

## **PETER A. LUUKKO**

EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, SUNRISE SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT, LLC



Luukko, 57, currently serves as the Executive Chairman of the Florida Panthers and its parent company, Sunrise Sports & Entertainment, LLC. He is a nationally-recognized sports management leader and member of the National Hockey League Board of Governors with over 25 years of experience running a professional NHL franchise. Luukko's main responsibility in his current position is to build the Panthers and Sunrise Sports Entertainment, LLC into a world-class sports and entertainment company by generating a significant and broad base of corporate, community and fan support across South Florida for both the Panthers as well events at the BB&T Center.

Prior to joining the Panthers in April of 2015, Luukko was the President and Chief Operating Officer of Comcast-Spectacor, L.P. where he oversaw the Philadelphia Flyers. During his 25-year tenure, Luukko led Comcast-Spectacor's facility-management business, running more than 125 sports arenas, stadiums and convention centers. He was also responsible for the expansion of Comcast-Spectacor's broad range of businesses.

Under Luukko's leadership, Comcast-Spectacor helped Philadelphia garner national attention by attracting several high-profile events to the city of Philadelphia, including the 2000 Republican National Convention, the 2000 NCAA Women's Final Four, the 2001 NCAA Men's East Regionals, the 2001 and 2002 X-Games, the 2002 NBA All-Star Weekend, the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Gymnastics, the 2011 NCAA Wrestling Championships, the 2014 NCAA Frozen Four and numerous other sports and entertainment events. As President of the Flyers, he played an instrumental role in his club participating in two Winter Classics (2010 and 2012), while also hosting the 2014 National Hockey League Draft.

A recognized leader in the facility management industry, Luukko was the 2000 recipient of the City of Hope's Tri-State Labor Award. He also received the 2002 prestigious Harold J. VanderZwaag Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Sports Management Program of the University of Massachusetts, his alma mater, for his accomplishments in the field of sports management. He received the 2013 Police Athletic League PAL Award for his contributions to the Philadelphia community.

In 2013, Luukko and Comcast-Spectacor Chairman Ed Snider ranked 43rd on Street & Smith's Sports Business Journal's prestigious list of the Top 50 Most Influential Leaders in Sports Business. The two are also two-time winners of Venues Today's Hall of Headlines. He also was named one of Billboard Magazine's Power 100 (2012 and 2013).

Luukko and his wife, Casey, recently relocated to South Florida and are the proud parents of three children, Nick, Dana and Max. Luukko is a hockey player, hockey coach and hockey parent. His son, Nick, was recently signed to the Reading Royals, an AHL affiliate of the Philadelphia Flyers.