2026 WASHINGTON CAPITALS HOMETOWN REMIX: HOMETOWN HERO CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES

NO PURCHASE OR PAYMENT OF ANY KIND OR SUBMISSION TO A SALES PROMOTION NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN A PRIZE. THE WINNER WILL BE SELECTED BY JUDGING BASED ON THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN THESE OFFICIAL RULES. A PURCHASE, PAYMENT, OR CONTRIBUTION TO SPONSOR WILL NOT IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING. TO ENTER, YOU MUST BE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OLD AND A LEGAL RESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (INCLUDING THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA). CONTEST LIMITED TO WASHINGTON, D.C., MARYLAND, AND VIRGINIA. VOID ELSEWHERE AND WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW. SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS. PRIZE SUBJECT TO REQUIREMENTS, CONDITIONS, AND LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN OFFICIAL RULES. LIMIT ONE (1) ENTRY PER PERSON. LIMIT ONE (1) PRIZE PER PERSON.

1. **OBJECT OF THE SWEEPSTAKES:** As provided in more detail in these sweepstakes official rules ("**Official Rules**"), the 2026 Washington Capitals Hometown Remix: Hometown Hero Contest (the "Contest") invites eligible persons to nominate a person who makes a positive impact in their community (a "Nominee"). Lincoln Hockey LLC dba Washington Capitals will award one (1) prize to one (1) Nominee selected by judging from valid nominations submitted by online entry form before the Entry Deadline (as defined below).

2. **SPONSOR:** Lincoln Hockey LLC dba Washington Capitals is the sponsor ("**Sponsor**") of the Sweepstakes.

3. **SWEEPSTAKES TERRITORY:** The Sweepstakes is limited to Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia (the "**Sweepstakes Territory**"). The Sweepstakes is void outside the Sweepstakes Territory or where prohibited by law. Entries by persons residing outside the Sweepstakes Territory will be void and not eligible for any Prize.

4. **OFFICIAL RULES:** Persons entering the Sweepstakes hereby agree fully and unconditionally to these Official Rules.

5. **PERSONAL INFORMATION AND PRIVACY**: Persons entering the Sweepstakes hereby consent to the Monumental Sports & Entertainment's Privacy Policy ("**MSE Privacy Policy**").

6. **ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE**: **MARKING RADIO BUTTONS OR CHECK BOXES TO INDICATE ASSENT, OR ANY SIGNATURE WHETHER ELECTRONIC, DIGITAL, OR TYPED, SHALL INDICATE ACCEPTANCE OF THE OFFICIAL RULES AND MSE PRIVACY POLICY AND BE GIVEN THE SAME EFFECT AS A HANDWRITTEN OR ORIGINAL SIGNATURE.**

7. **ELIGIBILITY:** The Sweepstakes is open only to natural persons who are legal residents of the United States, who reside in the Sweepstakes Territory, and who are at least eighteen (18) years of age when they enter. The following persons are not eligible to enter the Sweepstakes: (i) employees, officers, directors, members, partners, governors, contractors, and agents of the Washington Capitals, Monumental Sports & Entertainment, or the MSE affiliates ("**MSE Affiliates**") listed below, the National Hockey League (NHL) or its teams, NHL Enterprises LP, NHL Enterprises Canada LP, the National Basketball Association (NBA) or its teams, the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) or its teams, the NBA Development League LLC or its teams, NBA Properties, Inc., NBA Media Ventures LLC, WNBA Properties, Inc., Capital One Financial Corporation, any parent, subsidiary, any affiliate of any of the foregoing entities, any of the respective advertising, promotional, fulfillment and marketing agencies, wholesale distributors, retail licensees of any of the foregoing entities, or any contractors and other service agencies involved with the Sweepstakes (the "**Sweepstake Entities")**; or (ii) members of the immediate family (parents, step-parents, children, step-children, siblings, or spouses) or households (persons who share the same residence for at least three (3) months per year) of any employee, officers, directors, members, partners, governors, contractors, and agents of any of the Sweepstake Entities. MSE Affiliates include Lincoln Holdings LLC dba Monumental Sports & Entertainment, Lincoln Hockey LLC dba Washington Capitals, Washington Bullets L.P. dba Washington Wizards, Lincoln Mystics LLC dba Washington Mystics, Lincoln Holdings GP LLC, Lincoln NBADL LLC dba Capital City Go-Go, Washington Sports & Entertainment LP, Washington Sports & Entertainment, Inc., Washington Sports LLC, Washington Sports GP LLC, DC Arena L.P., Monumental Ventures LLC, Lincoln NBA2K LLC dba Washington District Gaming, Lincoln Ballston LLC, Lincoln Productions LLC, Lincoln Media LLC dba Monumental Sports Network, Lincoln Alliance LLC, Lincoln CF Acquisition ULC, Washington Capitals Enterprises Co, Was Club LP Gp, LLC, Was Club LP, NHL U.S. Funding GP, LLC, and Lincoln VA Management LLC. Nominees must be natural persons who are legal residents of the United States, who reside in the Contest Territory, and who are at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time of nomination. Persons ineligible to enter under clauses (i) and (ii) above are also ineligible to be Nominees.

