Participant Guide for the 42nd Annual Hockey Line

Rules, Information & Forms

2015-2016 Hockey Season

A program of the Grand Marshal, Student Senate and Rensselaer Union

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Why Do Hockey Line?

On March 30th, 1985, in the midst of a record-length 38-game undefeated streak, the Rensselaer Engineers skated to a tense 2-1 victory over Providence to earn their second national championship. On March 31st, The Psi Upsilon fraternity set up camp outside the Union, following a record season with a record offseason as fans quickly joined them in what became a 177-day wait for next season's tickets.

This tradition, now called Hockey Line, is continuing for its 42nd 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.

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 2nd, 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 big traditions.

Best,
Marcus Flowers ’16,
150th Grand Marshal

Hockey Line Rewards

By forming a team and participating in Hockey Line, you and your friends will be eligible for many opportunities, such as:

- First Come, First Serve – This is your chance to ensure the best seats in the Houston Field House. A higher spot in line means more seating options. A seating chart is provided for your convenience.

- 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.

- Group Banner in the Field House – Your team’s banner may be hung in the Houston Field House for the entire 2014-2015 season.

- Signed Prize Raffle – On the day of ticket sales, every student in the Hockey Line will have an opportunity to win a signed jersey or hockey stick.

- Meet the Players – The team with the most members will have a chance to tour the locker rooms, and meet the coaches and players of the RPI Engineers.

- Red Army Raffle – Throughout the Line students have the chance to win prizes given out by Red Army.

- Pies with Puckman – Look out for Puckman and you’ll have a chance to get your picture taken with the mascot himself.

- Free Ice-Skating and Music – On the day of ticket sales, celebrating the opening of the season with free skating and music at the Houston Field House – and free food given out by the players.
Hockey Line Rules and Procedures

The following rules are enforced to keep the Hockey Line event organized, fair, and safe. Please help us by abiding by them at all times.

Section I. Registration and Eligibility

1. Only RPI students who have paid the Rensselaer Union Activity Fee for Fall 2015 semester are eligible to participate in Hockey Line.
2. Students must register with a group before joining Hockey Line. Group registration and additions to a group's roster will remain open until 5 PM September 9th.
3. All groups must be properly registered via the paperwork provided in this document to be eligible to purchase any tickets as a part of Hockey Line. Registration papers may be handed in to the Grand Marshal or the Union Administration Office.
4. A group's position in Hockey Line is not official until registration is completed. Starting positions will be determined by the order in which forms are filled.
5. **Please note that seats purchased by a group must be next to each other if at all possible.**
6. There is no maximum or minimum group size.

Section II. Line Participation Rules

1. Starting Wednesday, September 2nd, all groups must have at least one person present in Hockey Line from 8 AM to 9 PM. The Grand Marshal or his/her designee will check each group throughout the event during these times to see if they have a person representing them. If a group does not have a member representing them, they will move back one spot in Hockey Line.
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.
3. All groups must stay in line for a consecutive 24-hours starting 7pm on September 8th and finishing 7 PM on September 9th. September 9th at 7 PM will begin the march to the Houston Field House for group ticket sales and entertainment.
4. Additional restrictions may be imposed, as necessary, by the Grand Marshal or his/her designee to ensure the successful, safe operation of the Rensselaer Union and Hockey Line. All groups will be immediately notified upon any and all changes or imposition of restrictions.
5. The Grand Marshal, or his/her designee, 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.

Section III. Ticket Sales

1. Tickets will go on sale 8 PM, September 9th.
2. Season tickets are $74.00 for the 18 game package plus an additional free ticket to the Black Friday game versus Harvard (Oct. 29), the contest game against Union at the Times Union Center (Jan. 25) and one home playoff series (best of 3 games).
3. Acceptable forms of payment include Cash, Check, MasterCard, Visa, and RAD. Checks are to be made out to the RPI Field House Box Office.
Section IV. Rensselaer Union Space & Utilities
1. 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.
2. Union picnic tables and all other Union furniture (including chairs and tables) may not be used solely by groups or participants of Hockey Line. Union furniture must remain available to all activity-fee paying students.
3. Groups are responsible for not littering. Trash cans may be provided by the Union. Groups are responsible for emptying their own trash cans.
4. Noise levels from dusk until 8am should be kept at a level that does not disturb other Hockey Line participants, people within and around the Union, and the Troy community.
5. 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.
6. The use of any heating or cooking equipment is prohibited except with the explicit permission of the Grand Marshal.
7. Posters and decorations are encouraged in Hockey Line, but the wooden siding of the Union is off limits unless the Grand Marshal or the President of the Union gives explicit approval.
8. You are only allowed dot use masking tape. Duct tape is not allowed on any surface at any time.
9. The Grand marshal, or his/her designee, shall have final authority over physical placement of Hockey Line and the groups within it.

Section V. Electronics
1. Electrical power is limited but may be used by the participants of Hockey Line. As necessary, the Grand Marshal, President of the Union, or their designee may institute a system of power rationing.
2. 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 Rensselaer Administration Office for help.
3. Only lamps, clocks, alarms, televisions, laptops, mobile devices, small video game systems, small radios, calculators, VCRs, and DVD players are permitted in line. Other devices are prohibited except with the explicit permission of the Grand Marshal.
4. The Grand marshal, the President of the Union, and their designees reserve the right to limit quantity and operational time frame of all electrical devices.

Section VI. Safety and Liability
1. A security/fire watch should be in effect at all times. Each group is responsible for the protection of the next group. In the event of a fire or security incident, please notify Public Safety or the Rensselaer Union Administration Office immediately.
2. Fire extinguishers will be provided by the Union, and may be used only as necessary to preserve safety.
3. No alcohol or use of tobacco is permitted in Hockey Line.
4. All parties responsible for any damages must pay those damages before purchasing hockey tickets.
**Hockey Line Committee:**

By the end of September each year the Grand Marshal shall appoint a standing advisory committee that may include students, alumni, faculty, and staff of Rensselaer.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this committee shall be to:

- Advise each Grand Marshal as they develop and enforce rules for Hockey Line
- Obtain feedback from Hockey Line participants to assist in the improvement of Hockey Line
- Continually develop incentives for participation in Hockey Line
- Collaboratively work to develop new ideas/strategies to ensure the success of Hockey Line
- Advertise for and actively build student enthusiasm towards Hockey Line and other athletic events and traditions

**Membership**

Standing members of the committee shall consist of:

- The Grand Marshal or his/her designee
- The President of the Union or his/her designee
- At least one representative of each of the PanHellenic Association and InterFraternity Council
- Relevant Operations and Coaching Staff of the RPI Athletics Department
- Relevant Professional Staff of the Office of Alumni Relations
- Relevant Rensselaer Union employees and professional staff
- Student representatives of Red Army and other relevant RPI student organizations

Additional membership may be defined by the Grand Marshal or the President of the Union as necessary. For more information, contact the Grand Marshal at gm@rpi.edu.

**A. Ticket Sale Information:**

1. Season tickets are $74.00 for the 18 game package plus an additional free ticket to the Black Tuesday game versus Harvard (Oct. 29) and the contest game against Union at the Times Union Center (Jan. 25). Checks are to be made out to the RPI Field House Box Office. MasterCard, Visa, and RAD 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).

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.

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 of 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, VCRs, 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 used solely 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 posterling 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:__________________________________________

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: ___________________________
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