



NATIONAL SOCCER HALL OF FAME

2024 Player Final Ballot

Each Voter will submit a vote for up to 10 names who they feel are most deserving to be elected to the NSHOF Class of 2024.

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2024 Player Final Ballot 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 compiled by Hall of Fame historians. The statement of how each player met the Hall of Fame eligibility criteria appears in italics below their name.

Player biographies are grouped by the year that they “last played” which serves as the retirement year for the purpose of Hall of Fame record keeping. “Last year of eligibility” refers only to eligibility for the Player Ballot. After a candidate’s eligibility via the Players Eligibility List expires, they will be moved to the Veterans Eligibility List.

LAST PLAYED IN 2014 (2024 Election is final year of Player Ballot Eligibility)

Thierry Henry

Eligibility: 5 MLS Seasons with 3 Best XI Selections

A forward who was named to the Best XI three times in his five-year MLS career. Henry, who had been a star in the French national team and the English Premier League for more than a decade, played in MLS from 2010 to 2014, joining the New York Red Bulls in their first season in their new stadium in New Jersey and playing five seasons with them. Henry was chosen to the MLS postseason Best XI in 2011, 2012 and 2014. In 2013, he led the Red Bulls to the Supporters Shield. During his MLS career, Henry played 122 regular-season games and 13 playoff games and scored 52 goals in those games.

Stuart Holden

Eligibility: 25 appearances for U.S. Men's National Team

A midfielder who won two MLS titles before his career was slowed by injuries. Holden, who was born in Scotland and grew up in Texas, played four seasons in MLS with the Houston Dynamo, winning MLS titles with them in 2006 and 2007, and being selected to the MLS Best XI in 2009. After that season, he moved to Bolton Wanderers in England. He played four seasons with Bolton, but injuries kept him from becoming fully established there. Holden played 25 full internationals for the United States, including six World Cup qualifiers in 2009 and 2013, and 10 games at the 2009 and 2013 CONCACAF Gold Cups. He appeared in one game at the 2010 World Cup, although by then he had suffered the first of that string of injuries, a broken leg resulting from a bad tackle in a national team friendly.

Eddie Johnson

Eligibility: 63 appearances for U.S. Men's National Team

A forward who enjoyed two successful stints in MLS sandwiched around a period in Europe. Johnson played 63 full internationals for the United States between 2004 and 2014. Those included two games at the 2006 World Cup and 20 World Cup qualifiers over the years. He was a starter in the team that won the CONCACAF Gold Cup in 2013. Johnson's MLS career began with seven seasons with Dallas and Kansas City between 2001 and 2007. He then played five seasons in English and Greek professional leagues before returning to MLS in 2012 and playing three seasons with Seattle and D.C. In his 10 MLS seasons, he played 202 regular-season games and 14 playoff games and scored 74 goals.

Lori Lindsey

Eligibility: 31 appearances for U.S. Women's National Team AND 7 women's professional seasons with 1 Best XI Selection

A midfielder who was a member of the United States team at the 2011 Women's World Cup. Lindsay played in leading United States leagues for more than a decade, including two seasons in the WUSA for San Diego and Washington, three seasons in WPS for Washington and Philadelphia, and two seasons in the NWSL for Washington. She was chosen as a WPS postseason all-star in 2010. In addition to her years in those leagues, she played seven seasons in the W-League, one season in the Women's Premier Soccer League and two seasons in the Australian first division. During her seven American first-division seasons, she played 133 regular-season games and four playoff games. Lindsay played 31 full internationals for the United States between 2005 and 2013, including three World Cup qualifiers in 2010 and one game at the 2011 Women's World Cup.

Josh McKinney

Eligibility: 124 games for the U.S. National 7-a-side Paralympic Team.

A U.S. captain who retired after 124 caps and 81 goals across 19 years, including appearances at three Paralympics (1996, 2004 and 2012). McKinney captained the U.S. team 72 times, and the United States won 76 percent of the games in which he scored at least one goal. As a 17-year-old, he led the United States to a best-ever fourth place finished at the Atlanta games in 1996 with a team-high five goals. McKinney, who was born with cerebral palsy, played internationally as a midfielder and defender. He captained the team to second place at the 2010 Copa America.

