

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, capping a steady rise through the executive ranks of the organization. Smolenski was originally hired by the team in 1998 as chief financial officer, was later promoted to senior vice president/chief financial officer and was named the team's chief operating officer in 2010.

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. He has played a key role in significant projects from the construction of Lincoln Financial Field to the club's internationally recognized environmental and philanthropic programs. He also aided Chairman and CEO Jeffrey Lurie and Executive Vice President of Football Operations Howie Roseman in the team's search for its newest head coach, Doug Pederson.

During his tenure as president, Smolenski has infused energy and creativity throughout the organization with his engaging leadership style. In 2015, he was named to the Most Admired CEOs list by the *Philadelphia Business Journal* and in 2016 the Philadelphia Eagles was named to Philly.com's Top Workplaces list.

When Chairman and CEO Jeffrey Lurie took over the Philadelphia Eagles in 1994, he set out to build a multi-dimensional event venue that housed not only Eagles games, but a variety of entertainment events. In his first year as president, Smolenski spearheaded a two-year, \$125 million Lincoln Financial Field revitalization project that has helped the organization realize Lurie's vision. Over the years, Lincoln Financial Field has hosted high-profile events including sold-out concerts, national and international soccer matches, the NCAA Lacrosse Championships, the Army-Navy Game, Monster Jam and more.

Smolenski plays an important role in the team's environmental initiatives. Because of its Go Green program, the Eagles have emerged as a leader in environmental stewardship in the sports industry. Those efforts include conservation efforts, recycling programs and use of renewable energy including wind and solar.

Smolenski serves as the treasurer of the team's non-profit, charitable wing, the Eagles Charitable Foundation (ECF), a non-profit 501c3 that today provides children in the Philadelphia region with greater access to vision care and provides funds to support autism research and services. Along with serving as treasurer of ECF, Smolenski helped launch the Eagles Care initiative in 2013. The innovative Eagles Care program forges annual, strategic partnerships with five local nonprofits in order to increase the impact of the team's community efforts. The Eagles also host the annual Huddle Up For Autism event at Lincoln Financial Field in partnership with the Center for Autism Research at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

BEHIND THE SCENES WITH SMOLENSKI

Favorite team growing up: Dallas Tornado
Favorite athlete growing up: Kyle Rote, Jr.
Biggest influence on your career: My wife
Favorite music: U2, Police
Favorite TV show of all-time: *The Simpsons*
Favorite movie: *Star Wars*
Favorite app: Philadelphia Eagles mobile app
If I was not in football, I'd be: A race car driver



In addition to his leadership roles within the Eagles organization, Smolenski is also a member of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce Board, the FM Global Advisory Board, the Philadelphia Sports Congress, the Panasonic Advisory Board and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) Foundation Board of Overseers. Smolenski is also the co-chair of the CHOP Corporate Council and is involved with Leadership Philadelphia, a non-profit organization that promotes leadership and community involvement.

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 is a triathlete who has also completed the Detroit, Pittsburgh and Boston Marathons. He earned his bachelor of arts degree in biology from Amherst College and a master's degree in accounting from the University of Hartford. Don and his wife, Karen, have two sons, Jake and Shane.