Jill Ellis

In 2015 and 2019, the United States Women’s National Soccer Team won the World Cup Championship under the leadership of Jill Ellis, making her the second coach ever to win back to back World Cup Championships, and the first female coach to do so. After being named head coach of the U.S. Women’s National Soccer Team on May 16, 2014, Ellis had to largely rebuild the team while modernizing the way it played soccer. Just a little under 13 months later, she led the team to their 2015 World Championship.

At the end of 2015, along with a number of other honors, Jill was named the FIFA Women’s World Coach of the Year for Women’s Soccer, marking the first time an American had been bestowed with that honor. She was also named the CONCACAF Female Coach of the Year, and the USA team won the ESPY for Team of the Year, 2015.

Jill assumed the position as head coach of the U.S. National Team after serving as Director of Development for the U.S. Women’s National Youth Teams since January of 2011. Prior to that, Jill was Head Coach of the UCLA Women’s Soccer team and led the Bruins to eight NCAA Final Fours, including seven in a row from 2003-2009, and won six straight conference titles from 2003-2008. She finished her time at UCLA with a record of 229-45-14. Ellis, who was also head coach at the University of Illinois, has an all-time collegiate coaching record of 248-63-14 and is currently the only female to hold the United States Soccer Federation Professional License for coaching.

Jill was an All-American soccer player at the College of William and Mary where she earned her B.A. in English Literature and Composition in 1988. In 2016 Jill was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from her Alma Mater. Ellis grew up in Portsmouth, England and came to the United States in 1981 at the age of 15 and currently resides in Palmetto Bay, Florida.