8. **SWEEPSTAKES PERIOD:** The Sweepstakes will begin at November 2nd at 12PM ET Eastern Standard Time (EST) on Monday, November 2, 2026, and will end on or about [End Day, Month XX, 2027], after selection and confirmation of the Winner (the "**Sweepstakes Period**").

9. **ENTRY PERIOD AND DEADLINE:** There will be one (1) entry period in the Sweepstakes ("**Entry Period"**). Entries must be received and recorded on or after the deadline set forth below ("**Start Time**") and no later than the deadline set forth below ("**Entry Deadline**"). washcaps.com/capshometownhero is the designated official entry hosting and timekeeping service for the Sweepstakes.

Entry Period 1:	
Start Time	**Entry Deadline**
November 2nd, 2026 12:00PM EST.	January, 8, 2027 12:00PM EST.

10. **HOW TO ENTER:** To enter the Sweepstakes, you must visit WashingtonCaps.com/HometownHero and complete and submit the Contest entry form("**Sweepstakes Website**") during the Entry Period by (a) providing your full name, email address, phone number, and state of residency, (b) providing the name and hometown of the person you are nominating, (c) sharing a written description of how your Nominee makes a positive impact in their community and why they represent the best of the DMV ("Story"), (d) confirming that you are at least eighteen (18) years old, (e) accepting the Official Rules and the MSE Privacy Policy, and (f) submitting your entry as directed ("**Entry**").

    Submitting an Entry via the Sweepstakes Website is the only method for entering the Sweepstakes. No other forms of entry are valid. All Entries become the property of Sponsor and will not be returned.

    Entries will be valid only for Entry Periods that remain in the Sweepstakes Period after the time the Entry is received and recorded. Entries received before the Start Time or after the final Entry Deadline, or are incomplete, unintelligible, deceptive, or made by an ineligible person, will be void.

    Limit one (1) Entry per person during each Entry Period. Entries by a person on e-mail accounts may be treated as multiple Entries and Sponsor may deem that the Entry posted first in time is valid and disqualify any subsequent Entries.

    Entries made using any robotic, macro, automatic, or programmed entry methods will be void. All Entries become the property of Sponsor and will not be returned.

    To enter the Sweepstakes, you must provide your own computer, mobile device, software, and internet or mobile connection. If entering with a mobile phone or other web-enabled device and using your wireless carrier's network, standard data charges from your wireless carrier may apply. Check with your wireless service provider for details on these and any other applicable charges. Persons entering the Sweepstakes are solely responsible for any such wireless charges.

    Only the one (1) person who submits an Entry via the manner detailed above ("Entrant") will be considered the Entrant. Entrants are not eligible to win a Prize in their capacity as Entrants; the Prize will be awarded only to the Nominee named in the winning Entry. In the event of a dispute about the identity of an Entrant, each Entry will be deemed made by the registered holder of the e-mail address or cell phone number used to submit the Entry. Sponsor is not liable to any party in connection with any dispute arising from or related to the identity of Entrant.

    Sponsor reserves the right, but is not obligated, to review any Entry for non-compliance with or violation of these Official Rules and to reject, delete, disqualify, or otherwise exclude any Entry that, in their sole discretion, does not comply with or satisfy these Official Rules, is deemed to be inappropriate for publication, or is incomplete, illegible, garbled, or deceptive.

