



NATIONAL SOCCER HALL OF FAME

2024 Veteran Final Ballot

Each Voter will select 5 names from this list who they would like to see elected to the NSHOF Class of 2024. The individual who receives at least 50% of the vote and receives the most votes will be elected to the NSHOF Class of 2024. A second veteran will be elected if they are listed on at least 75% of the final ballots.

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Chris Armas
Chico Borja
Sean Bowers
Mary Harvey
Lori Henry
Eddie Lewis
Clint Mathis
Tony Sanneh
Tisha Venturini-Hoch
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2024 Veteran 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. The statement of how he or she met the Hall of Fame eligibility criteria appears in italics after the name.

Chris Armas

Eligibility: 12 seasons in Major League Soccer, with five Best XI selections, and 66 games for the U.S. Men's National Team. A midfielder who was a longtime star of both MLS and the U.S. national team. Armas played the first 12 MLS seasons, initially for the Los Angeles Galaxy and later for the Chicago Fire. During those seasons, he played 264 MLS regular-season games and 37 playoff games. He was named to the MLS postseason Best XI five times, in 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2003. He played in the MLS championship game four times, in 1998 (when he was on the winning side), 2000 and 2003 with Chicago and 1996 with Los Angeles. He also won three U.S. Open Cup titles with Chicago, in 1988, 2000 and 2003. In addition to his MLS seasons, he also played two seasons in the USISL. Armas played 66 full internationals for the United States between 1998 and 2005. Those included 19 World Cup qualifiers, in 2000, 2001, 2004 and 2005. He never played in the World Cup, although he had been expected to be a starter in the 2002 World Cup before being injured a few weeks before the tournament. He was a member of the United States teams that won the CONCACAF Gold Cup finals in 2002 and 2005, played in the FIFA Confederations Cup in 2003 and was chosen as the USSF men's athlete of the year in 2000.

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.

Sean Bowers

Eligibility: 35 games for the U.S. Futsal National Team. A defender who captained the United States team in two Futsal World Cups. Bowers holds the record for caps in the U.S. futsal team, with his 35 surpassing the record of 30 long held by Jim Gabarra. In the course of earning those caps, he was captain of the United States teams at the 1996 Futsal World Cup in Spain and the 2004 Futsal World Cup in Taiwan. Bowers played professional indoor soccer from 1991 to 2010 with five different teams in various leagues. He also played four seasons of first-division outdoor soccer with the Kansas City Wizards of Major League Soccer. He played 116 games in his MLS career.

Mary Harvey

Eligibility: 27 games for the U.S. Women's National Team. The goalkeeper on the U.S. team that won the first Women's World Cup in 1991. Harvey played every minute of all six United States games in the 1991 Women's World Cup, conceding only five goals and scoring three shutouts, after having been one of the last players added to the U.S. roster, because she was playing in Germany at the time. In addition to her World Cup title, she also won an Olympic silver medal with the United States team at the 1996 Olympic Games, the first in which women's soccer was included. Her first full international for the United States was against Poland in 1989 and the last against Australia in 1996. Harvey, who was one of the first American women to play professionally overseas, played three seasons in the German women's first division and two seasons in the Swedish women's first division.

Lori Henry

Eligibility: 39 games for the U.S. Women's National Team. A defender who played in two landmark teams in American women's soccer history. In 1985, Henry was a member of the first women's national team organized by the U.S. Soccer Federation, for a tournament in Jesolo, Italy, and started all four games in that tournament. In 1991, she played in the first Women's World Cup in China, and was the only player from that 1985 first USWNT game to do so. Henry played two games in that 1991 Women's World Cup, which the United States won. In between those two tournaments, she played another 33 games for the United States, scoring three goals in those games, and served as captain of the team for three years. In all, she started each of the first 28 games ever played by the U.S. Women's National Team.

Eddie Lewis

Eligibility: Seven seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection, and 82 games for the U.S. Men's National Team. A midfielder who starred in MLS, the U.S. national team and English leagues. Lewis played 82 full internationals for the United States, the first against Peru in October 1996 and the last against Trinidad in September 2008. More than a quarter of those 82 games came in World Cup play, five in the 2002 and 2006 World Cups and 21 in World Cup qualifiers in 2000, 2001, 2004, 2005 and 2008. Perhaps Lewis' most famous moment in a U.S. uniform came in 2002, when his perfect cross from the left wing was headed into the net by Landon Donovan for the second goal of the United States' World Cup upset over Mexico. In addition to his World Cup play, Lewis was a member of the United States teams at the 1999 and 2003 Confederations Cups and the U.S. team that won the 2002 CONCACAF Gold Cup. Lewis played seven seasons in MLS between 1996 and 2010 for San Jose and Los Angeles, and was chosen to the MLS post-season Best XI in 1999. He played 163 MLS regular-season games and nine MLS playoff games. Between 2000 and 2008, Lewis played nine seasons in English professional leagues, becoming a regular at several different clubs.

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.

Tony Sanneh

Eligibility: 43 games for the U.S. Men's National Team. A defender who starred in the national team and MLS, reaching his peak during the United States' successful run at the 2002 World Cup. Sanneh played 43 full internationals for the United States, the first against China in 1997 and the last against Costa Rica in 2005. Those 43 caps included all five of the United States games at the 2002 World Cup. Sanneh was one of only three U.S. players to play every minute of each of those games, and it was his cross that Brian McBride headed home for the third goal of the United States' victory over Portugal. He also played 15 World Cup qualifiers in 2000, 2001 and 2004. Sanneh played eight seasons in MLS between 1996 and 2009 for D.C., Columbus, Chicago, Colorado and Los Angeles, and was a member of the D.C. United teams that won the first two MLS titles in 1996 and 1997. He also won the U.S. Open Cup twice, in 1996 with D.C. and 2006 with Chicago, and played six seasons in German professional leagues, two seasons in the APSL and USL, two seasons in the USISL and one season in the NPSL. During his MLS career he played 130 regular-season games and 20 playoff games.

Tisha Venturini-Hoch

Eligibility: 132 games for the U.S. Women's National Team. A midfielder who played in two World Cups for the United States. Venturini, although not a starter, was one of the most visible stars of the team that won the Women's World Cup in 1999, playing in two of the six games (including the final) and scoring two goals. She also had been a member of the United States team at the 1995 Women's World Cup, where she played all six United States games, and the 1996 Olympic Games, where she played all five United States games. She played 132 full internationals for the United States between 1992 and her retirement from the national team in 2000. Venturini played three seasons in the Women's United Soccer Association, all for the San Jose Cyberrays, and won a WUSA championship in 2001. She also played one season in the W-League and one season in the Women's Premier Soccer League. She played 60 WUSA regular-season games and two WUSA playoff games.

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, 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.