



Julie Foudy Olympic Gold Medalist

Julie Foudy had a sensational soccer career while playing on the USA National Team for 18 years. She is the recently retired Captain of the US Women's National Team. Julie was a captain on the National Team for 13 of her 18 years with the team and participated in all four Women's World Cups and all three Olympics for the USA Team. She is a two-time World Cup Champion and she is also a 1996 Olympic Gold medalist, 2000 Olympic Silver medalist and 2004 Olympic Gold medalist. Julie finished her National Team career with 45 goals, 59 assists and 271 international appearances (caps) for the USA. Her 271 caps rank third in the world all-time, male or female.

Julie also played three years as Captain with the WUSA's San Diego Spirit. She was a four time All-American player at Stanford University and was inducted into the Stanford Hall of Fame. While at Mission Viejo High School, Julie won three CIF Championships and three CIF Player of the Year awards. Julie was voted Los Angeles Times' High School Player of the Decade for the 80's.

Most importantly to Julie, she has made a difference off the field as well. Julie was the President of the Women's Sports Foundation from 2000-2002 and on the Women's Sports Foundation Board of Directors for the past 7 years. Currently, Julie is doing advocacy work on their behalf, with a focus on Title IX and athletes' rights issues. Julie also served on the Board of Directors for the WUSA (the professional women's soccer league) as the Player Representative.

Julie has been instrumental in a number of women's rights and child labor issues around the world. In fact, the world governing body of soccer, FIFA, awarded her the FIFA Fair Play Award (making her the first woman and American to receive the award) for her work against child labor in the stitching of soccer balls. She served as a member for the Commission on Title IX, appointed by President Bush and Secretary Paige.

Most recently, she received an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from Smith College in 2005 and was honored by the National Women's Law Center. She is currently an analyst for ESPN and NBC, making her Winter Olympics debut as a Sports Desk reporter at the Torino 2006 Olympic Winter Games.