - Contributors

Mark Abbott	Ed Foster-Simeon	Mark McCullers
Nat Agar	Richard Groff	Bill McNutt
John Best	Burton Haimes	Thom Meredith
Gianfranco Borroni	Adrian Hanauer	John Motta
Dick Cecil	Andrew Hauptmann	Brian Remedi
Al Colone	Clark Hunt	Nick Sakiewicz
William Cox	Robert Kraft	Charlie Schiano
Joe Cummings	Tom Kutis	Peter Strasser
Walter Daggett	Tim Leiweke	George Strawbridge
Jack Daley	Frank Longo	Jim Trecker
Betty D'Anjolell	Francisco Marcos	Keith Walker
Pat Dinolfo	Sam Mark	Lew Wolf
Mike Edwards	Fritz Marth	



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2024 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 2024. 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 the 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 the 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 2024 election, this means that living candidates must have been born before Jan. 1, 1974) and must have had a positive impact on American soccer at the national federation or first-division level lasting at least 10 years. There are several exceptions to this:

1. In addition to coaches in American first-division leagues and U.S. national teams, credit toward meeting that 10-year standard also is given to Americans coaching in the first division or national team of any country that has ever qualified for the World Cup and the second division of any country that has ever won the World Cup.
2. In addition to officials of the USSF and first-division teams and leagues, credit toward meeting the 10-year standard is also given to the top leaders of certain organizations closely affiliated with the USSF and first-division leagues.
3. A few people who do not otherwise meet the criteria have been added to this eligibility list via a nomination process, described below, involving the administrators of the Hall of Fame.

Beginning with the 2022 election, a rotation system has been 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 2024 Builders election is limited to contributors only.

Certain restrictions apply to eligibility: elected officials and full-time employees of the USSF or the National Soccer Hall of Fame are excluded while holding their respective positions, and individuals listed on the suspended rosters of FIFA, CONCACAF, the USSF, Pro Leagues, the IOC, the NCAA, or the USOPC are also ineligible. In the case of the contributor category, individuals must have retired from their roles within the US Soccer membership for a period of three calendar years or be deceased. Notably, exceptions to this requirement are extended to contributors who have been featured on the NSHOF Builder Semifinal ballot and/or the NSHOF Builder Final ballot since the year 2019. Additional exceptions can be made as determined by the NSHOF Board of Directors.

2024 Builder Nominee List Overview

Due to the broad general nature of the Builders criteria, nominations for this category will be considered. Nominations are screened by the Hall of Fame staff and historians to determine the accuracy of the nomination materials.

The individuals on the Builder Nominee List have received waivers from the Hall of Fame to be considered during the 2024 Screening Process.

Screeners should treat Builder Nominees the same as any other Eligible Builder for the purpose of submitting a preliminary ballot.

If a Builder Nominee is named on a Preliminary Ballot by any Screening Committee Member, the Nominee will be added permanently to the Builders Eligibility List. If a Builder Nominee does not receive any support during the Preliminary Ballot process, they must wait five years before being nominated again.

2024 Builder Nominee List Biographies

NONE

2024 Builder Eligibility List Biographies

Mark Abbott (born Aug. 20, 1964).

Eligibility: 10 years as a first-division league official. Abbott was president and deputy commissioner of Major League Soccer for 10 seasons, 2013 through 2022. Prior to becoming president, he was the league's vice president for business affairs. Abbott had been an MLS employee throughout the league's first 30 years, having been hired as the league's first employee in 1993, three years before the league began play. *Contributors category.*

Nat Agar (deceased).

Eligibility: 10 years as a first-division team owner and coach. Agar, who had been among the founders of the U.S. Football Association in 1913, was owner and coach of the Brooklyn Wanderers of the original American Soccer League throughout their existence, from 1922 to 1931. He also coached the U.S. national team several times in the 1920s and was one of the organizers of the American tours by Vienna Hakoah in 1926 and 1927. *Contributors category.*

John Best (deceased).

Eligibility: 11 years as a first-division coach or team official. Best was coach of the Seattle Sounders of the North American Soccer League for three seasons, 1974 through 1976, and later was general manager and president of the Vancouver Whitecaps of the NASL for eight years, 1977 through 1984. Under his leadership, the Whitecaps won the NASL championship in 1979 and hosted the NASL championship game in 1983. *Contributors category.*

Gianfranco Borroni (born Sept. 3, 1937).