LAST PLAYED IN 2015 (2025 Election is final year of Player Ballot Eligibility)

Chris Ahrens

Eligibility: 54 games for the U.S. National 7-a-side Paralympic Team.

A defender and midfielder who was a member of the U.S. team at the 2012 Paralympic Games in London. Born with cerebral palsy, Ahrens appeared in 54 games for the 7-a-side **Paralympic** team between 2006 and 2015, **including** two appearances at the Cerebral Palsy International Sports and Recreation Association (CPISRA) World Championships. He was on the U.S. team that finished second at the Copa America 2010 and third at the Paralympic World Cup in 2012.

Lori Chalupny

Eligibility: 106 appearances for U.S. Women's National Team AND 6 women's professional seasons with 2 Best XI Selections

A defender who won World Cup and Olympic championships with the U.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 goal scorer 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 seasons 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.

Cat Reddick Whitehill

Eligibility: 134 appearances for 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.

LAST PLAYED IN 2016 (2026 Election is final year of Player Ballot Eligibility)

Keith Johnson

Eligibility: 101 games for the U.S. National 7-a-Side Paralympic Team.

A goalkeeper for the United States at the 2004 and 2012 Paralympics. Born with cerebral palsy, Johnson joined the U.S. team in 2003 and earned 101 caps during his 14-year career. Famous among experienced players for his hard-nosed play in practice and competition, he was a member of the bronze-medal-winning team at the 2012 World Cup in Manchester, England.

Carlos Ruiz

Eligibility: 10 MLS Seasons with 1 Best XI Selection

A forward who was a goalscoring star in MLS. Ruiz, who was from Guatemala, played 10 seasons in MLS between 2002 and 2016, for Los Angeles, Dallas, Toronto, Philadelphia and D.C. The best of those seasons was 2002, when he was named the MLS most valuable player, scored the winning goal in overtime for Los Angeles in the MLS final and led MLS in scoring with 24 goals in the regular season (plus eight more in the playoffs). During his MLS years, he played 183 regular-season games and 19 playoff games and scored 105 goals. Ruiz played for Guatemala from 2000 to 2016 and scored numerous key goals for it, including several against the United States.

LAST PLAYED IN 2017 (2027 Election is final year of Player Ballot Eligibility)

Maurice Edu

Eligibility: 46 appearances for U.S. Men's National Team

A midfielder who played for the United States in the World Cup and won three Scottish first-division championships. Edu played 46 full internationals for the United States between 2007 and 2014. Those included three games at the 2010 World Cup and 11 World Cup qualifiers in 2008, 2009, 2013 and 2014. He also played for the United States in the 2011 CONCACAF Gold Cup. His only national-team goal came against Czech Republic in 2010, but he also had what could have been the game-winning goal against Slovenia in the 2010 World Cup called back (perhaps incorrectly) for a foul by another player. Edu played four seasons in MLS, four in the Scottish first division, one in the English Premier League, one in the Turkish first division and two in the USL as he tried to recover from injury. He won Scottish Premier League titles with Rangers in 2009, 2010 and 2011, and was a runner-up for the U.S. Open Cup in 2014 and 2015 with Philadelphia. In his MLS seasons with Toronto and Philadelphia, he played 89 games.

Shalrie Joseph

Eligibility: 11 MLS Seasons with 4 Best XI Selections

A midfielder who was named to the MLS Best XI four times. Joseph, who was raised in the United States but played internationally for his native Grenada, played 11 seasons in MLS between 2003 and 2013, for New England, Chivas and Seattle. He was chosen to the MLS postseason Best XI in 2005, 2007, 2008 and 2009. He was a runner up for the MLS championship in 2005, 2006 and 2007, all with New England. Joseph, who was primarily a defensive midfielder, played more than 300 MLS games, 283 in the regular season and 23 in the playoffs.

