AGENDA

OCTOBER 6, 2026
CHICAGO HYATT REGENCY

7:15am — **Showcase, Registration, Silent Auction, Coffee Services open**

7:30am — **Crystal Ballroom opens, Breakfast Service begins**

8:00am — **Welcome Remarks**

Brian Cole, MD, MBA, Acting Chair Department of Orthopedics, + Managing Partner, Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush

10th Anniversary Celebration + Recap

8:15 – 8:45am — **What's driving the Hyrox explosion?**

Introduction: Greg Nicholson, MD

Moderator: Kaitlin Sharkey, WGN-TV

Alyssa McElheny, World Champion Hyrox athlete
Bijan Heravi, President, Ripple Sports
Kelly Jamieson, Head of Sales - Americas, Hyrox

8:45 – 9:15am — **Illinois' 2026 Cortina Olympic Athletes: What's next?**

Introduction: Kathleen Weber, MD

Moderator: Alex Maragos, NBC5 Chicago

Ethan Cepuran, Silver Medalist, Speed Skater
Emery Lehman, Silver Medalist, Speed Skater
Danny O'Shea, Gold Medalist, Pairs Figure Skater
Sarah Warren, Speed Skater

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9:15- 9:45am — **B R E A K**

Please enjoy the Showcase and unusual opportunities at the Silent Auction table (details on p. X)

9:45 – 10:15am — **Fireside chat with Derrick Rose**

Introduction/Moderator: Brian Cole, MD, MBA

Derrick Rose, Entrepreneur, Former NBA player

10:15 – 10:45am — **Pickleball: Who's making money in this rapid growth sport?**

Introduction: Brian Forsythe, MD

Moderator: David Kaplan, Host, ESPN Radio and ReKap podcast

Ross Chaifetz, Managing Director, The Chaifetz Group

10:45 - 11:15am — **Beyond the Bears: Navigating professional stadium builds**

Introduction: Shane Nho, MD

Moderator: Robert McCoppin, Reporter, Chicago Tribune

Lester Bagley, Executive VP, Minnesota Vikings
Eric Fisher, Reporter, Front Office Sports

11:15am — **Closing Remarks**

Brian Cole, MD, MBA