



# 44th Annual Hockey Line

## Participant's Guide

Rules, Information, and Forms

2017-18 Hockey Season

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

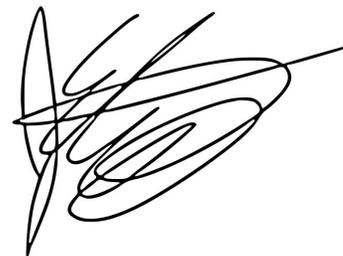
The Engineers are tied in a game that can decide the season with just seconds left on the clock. The entire stadium rumbles with the anticipation of fans, eager to see their beloved team reach the championship. In the blink of an eye, the action jumps to the away team's goal, and, in a flash, the puck reaches the net, the lights flash, the train horn blares, and the fans go wild.

RPI's hockey teams bring a sense of thrill and pride that is not easily found elsewhere. The excitement, the cheers, and the camaraderie instill a pride for our RPI home. Each year, this all kicks off with Hockey Line.

For 44 years, students, alumni, and other fans like you have lined up around the Union in hopes of securing the ideal seats to watch their Engineers take on our long-time rivals in hopes of reaching regional and national fame. In the past, dedicated fans have waited upwards of 170 days just for their favorite seats.

Now's your chance to be a part of the tradition. Get your team together, and vie for the season tickets that will give you the best view of the action.

We'll be ready on game day to cheer our Engineers to victory.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin Etzine', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Justin Etzine '18  
152nd Grand Marshal

## Participation Incentives

Each year, the Hockey Line Committee collaborates with RPI Athletics, the Rensselaer Union, the Office of Student Living and Learning, and other campus and community partners to provide additional incentives for students participating in Hockey line. Additional prizes and incentives are also available during the Kick-Off Celebration.

1. Incentives for groups that participate in the Hockey Line include:
  - 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, and
  - c. Hang the organization’s banner/flag for the entire Hockey Season.
2. Incentives for those who participate in the Kick-Off Celebration include:
  - a. Raffle Tickets for each member of your group to win prizes (signed Hockey equipment, ice time, and more),
  - b. A chance to meet the varsity hockey coaches and players,
  - c. Free ice skating on the Houston Field House ice rink, and
  - d. Group pictures with Puckman.

# Hockey Line Committee

1. 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 Polytechnic Institute.
2. The permanent student membership of the committee shall consist of the following individuals, or their designees:
  - a. The Grand Marshal,
  - b. The President of the Union,
  - c. The President of the Interfraternity Council,
  - d. The President of the Panhellenic Council, and
  - e. The President of The Red Army.
3. The permanent staff membership of the committee shall consist of individuals representing the following departments and organizations:
  - a. RPI Athletics, including both operations and coaching staff,
  - b. Rensselaer Union administrative staff,
  - c. Division of Student Life, including Student Living and Learning, Student Experience, and First-Year Experience, and
  - d. Alumni Relations.
4. The duties of the committee shall include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Advising the Grand Marshal in reviewing, developing, and enforcing the Hockey Line Guide,
  - b. Publishing the Hockey Line Guide,
  - c. Advertising Hockey Line, including any relevant social media content,
  - d. Developing incentives for Hockey Line group participation,
  - e. Hosting informational sessions related to Hockey Line, and
  - f. Obtaining feedback from Hockey Line participants through forums and other means.

For more information about the committee, contact the Grand Marshal at [gm@rpi.edu](mailto:gm@rpi.edu).

# Rules and Procedures

## A. 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 on Friday, September 8th, 2017, at 8 am and concludes on Wednesday, September 13th, 2017, at 5 pm.
3. The Houston Field House will hold a Hockey Line Kickoff Celebration, with group ticket sales and entertainment, that will begin at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 13th, 2017.
4. All groups must have at least one person present in the Hockey Line from 8 am to 8 pm. The Hockey Line Committee will check each group throughout the week between the hours of 8 am and 8 pm 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 at 5 pm on Tuesday, September 12th, 2017, and finishing at 5 pm on Wednesday, September 13th, 2017, 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 5 pm 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 2017 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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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. 8 pm–8 am).
4. 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.
5. Fire extinguishers will be provided by the Union, and may be used only as necessary to preserve safety.
6. Trash cans will be provided by the Union. Groups may be responsible for emptying their own trash cans.
7. 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.

8. The use of any heating or cooking equipment is prohibited except with the explicit permission of the Hockey Line Committee.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Union picnic tables and all other Union furniture (including chairs and tables) may not be monopolized by groups or participants of Hockey Line.
12. Noise levels from dusk until 8am should be kept at a level that does not disturb other Hockey Line participants, Union users, and neighbors.
13. No alcohol or tobacco is permitted in Hockey Line.
14. All parties responsible for any damages must pay for those damages before purchasing hockey tickets.
15. 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.
16. Additional restrictions may be imposed, as necessary, by the Hockey Line committee, to ensure a safe operation of the Union and Hockey Line.
17. Only registered members of a registered group can “check in” for the group during the official week of Hockey Line.
18. 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.

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