Oguchi Onyewu

Eligibility: 69 appearances for U.S. Men's National Team

A defender who starred in the U.S. national team and for European club teams for more than a decade. Onyewu played 69 full internationals for the United States between 2004 and 2014. During that time, he played 21 World Cup qualifiers in five different years, appearing in the qualifying rounds of three different World Cups. He was a member of the United States teams at the 2006 and 2010 World Cups and played in all three U.S. games in 2006. In 2010, an injury limited him to one game. Perhaps his greatest days in a U.S. uniform took place outside the World Cup. He was one of the stars of the teams that won the 2007 CONCACAF Gold Cup and reached the final of the 2009 Confederations Cup, the United States' only appearance in the final of a FIFA tournament. He was chosen as the USSF male athlete of the year in 2006. Onyewu played in various leagues in Europe between 2002 and 2015. That period included five seasons in the Belgian first division, three seasons in English professional leagues, and one season

each in the French first division, the Dutch first division, the Portuguese first division and the Spanish first division. He returned to the field in 2017 and played one season in MLS before retiring.

LAST PLAYED IN 2018 (2028 Election is final year of Player Ballot Eligibility)

Robbie Keane

Eligibility: Six seasons in Major League Soccer, with four Best XI selections.

A forward who won three MLS titles and was named to MLS' postseason Best XI four years in a row. Keane, an Irish star who had played for top-rated teams in several European leagues, joined the Los Angeles Galaxy in 2011 and played for them through 2016. He won MLS titles with the Galaxy in 2011, 2012 and 2014, and was an MLS Best XI selection in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. In 2014, he reached his highest MLS single-season goal total, 21, and was named the MLS most valuable player. He played 125 MLS regular-season games and 21 MLS playoff games and scored 92 goals in those games. Through his first four MLS seasons, he usually was paired with Landon Donovan in the Galaxy attack. Keane was captain of the Irish national team through most of his MLS career.

LAST PLAYED IN 2019 (2029 Election is final year of Player Ballot Eligibility)

Dwayne DeRosario

Eligibility: 14 seasons in Major League Soccer, with six Best XI selections.

A midfielder who won four MLS championships and was chosen to the MLS Best XI six times. DeRosario, considered one of Canada's greatest players ever, played 14 seasons in MLS, between 2001 and 2014, for San Jose, Houston, Toronto, New York and D.C. He won MLS titles in 2001 and 2003 with San Jose, and in 2006 and 2007 with Houston. In two of those four years, he scored the winning goal in the final. He also won a U.S. Open Cup title in 2013 with D.C. United. DeRosario was chosen to the MLS Best XI in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010 and 2011. In one of those seasons, 2011, he also was the MLS most valuable player and the MLS scoring leader. During his MLS career, he played 343 regular-season games and 24 playoff games, scoring 109 goals in those games. DeRosario played for the Canadian national team from 1998 to 2015, including games in the qualifying rounds of four different World Cups.

Jermaine Jones

Eligibility: 69 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.

A midfielder who was one of the stars of the United States team at the 2014 World Cup. Jones, who was born and raised in Germany, began playing for the U.S. national team in 2010, when he was 28. He eventually played 69 full internationals, including all four of the United States' games at the 2014 World Cup, and 15 World Cup qualifiers in 2012, 2013, 2016 and 2017. He scored a key goal for the United States against Portugal at the 2014 World Cup, and made the pass that produced a game-winning goal by Clint Dempsey for the United States against Ecuador in the quarterfinals of the 2016 Copa America. Jones had played 10 seasons in the German first division, and played partial seasons in the English Premier League and the Turkish first division, before moving to MLS in 2014. He played four seasons in MLS with New England, Colorado and the Los Angeles Galaxy, and was an MLS runner up in 2014 with New England. He played 57 MLS regular-season games and 10 MLS playoff games.

Nick Rimando

Eligibility: 21 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.

A goalkeeper who set a record for the most appearances in first-division American soccer, and won MLS titles with two different teams. Rimando played 20 seasons in MLS, for the Miami Fusion, D.C. United

and Real Salt Lake, between 2000 and 2019. During those seasons, Rimando played a total of 553 MLS games, including both regular-season and playoffs. He passed the previous record holder, Kevin Hartman, in 2017, when he played his 466th MLS game. Rimando won two MLS championships, in 2004 with D.C. United and 2009 with Real Salt Lake (when he was named the MVP of the final). He also had several runner-up finishes with Salt Lake in various competitions, MLS in 2013, the U.S. Open Cup in 2013 and the CONCACAF Champions League in 2011, and was runner up in the U.S. Open Cup in 2000 with Miami, the closest that club ever came to winning a major title. Rimando played 21 full internationals for the United States between 2002 and 2015, despite being stymied by famous goalkeepers like Brad Friedel, Kasey Keller and Tim Howard for much of that time. His games for the United States included five, one of which was the final, in the U.S. victory at the 2013 CONCACAF Gold Cup. He also was a member of the United States squad at the 2014 World Cup. During his 21 games for the United States, he allowed only 14 goals, for one of the best goals-against averages in U.S. national team history.