Eligibility: 27 years as a leader of affiliated organizations. Borroni was a member of the U.S. Soccer Foundation board of directors from 1995 through 2004 and from 2006 through 2018, and chairman of its grants committee from 2007 through 2017. He was chairman of the U.S. Amateur Soccer Association from 1991 through 1998. *Contributors category.*

Dick Cecil (born 1933).

Eligibility: 10 years as a first-division team owner or team official. Cecil was chief executive of the Atlanta Chiefs of the NASL and the NPSL for seven seasons, 1967 through 1973, and co-owner of the Chiefs for three seasons, 1979 through 1981. Under his leadership, the Chiefs won the NASL championship in 1968. He later served as a soccer consultant to the 1984 Olympic Games, the 1994 World Cup and the 1996 Olympic Games. *Contributors category.*

Al Colone (deceased).

Eligibility: 19 years as the leader of an affiliated organization. Colone originated the idea of a physical location for the National Soccer Hall of Fame and was the executive director of the Hall of Fame for 19 years, 1979 through 1997. Under his leadership, the Hall of Fame opened its storefront museum in downtown Oneonta, N.Y., and began plans for a larger museum, created the Wright Campus soccer fields where numerous youth tournaments were played and where inductions were held, and began collecting the materials that eventually became the Hall of Fame archives. *Contributors category.*

William Cox (deceased).

Eligibility: A professional league and first-division team official. Cox was founder and president of the International Soccer League, which brought leading European and South American teams to New York, for six summer seasons, from 1960 through 1965. He later was among the founders of the National Professional Soccer League, one of the forerunners of the original North American Soccer League and was president of the NASL's San Diego Toros in 1968.

Contributors category.

Joe Cummings (born 1949).

Eligibility: Four years as a first-division team official and six years as the leader of an affiliated organization. Cummings was president of the Boston Breakers in the Women's United Soccer Association for three seasons, 2001 through 2003, and in Women's Professional Soccer for one season, 2009. He was executive director of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America for six years, 2009 through 2015. *Contributors category.*

Walter Daggett (deceased).

Eligibility: Eight years as a first-division team owner and team official. Daggett, the founder of the Seattle Sounders of the North American Soccer League, was managing general partner of the Sounders for six seasons, 1974 through 1979, and a director of the team in 1980 and 1981. Under his leadership, the Sounders hosted the NASL championship game in 1976. *Contributors category.*

Jack Daley (deceased).

Eligibility: 14 years as a first-division team official. Daley was one of the longest-serving North American Soccer League team officials, whose involvement with NASL teams lasted from the 1971 season to the 1984 season, nearly the entire length of the NASL. He was general manager of the Toronto Metros, president of the Seattle Sounders and president of the San Diego Sockers. Under his leadership, Seattle hosted the NASL championship game in 1976. *Contributors category.*

Betty D'Anjolell (deceased).

Eligibility: Several decades as the leader of affiliated organizations and four years as a first-division team official. D'Anjolell held various positions with the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association and the U.S. Youth Soccer Association in the 1970s, '80s and '90s. She was an official of two Major League Soccer teams, D.C. United and the Miami Fusion, from 1996 to 1999. *Contributors category.*

Pat Dinolfo (deceased).

Eligibility: 12 years as a first-division team official. Dinolfo, who was one of the founders of the Rochester Lancers of the North American Soccer League, served as president of the Lancers for 12 seasons, 1970 through 1981. Under his leadership, the Lancers won the NASL championship in 1970. *Contributors category.*

Mike Edwards (born 1953).

Eligibility: 11 years as a U.S. Soccer Federation official. Edwards was executive vice president of the USSF for 11 years, 2006 through 2016. He had previously been vice president of the U.S. Adult Soccer Association. *Contributors category.*

Ed Foster-Simeon (born 1961).

Eligibility: 16 years as leader of an affiliated organization. Foster-Simeon has been president of the U.S. Soccer Foundation for 16 years, 2008 through 2023. *Contributors category.*

Richard Groff (born 1946).

Eligibility: 19 years as a U.S. Soccer Federation official and leader of an affiliated organization. Groff was a member of the board of directors of the USSF for a total of 16 years in three different stretches beginning in 2001. He was treasurer of the USSF from 1991 to 1994 and president of the U.S. Adult Soccer Association from 2010 to 2014. He won the USSF's Werner Fricker Builder Award in 2014. *Contributors category.*

Burton Haimés (born May 22, 1943).

