Participant Guide for the 43rd Annual Hockey Line

Rules, Information & Forms

2016-2017 Hockey Season

A program of the Grand Marshal, the Red Army, and the Rensselaer Union

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**Why Do Hockey Line?**

In 1973, the RPI Student Senate and Executive Board agreed on a proposal to replace the previously utilized seat rotation system for students at hockey games in the Houston Field House. This plan, allowing season tickets for seating locations to be purchased on a first come-first served basis led to students lining up for days beforehand to purchase tickets. Over time, the system developed and transformed, moving from inside the Rathskellar to outside the Union building, having signup slots and registration, and being governed by a set of rules set by the Grand Marshal.

This tradition, now called Hockey Line, is continuing for its 43rd year. Student groups set up camp around the Rensselaer Union, and a week of events joins them as they wait to obtain their season tickets. Currently the record for the longest Hockey Line was in 1985 following RPI’s second national championship where the next day Psi Upsilon fraternity set up for a 177 day wait for tickets.

Now you have your chance to be a part of Hockey Line, so pitch your tent and register now so you can get your tickets before anyone else! Beginning on September 6th at 8 am, your position in line will rely on your coordination and planning, as you will be monitored to ensure fair participation and school spirit. Read on to learn all of the rules, and don’t forget to enjoy your time participating in one of Rensselaer’s best traditions.

Best,
Paul Ilori, ’17
151st Grand Marshal

**Hockey Line Incentives:**

The Hockey Line Committee will work with RPI Athletics, Office of the Greek Life Commons, the Rensselaer Union and other campus or community partners to create and offer additional incentives for students to form groups and participate in Hockey line. There will be two categories for Incentives: Greek Life and non-Greek related Groups. Additional prizes during the Hockey Line Kick-off celebration shall be made available to all Greek and non-Greek groups.

1. Incentives for Greek Life and non-Greek Life organizations:
   a. Invitation for advanced Playoff Ticket sales (limited to regular season selected tickets)
   b. Your Team in the Poly – The team with the number one spot this year will be pictured in the Rensselaer Polytechnic’s Hockey Line article. Top teams this year will be mentioned in the same issue.
   c. Hang the organization’s banner/flag for the entire Hockey Season.
   d. Top three organizations are eligible to use the President’s Suite for 1 game of the season pending the President’s approval through RPI Athletics.

2. Hockey Line Kick-Off Celebration Incentives:
a. Raffle Tickets for each member of your group to win prizes (signed Hockey equipment, ice time, and more)

b. Chance to meet the Men’s & Women’s Varsity Coaches and Players.

c. Group pictures with Puckman.
Hockey Line Rules and Procedures

**Hockey Line Committee:**

By the end of September each year, the Grand Marshal in conjunction with The Red Army shall appoint a standing committee that may include students, alumni, faculty, and staff of Rensselaer. Permanent members of the committee shall consist of representatives from the following organizations and departments (other members may be appointed the Grand Marshal or Red Army President as necessary). For more information contact the Grand Marshal at gm@rpi.edu:

- Grand Marshal or their designee
- President of the Union or their designee
- Interfraternity Council
- Panhellenic Council
- Red Army
- RPI Athletics
  - Operations Staff
  - Coaching Staff
- Student Life
  - Union Professional Staff
  - Student Experience and/or Residence Life/Greek Life
- Alumni Relations
  - Professional Staff

**Duties of the Committee:**

- Advise the Grand Marshal in reviewing, developing, and enforcing the Hockey Line Guide
- Publishing the Hockey Line Guide
- Advertising Hockey Line
- Develop Incentives for Hockey Line Group Participation
- Host Informational Sessions related to Hockey Line
- Obtain feedback from Hockey Line participants through forums and other means

**Hockey Line Rules**
A. **Hockey Line Dates and Times:**

1. Unofficial Hockey Line begins when the first student group moves into position at the Southwest corner of the Student Union.
2. Official Hockey Line begins Tuesday September 6th at 8am and concludes on Monday September 12th at 8pm.
3. Monday September 12th at 8pm will begin the march to the Houston Field House for group ticket sales and entertainment.
4. All groups must have at least one person present in the Hockey Line from 8am to 8pm. The Hockey Line Committee will check each group throughout the week between the hours of 8am and 8pm to see if they have someone representing them.
5. If a group does not have a registered member at the time of the check in, they will be required to move back one spot in the Hockey Line.
6. All groups must stay in line for a consecutive 24-hours starting 8pm on September 11th and finishing 8pm on September 12th when tickets go on sale.
7. Starting order will be assigned based on the submission of the official sign-up form to the Union Administration prior to the starting date of Hockey Line.