Jonathan Spector

Eligibility: 36 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.

A defender who starred in the U.S. national team and had a long career in English soccer. Spector played 14 seasons in English professional soccer between 2003 and 2017, most of it with West Ham United in the Premier League and Birmingham City in the second division. During these 14 seasons, he played a total of 327 games for West Ham, Birmingham, Charlton Athletic and Manchester United. Spector played 36 full internationals for the United States between 2004 and 2015. He started all five of the United States' games in its run to the final of the 2009 Confederations Cup and played in two famous United States victories, the 2007 CONCACAF Gold Cup final against Mexico and the 2009 Confederations Cup semifinal against Spain. He also played four World Cup qualifiers in 2009 and was a member of the United States squad at the 2010 World Cup. After his career in England, he played two seasons in Major League Soccer for Orlando City, and one in the Scottish first division for Hibernians.

LAST PLAYED IN 2020 (First Ballot in 2024, 2030 Election is final year of Player Ballot Eligibility)

Kyle Beckerman

Eligibility: 58 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.

A midfielder who had a remarkably long career in Major League Soccer and played for the United States in the World Cup. Beckerman played 21 seasons in MLS between 2000 and 2020, for the Miami Fusion, the Colorado Rapids and Real Salt Lake. He won an MLS championship with RSL in 2009, and was an MLS runner-up in 2013 with RSL. During his MLS career, he played 498 regular-season games and 37 playoff games, with his total of 535 games second in MLS annals only to his RSL teammate Nick Rimando. Beckerman played 58 full internationals for the United States between 2007 and 2006, including eight World Cup qualifiers in 2009, 2012, 2013 and 2016, and three games at the 2014 World Cup in Brazil. In addition to his World Cup efforts, he was a member of the United States teams that won the CONCACAF Gold Cup in 2013 and finished second in 2009 and played in the 2007 and 2016 Copa America tournaments.

Tim Howard

Eligibility: 10 seasons in Major League Soccer, with two Best XI selections, and 121 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.

A goalkeeper who starred in both the U.S. national team and the English Premier League for nearly two decades. Howard played 121 full internationals for the United States between 2002 and 2017, including 39 World Cup qualifiers in nine different years, and eight games at the World Cup in 2010 and 2014. His most famous game came in a losing effort against Belgium in the second round of the 2014 World Cup,

when he set a World Cup record with 15 saves. Perhaps his most famous play was the long throw to Landon Donovan in midfield that started the counterattack on which the United States scored the stoppage-time goal against Algeria that gained it a place in the knockout rounds of the 2010 World Cup. He played all of the United States' games in those two World Cups, as well as all five of the United States games in its run to the final of the 2009 Confederations Cup and seven of its 12 games en route to winning the 2007 and 2017 CONCACAF Gold Cups. He also was a member of the United States teams at the 2000 Olympic Games, the 2003 Confederations Cup, the 2006 World Cup and the 2016 Copa America. Howard played 13 seasons in the English Premier League between 2003 and 2016, the first three of those for Manchester United and then 10 for Everton, where he became established as one of the leading stars in English soccer. During those seasons, he played a total of 399 league games, plus numerous games in various cup competitions. His long English career was sandwiched between two stints in MLS, for the MetroStars from 1998 to 2003 and the Colorado Rapids from 2016 to 2019. He played 185 regular-season games and five playoff games during his 10 MLS seasons. He also played in the 2020 USL season for Memphis 901. His individual awards included being named to the MLS Best XI in 2001 and 2002, MLS Goalkeeper of the Year in 2001, the USSF men's athlete of the year in 2008 and 2014 and the Futbol de Primera player of the year in 2014.