Eligibility: 21 years as leader of an affiliated organization. Haimés, one of the most prominent administrators of youth soccer in America, served as either president or chairman of the American Youth Soccer Organization from 1989 to 2009. He also has been a member of the boards of directors of the U.S. Soccer Federation and the National Soccer Hall of Fame. *Contributors category.*

Adrian Hanauer (born Feb. 7, 1966).

Eligibility: 14 years as a first-division team owner or team official. Hanauer was general manager of the Seattle Sounders of Major League Soccer for six seasons, 2009 through 2014, and has been majority investor/operator of the Sounders for eight seasons, 2016 through 2023. Under his leadership, Seattle won the MLS championship in 2016 and 2019, won the CONCACAF Champions League championship in 2022 and won the U.S. Open Cup in 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2014. *Contributors category.*

Andrew Hauptmann (born 1969).

Eligibility: 13 years as a first-division team owner. Hauptmann was investor/operator or majority investor/operator of the Chicago Fire of Major League Soccer for 13 seasons, 2007 through 2019. Under his ownership, the Fire hosted the MLS all-star game in 2017. *Contributors category.*

Clark Hunt (born Feb. 19, 1965).

Eligibility: 17 seasons as a first-division team owner. Hunt has been investor/operator of FC Dallas of Major League Soccer for 17 seasons, 2007 through 2023. He was investor/operator of the Columbus Crew of Major League Soccer for six seasons, 2007 through 2012. Under his ownership, the Crew won the MLS championship in 2008 and Dallas won the U.S. Open Cup in 2016. *Contributors category.*

Robert Kraft (born June 5, 1941).

Eligibility: 28 years as a first-division team owner. Kraft has been investor/operator of the New England Revolution of Major League Soccer for 28 seasons, 1996 through 2023. Under his ownership, New England won the U.S. Open Cup in 2007, and hosted the MLS championship game in 1996, 1999 and 2002. *Contributors category.*

Tom Kutis (deceased).

Eligibility: More than 10 years as owner of a classic American club. Kutis owned the Kutis SC team of St. Louis, one of the most honored teams in American soccer history, which won the U.S. Open Cup in 1957 and the National Amateur Cup in six consecutive years, 1956 through 1961. St. Louis soccer traditionally has been more dependent on commercial sponsors than on ethnic organizations, and Kutis was the owner of a funeral home that sponsored the Kutis team. *Contributors category.*

Tim Leiweke (born April 21, 1957).

Eligibility: 14 years as a first-division team official. Leiweke was president of Anschutz Entertainment Group, owner of the Los Angeles Galaxy of Major League Soccer, for 13 seasons, 2001 through 2013, and president of Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment, owner of Toronto FC of MLS, in the 2014 season. Under his leadership, the Galaxy won MLS championships in 2002, 2005, 2011 and 2013, won the U.S. Open Cup in 2001 and 2005, opened a soccer-specific stadium in 2003, and hosted the MLS championship game in 2003, 2004, 2008, 2011 and 2012. During the time that he was president of AEG, three other AEG-owned teams also won MLS titles. *Contributors category.*

Frank Longo (deceased).

Eligibility: More than 10 years as a U.S. Soccer Federation official. Longo, a former college soccer coach, was chief of staff of the USSF headquarters for several years in the 1990s, and was chairman of the USSF's Hall of Fame Veterans Committee. *Contributors category.*

Francisco Marcos (born 1945).

Eligibility: More than 20 years as the leader of affiliated leagues and organizations. Marcos was the longtime leader of the United Soccer Leagues, the umbrella organization of lower-division soccer in the United States. An official of several North American Soccer League teams, he founded the USL in 1987 as the Southwest Indoor Soccer League and led its growth through a series of phases over several decades. He also has been commissioner of the A-League and a vice president of the U.S. Soccer Federation. He won the USSF's Werner Fricker Builder Award in 2007. *Contributors category.*

Sam Mark (deceased).

Eligibility: 11 years as a first-division team owner. Mark was the owner of the Fall River Marksmen of the original American Soccer League, that league's outstanding team. He bought the team in 1922 and built Mark's Stadium in Tiverton, R.I., the leading American soccer stadium of its day. Under his ownership, Fall River won ASL championships in 1924, 1925, 1926, 1929 and 1930, and U.S. Open Cups in 1924, 1927, 1930, 1931 and 1932. *Contributors category.*

Fritz Marth (deceased).

Eligibility: 22 years as leader of an affiliated organization. Marth was the executive director of the U.S. Amateur Soccer Association from 1981 through 2002, including the years when it conducted the U.S. Open Cup along with its other tournaments. *Contributors category.*

Mark McCullers (born Aug. 19, 1962).