11. **PROHIBITED CONTENT:** Sponsor reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any Entry, including any Story, that (i) is unlawful, misleading, or fraudulent, or is made for an unlawful purpose or in furtherance of illegal activities, including facilitating transactions in illegal goods or services and certain regulated goods or services, (ii) threatens or promotes terrorism or violent extremism, (iii) harasses, or threatens, promotes, encourages, or condones violence against, any person or group; (iv) harasses, or threatens, promotes, encourages, or condones violence against another person or group on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, caste, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, religious affiliation, age, disability, or serious disease; (v) depicts or encourages sexual assault or violence; (vi) depicts nudity or intimate conduct, or is otherwise sexual, is profane, or vulgar; (viii) features or promotes child sexual exploitation, (ix) promotes or encourages suicide or self-harm; (x) violates the copyright, trademark, or other intellectual property rights of other persons; (xi) impersonates another person or use a fake identity to mislead, confuse, or deceive others; (xii) depicts inappropriate or excessive use of alcohol, tobacco, nicotine, marijuana, or others drugs, (vi) libels, slanders, defames, disparages, or denigrates Sponsor, MSE Affiliates, or the Sweepstakes Entities, or any other person, or depicts

the trademarks or other intellectual property of any of the foregoing in a false or unflattering manner; (vii) discloses, threatens to disclose, or encourages others to disclose private or confidential information of any person other than Entrant (other than the Nominee's name, hometown, and Story submitted with the Nominee's permission), or (ix) supports, criticizes, or opposes any official or candidate for public office.

12. **JUDGING CRITERIA: ALL VALID ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED BY A PANEL OF SPONSOR'S MARKETING STAFF ("JUDGES") BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA ("JUDGING CRITERIA"): (I) THE NOMINEE'S POSITIVE IMPACT ON THEIR COMMUNITY (40%); (II) HOW WELL THE NOMINEE REPRESENTS THE BEST OF THE DMV (30%); AND (III) THE CLARITY AND COMPELLING NATURE OF THE STORY (30%). IN THE EVENT OF A TIE, THE ENTRY WITH THE HIGHEST SCORE ON CRITERION (I) WILL PREVAIL. THE JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL AND BINDING**.

13. **OPTION TO CONSENT TO RECEIVE COMMERCIAL MESSAGES:** You may be asked to consent to receiving commercial mobile text messages and updates from Sponsors, Monumental Sports & Entertainment, and their affiliates. Your consent to receiving these messages is not required to enter the Sweepstakes, and your response will not affect your eligibility for, or chance of, winning or receiving a Prize.

14. **NO OTHER OBLIGATION; NO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:** By submitting your Entry, you agree that your Entry is gratuitous,does not contain any confidential information, and is made without any restriction and will not obligate Sponsor in any way except as expressly provided by these Official Rules.

15. **SELECTING WINNERS:** During the Sweepstakes Period, the Judges will evaluate each Entry in the pool of valid Entries using the Judging Criteria to select one (1) Nominee to receive the Prize (the "**Winner**" or "**Prize Winner**"). The Winner will be selected on or about January 8th, 2027, and the Prize will be fulfilled at a Washington Capitals home game at the Venue on a date determined by Sponsor likely either February 2nd or February 23rd. Sponsor reserves the right to not select Winner and to not award any Prize in the event there is an insufficient number of valid Entries. In the event that a Winner is disqualified or forfeits a Prize, Sponsor may in its sole discretion and if time permits select as an alternate Winner the Nominee named in the next highest-scoring eligible and valid Entry.

16. **NOTIFYING THE WINNER:** Capitals Marketing will contact the Entrant who submitted the winning Entry using the email address or phone number provided with the Entry, and will contact the Winner through the Entrant or using contact information the Entrant provides, within two (2) business days after the Winner is selected. To receive the Prize, Winner must respond, provide Sponsor with the Prize Affidavit (as defined below), and satisfy the requirements set forth in these Official Rules within the time and in the manner provided.

