

# CHICAGO SPORTS SUMMIT

Celebrating 10 years

2026



The Chicago Sports Summit has earned its place as one of the city's most consistently interesting events: a gathering for those who shape sports business to think, share, and connect. This year's event is raising funds for important research at Rush University Medical Center.

The list of participants reads like a who's who of the sports world: team owners, league executives, athletes, and investors involved in the industry's biggest deals.

Set in one of the best venues in town with a delicious plated breakfast and enticing silent auction items, the Summit weaves together hot topics, honest debate, and unhurried relationship-building.

Some of the most important conversations in sports start here.



*Brian J. Cole, MD, MBA, Managing Partner, Midwest Orthopaedics of Rush, and head team physician, Chicago Bulls, founded the Chicago Sports Summit to bring together leaders in sports, sports business, and sports science to raise funds for not-for-profit youth sports organizations and important orthopedic research at Rush. Since 2016, the Summit has raised an estimated \$750,000.*

Join us

**TUESDAY  
OCTOBER 6, 2026**

**HYATT REGENCY ON WACKER  
CHICAGO**

**7:30 – 11:00AM**

**Full breakfast, networking,  
silent auction, sponsor engagement**

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### Past Summit participants have included:

**Michael Reinsdorf**, President/CEO, Chicago Bulls  
**Joel Quenneville**, Coach, Chicago Blackhawks  
**Danny Wirtz**, CEO, Chicago Blackhawks  
**Michael Alter**, Owner, Chicago Sky  
**Joe Saslow**, 35 Capital + Chicago Slice  
**Ram Padmanabhan**, COO + General Counsel, Chicago Bulls  
**Mark Bartelstein**, CEO, Priority Sports  
**Adam White**, CEO, Front Office Sports  
**Joe Pompliano**, Sports Business Influencer  
**Crane Kenney**, President, Chicago Cubs  
**Tim Anderson**, Shortstop, Chicago White Sox  
**David Schwab**, Executive VP, Octagon  
**Atul Khosla**, GM, Chicago Fire  
**Ted Phillips**, President/CEO, Chicago Bears  
**Andrew Gutman**, Chicago Fire defender  
**Kendall Coyne Schofield**, US Olympic hockey gold medalist

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