

Don Smolenski

President



Don Smolenski, a longtime leader in the Eagles front office and a veteran sports executive, was named the club's president in June 2012. His promotion capped a steady rise through the executive ranks of the Eagles organization.

As President, Smolenski directs the club's business and strategic efforts, including sales, marketing, communications and operations. He is known for his collaborative, easygoing style, financial acumen and long-term view and for playing a key role in significant projects from the construction of Lincoln Financial Field to the club's internationally recognized environmental and philanthropic programs.

During his first year as President, Smolenski infused energy throughout the organization with his engaging leadership style. He embarked on a two-year, \$125 million revitalization plan to Lincoln Financial Field and aided Eagles chairman Jeffrey Lurie and general manager Howie Roseman on the team's search for a new head coach - a process that landed Oregon head coach Chip Kelly. He also spearheaded a plan that relocated the team's training camp to Philadelphia for the first time since 1943.

The stadium revitalization plan, like others, was a direct result of his numerous conversations with Eagles fans, an initiative that fuels Smolenski's drive as one of the key stewards of the franchise.

Smolenski is also a driving force in the team's environmental initiatives. Through its Go Green! program, the Eagles have emerged as a leader in environmental stewardship. The team has become a green leader in the sports industry through its conservation efforts, recycling programs, and use of renewable energy. In fact, his efforts have made Lincoln Financial Field one of the greenest sports stadium in the world with the installation of solar panels and wind turbines in 2012.

Smolenski joined the Eagles in 1998 as the club's Chief Financial Officer and was later promoted to Senior Vice President/Chief Financial Officer. In 2010 he was named the club's Chief Operating Officer.

Don is a member of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and sits on the board of the Philadelphia Sports Congress. He is the treasurer of Eagles Youth Partnership and is involved with Leadership Philadelphia, a non-profit organization that promotes leadership and community involvement in the city of Philadelphia.

Before joining the Eagles, Smolenski served as Chief Financial Officer for the International Hockey League, where he oversaw all league financial matters and played an integral role in the expansion of the league. Through the development of expansion models and the analysis of league performance models, Smolenski saw the league grow from 12 to 19 teams.

Smolenski began his career as a public accountant with Arthur Andersen.

An avid athlete and outdoor enthusiast, Smolenski has completed the Detroit, Pittsburgh and Boston Marathons, and recently completed his first triathlon. He earned his BA in biology from Amherst College and a Master's in accounting from the University of Hartford. Don and his wife, Karen, have two sons, Jake and Shane.

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Favorite team growing up: Dallas Tornado

Favorite athlete growing up: Kyle Rote, Jr.

Biggest influence on your career: My wife

On your iPod: U2, Police

Favorite TV show of all-time: *The Simpsons*

Favorite Movie: *Star Wars*

Favorite Web Site: Philadelphiaeagles.com

If I was not in football, I'd be: A race car driver