B. **Group Registration Process**

1. Students must submit a group registration form to the Administration and Student Activities Office in the Student Union before joining the line.
2. Additions to the participant roster will be permitted until 5pm on the final day of Hockey Line.
3. All groups must be properly registered as directed in this document to be eligible to purchase any tickets.
4. Only RPI students who have paid the activity fee in the Fall 2016 semester are eligible to participate in Hockey Line.
5. There is no maximum or minimum group size.
6. Any group who has not formally registered their group at or during the official week of Hockey Line shall be moved one spot back in line at each official check in, until the group is formally registered.

C. **Ticket Sale Information:**

1. Season tickets are $74.00 for the 18 game package. Checks are to be made out to the RPI Field House Box Office. MasterCard and Visa are also acceptable forms of payment.
2. Group Ticket sales are restricted to adjacent seats/sections. Any group attempting to purchase tickets for more than one area will be restricted from doing so. (This is designed to prevent one group of student absorbing a second group and allowing the second group to circumvent the Hockey Line rules and tradition).
3. Season tickets purchased through Red Army may be paid with cash, bursar charge, or check made out to Red Army. All other groups and individuals must follow payment methods explained in Item B, 1.
D. **General Rules:**

The following rules are enforced to keep the Hockey Line event organized and safe. Some rules are designed to keep you safe from injury by fire or physical threat. Please help us by abiding by them at all times.

1. Open tents and tarp coverings are permitted in Hockey Line; however, no stakes, pins, or nails can be driven into the Union structure or patio cement.

2. A group must mark their spot in line with a poster, a banner, or some other identifying characteristic while a group member is not present in line. A member is still required to be present during the designated times. The marker is to hold the group’s spot during hours they are not required to be present (i.e. 8pm-8am).

3. A walkway with a minimum of eight (8) feet of unobstructed clearance is to be maintained around the entire perimeter of the Union deck at all times. Additionally, a minimum clearance of two (2) feet from all doorways is to be maintained. The Hockey Line Committee shall have final authority over physical placement of Hockey Line and the groups within it.

4. Fire extinguishers will be provided by the Union, and may be used only as necessary to preserve safety.

5. Trash cans will be provided by the Union. Groups may be responsible for emptying their own trash cans.

6. A security/fire watch should be in effect at all times. Each group is responsible for the protection of the next group. If a problem arises contact Public Safety or the Union Administration Office.

7. The use of any heating or cooking equipment is prohibited except with the explicit permission of the Hockey Line Committee.

8. Electrical power is limited but may be used by the participants of Hockey Line. As necessary, the Hockey Line Committee may institute a system of power rationing. Should multiple groups require multiple connections in the same area, campus Physical Plant assistance can be obtained to ensure proper connections are made. See the Union Administration Office for help.

9. Only lamps, clocks, alarms, televisions, laptops, small video games systems, small radios, calculators, and DVD players are permitted in line. The Hockey Line Committee reserves the right to limit quantity and operational time frame of all electrical devices.

10. Union picnic tables and all other Union furniture (including chairs and tables) may not be monopolized by groups or participants of Hockey Line.

11. Noise levels from dusk until 8am should be kept at a level that does not disturb other Hockey Line participants, Union users, and neighbors.

12. No alcohol or tobacco is permitted in Hockey Line.
13. All parties responsible for any damages must pay for those damages before purchasing hockey tickets.

14. Posters and postering are encouraged in Hockey Line, but the wooden parts of the outside of the Union are off limits unless the Union Administrative Office gives explicit approval. You are only allowed to use masking tape. Duct tape is not allowed on any surface at any time.

15. Additional restrictions may be imposed, as necessary, by the Hockey Line committee, to ensure a safe operation of the Union and Hockey Line.

16. Only registered members of a registered group can “check in” for the group during the official week of Hockey Line.

17. The Hockey Line Committee shall make all interpretations of these rules. Violations may result in moving to the back of the line, being expelled from the line, or other disciplinary action.
Hockey Line Registration Form

Group Number: _____ (assigned by the Hockey Line Committee)

Group Name:________________________________________

Approximate Total # of Students in Group:______________________

Group Leader:_________________________________________

Address:______________________________________________

Phone:___________________________________________________

Email:______________________________________________

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read the Hockey Line Participant Guide and agree to be bound by its terms. I further agree to ensure that all members of my group read and agree to be bound by the terms of that document. I agree that my group members and I shall be subject to damage fines as determined under these rules, which may be charge to our student accounts. Finally, I acknowledge our responsibility to conduct security/fire duty as outlined in the general rules of the document as well as all campus policies in the Student Handbook.

Group Leader Name: ___________________________

Signature:________________________________________

Date: _________
Hockey Line Roster Form
(Registration List of Participants)

Group Name: ___________________________
(Please Print)

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