

DON SMOLENSKI

PRESIDENT



Don Smolenski, now in his 19th season with the Philadelphia Eagles, was originally hired by the team in 1998 as chief financial officer. He was promoted to senior vice president/chief financial officer in 2001 and was named the team's chief operating officer in 2010. In 2012, he was named to his current role of team president.

Smolenski directs the club's business and strategic efforts, including sales, marketing, communications and operations. 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. 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 were named to Philly.com's Top Workplaces list.

In his first year as president, Smolenski spearheaded a two-year, \$125 million Lincoln Financial Field revitalization project that added 1,600 seats, HD video boards and graphics paying tribute to the team's history. 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, Temple University football and more.

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

Smolenski serves as the treasurer of the team's public charity, Eagles Charitable Foundation, which provides children in the Philadelphia region with greater access to vision care and provides funds to support autism research and services. In addition, Smolenski helped launch the Eagles Care initiative in 2013. The Eagles Care program forges annual, strategic partnerships with local non-profit organizations in order to deepen the impact of the team's community efforts. The Eagles also host an annual Huddle Up for Autism event at Lincoln Financial Field in partnership with the Center for Autism Research at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP).

In addition to his leadership roles within the Eagles organization, Smolenski is 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 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. This past year, in partnership with the Philadelphia Sports Congress, Smolenski assisted in bringing the 2017 NFL Draft back to Philadelphia for the first time since 1961.

BEHIND THE SCENES WITH SMOLENSKI



Favorite Eagles moment: "Standing on the field after the 2004 NFC Championship game watching 68,000 Eagles fans celebrate."

Proudest accomplishment with the Eagles:

"The countless acts of emotional connections between our staff and our fans that I witness every day."

Favorite part of game day: "Standing on the upper concourse looking out at all of the Eagles fans tailgating throughout the complex. Always humbling."

Best thing about Eagles fans: "Honesty, loyalty and passion."

Favorite Philadelphia attraction: Boathouse Row

Favorite TV show: *The Simpsons*

Favorite movie: *Star Wars*

Bucket list: Climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro

First job: Newspaper delivery boy

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 outdoor enthusiast, Smolenski enjoys an active lifestyle and has completed the Detroit, Pittsburgh and Boston Marathons. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from Amherst College and holds a Master's of Science degree in Accounting. Don and his wife, Karen, have two sons, Jake and Shane.