

Julie Foudy, 2009 US Youth Soccer Hall of Fame Inductee, Player

Julie Foudy began playing team soccer when she was seven years old. She helped the Mission Viejo Soccerettes from California Youth Soccer Association South win the Under-16 US Youth Soccer National Championship in 1986.

Foudy was the captain of the U.S. Women's National Team for 13 of her 18 years on the team. She is a two-time FIFA World Cup champion (1991 and 1999) and participated in two other World Cups.

She finished her National Team career with 45 goals, 59 assists and 271 international appearances (caps).

Foudy was also part of the Olympic gold medalist teams in 1996 and 2004 and the silver medalist team in 2000.

At Stanford University, Foudy was a four-time NSCAA All-American. In 1991, she was named Soccer America Player of the Year.

In high school, Foudy brought her Mission Viejo High School team to three state championships and was a two time All-American.

As a player advocate, she has worked for athletes' rights and on Title IX. She was the president of the Women's Sports Foundation from 2000-2002 and has served on the board for the past seven years. She also served on the Commission on Title IX, appointed by President George W. Bush.

For her work against child labor, Foudy received the FIFA Fair Play Award.

Foudy is currently a sports broadcaster on ESPN and handles much of the soccer broadcast responsibilities for the network.

She has also run the Julie Foudy Soccer Camps for girls for 14 years. The camps focus on soccer skills as well as developing participants' confidence to lead and teaching them how to be a positive leader in their communities.

Foudy was inducted into the National Soccer Hall of Fame in 2007.