Eligibility: 18 years as a first-division team official. McCullers was general manager of the Columbus Crew of Major League Soccer for 10 seasons, 2004 through 2013, and president of the Crew for eight seasons, 2007 through 2014. Under his leadership, Columbus won the MLS championship in 2008. *Contributors category.*

Bill McNutt (deceased).

Eligibility: 16 seasons as a first-division team official. A co-founder of the Dallas Tornado of the North American Soccer League. McNutt was a president of that team for six seasons, 1968 through 1973, a director for eight additional seasons, 1974 through 1981, and a director of the Tampa Bay Rowdies for two seasons, 1982 and 1983. Under his leadership, Dallas won the NASL championship in 1971 and hosted the NASL championship game in 1973. *Contributors category.*

Thom Meredith (born Nov. 7, 1951).

Eligibility: Several decades as a first-division team and league official and a U.S. Soccer Federation official. Meredith, who was publicity director for several North American Soccer League teams, became the U.S. Soccer Federation's director of communications in the 1980s. He was the USSF director of events for most of the 1990s and a vice president of the Women's United Soccer Association throughout its existence. *Contributors category.*

John Motta (born Dec. 18, 1957).

Eligibility: 10 years as U.S. Soccer Federation official and a leader of an affiliated organization. Motta has been president of the U.S. Adult Soccer Association for eight years, 2015 through 2023. He was executive vice president of the USSF for two years, 1998 and 1999. *Contributors category.*

Brian Remedi (born March 10, 1972).

Eligibility: 12 years as a U.S. Soccer Federation official. Remedi was chief administrative officer of the USSF for 12 years, 2009 through 2020. He was interim chief executive officer of the USSF for two years, 2019 and 2020. *Contributors category.*

Nick Sakiewicz (born Jan. 14, 1961).

Eligibility: 17 seasons as a first-division team official. Sakiewicz was general manager of the Tampa Bay Mutiny of Major League Soccer for four seasons, 1996 through 1999; general manager of the MetroStars of MLS for seven seasons, 1999 through 2005; CEO of AEG Soccer New York in 2006 and CEO of the Philadelphia Union of MLS for six seasons, 2010 through 2015. Under his leadership, the Union opened a soccer-specific stadium in 2010 and hosted the MLS all-star game in 2012. *Contributors category.*

Charlie Schiano (born Feb. 12, 1934).

Eligibility: 15 seasons as a first-division team owner or leader of an affiliated league. Schiano was one of the founders of the Rochester Lancers of the North American Soccer League and was chairman of the board of the Lancers for 12 seasons, 1970 through 1981. Earlier, he had been president of the American Soccer League for three years, 1967 through 1969. Under his leadership, Rochester won the NASL championship in 1970. *Contributors category.*

Peter Strasser (deceased).

Eligibility: Many years as owner of one of the outstanding teams in American soccer.

Throughout the 1940s, Strasser, a jeweler, owned the Morgan Strasser team of Morgan, Pa., a leading team in the Keystone League of western Pennsylvania and winner of the U.S. Open Cup in 1949. *Contributors category.*

George Strawbridge (born Oct. 10, 1937).

Eligibility: 10 years as a first-division team owner. Strawbridge was the founder of the Tampa Bay Rowdies of the North American Soccer League, and was owner and president of the Rowdies for 10 seasons, 1975 to 1984. Under his ownership, Tampa Bay won the NASL championship in 1975. *Contributors category.*

Jim Trecker (born May 14, 1945).

Eligibility: More than 40 years as a first-division or U.S. Soccer Federation official. Trecker filled various public relations positions for the U.S. Soccer Federation and the National Soccer Hall of Fame for several decades, particularly in the area of book editing. In earlier years, he was the New York Cosmos director of public relations, the NASL director of public relations, and chief press officer of the 1994 World Cup. *Contributors category.*

Keith Walker (deceased).

Eligibility: Eight years as a first-division or U.S. Soccer Federation official. Walker was the North American Soccer League director of officials for four seasons, 1979 through 1982, and general secretary of the USSF for four years, 1987 through 1990. He received the Eddie Pearson Award in 1991. *Contributors category.*

Lew Wolff (born Dec. 13, 1935).

Eligibility: 10 years as a first-division team owner. Wolff was investor/operator of the San Jose Earthquakes of Major League Soccer for 10 seasons, 2008 through 2017. Under his ownership, the Earthquakes opened a soccer-specific stadium in 2015 and hosted the MLS all-star game in 2016. *Contributors category.*