17. **PRIZE: A total of one (1) Prize will be awarded during the entire Sweepstakes Period. The total Approximate Retail Value ("ARV") of the Prize to be awarded during the Sweepstakes is approximately $1,500 U.S. Dollars ($1500.** The following table describes Prizes and the Approximate Retail Value of each Prize:

Entry Period	Number of Winners	Prize Description and Approximate Retail Value ("ARV")	Approximate Retail Value ("ARV") of Prize
One	1	The opportunity for the Winner to participate in a ceremonial puck drop at a Washington Capitals home game at the Venue, on a date determined by Sponsor; four (4) tickets to that game for the Winner and up to three (3) guests; and one (1) Washington Capitals Hometown Remix jersey.	$1500
		Total ARV of All Prizes	$1500

18. **REQUIREMENTS FOR WINNER TO RECEIVE PRIZE:** To receive the Prize, the Winner (the Nominee, not the Entrant) must personally sign and return the following documents by e-mail or other electronic means as directed by Sponsor:

    (a) an affidavit of eligibility, a release of liability, and an appearance and publicity release, each in the form provided by Sponsor, together with proof of age and legal residence (collectively, the "Prize Affidavit"). The Entrant's acceptance of these Official Rules does not constitute the Winner's consent to any of the foregoing, and Sponsor will not publicly use the Winner's name, likeness, or Story until the Winner has signed the Prize Affidavit. Sponsor must receive the signed and completed Prize Affidavit before receiving Prize (no later than twenty-four (24) hours after being notified by Sponsor), failing which Winner will forfeit Prize and Sponsor may select an alternate Winner if time permits; and

    (b) the names of up to three (3) guests who will accompany the Winner, and a liability release and appearance release

signed by each guest or, for any guest under eighteen (18) years of age, by the guest's parent or legal guardian. Any guest under eighteen (18) years of age must be accompanied at all times by the Winner or another adult guest.

19. **DELIVERY OF PRIZE TO PRIZE WINNER**: After receiving a timely and affirmed Prize Winner Affidavit, Sponsor will deliver the Prize to the Winner via email provided by Prize Winner, picked up in-person at Will Call at Capital One Arena, or by other means as determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion.

20. **PRIZE LIMITATIONS – LIMIT ONE (1) PRIZE PER PERSON:** Winner may not assign or transfer a Prize or any part of a Prize and are not entitled to a substitute prize if unable or unwilling to accept or use the awarded Prize. Sponsor reserves the right to substitute any Prize (or a component thereof) with a prize of equal or greater value for any reason. Any costs and expenses associated with accepting and using a Prize that are not specified herein as being provided, including but not limited to transportation, food, beverage, delivery costs, and gratuities, are the sole responsibility of Winner. Some Prizes may require the Winner to provide his or her own computer, mobile device, software, and internet or mobile connection, and for any charges associated therewith will be the sole responsibility of Winner. Prizes are awarded subject to unavailability, postponement, or cancellation to protect health or safety of the employees, contractors, and agents of a Sponsor or the public or to comply with emergencies, restrictions, and/or advisories of any kind by national, state, local, or municipal government and their agencies.

    ALL PRIZES ARE PROVIDED "AS IS" WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY OF ANY KIND.

21. **ADDITIONAL PRIZE LIMITATIONS – TICKETS AND PASSES TO EVENTS**. In the event that a Prize may comprise tickets or passes for admission to an event or exhibition, game, or other event ("**Event**"), the following limitations, restrictions, and conditions apply in addition to those provided elsewhere in these Official Rules. Unless otherwise indicated in these Official Rules, all Events for which tickets or passes are awarded as Prizes will be held at Capital One Arena located at 601 F Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004 (the "**Venue**"). Except as specifically set forth in the Official Rules, Prize does not include tickets or admission to any event or exhibition or to any cost of travel, transportation, parking, accommodations, meals and beverages, incidental expenses, and gratuities while attending event or exhibition. Tickets and passes are subject to terms and conditions specified thereon, and seat locations therefor shall be determined in the sole and absolute discretion of Sponsor. Any Prize details not specified above will be determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion. Tickets and passes may not be transferred, resold or offered for resale, substituted, or redeemed except as they may expressly provide. Prize Winner and guest(s) agree to comply with all applicable regulations of Venue in connection with Prize. Sponsor and Venue operator reserve the right to deny entry to the Venue or remove from the Venue any Prize Winner and/or any guest(s) who behave in a non-sportsmanlike, disruptive, or intoxicated manner, or with intent to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other person at the Event. The Winner must arrive at the Venue at the date, time, and location designated by Sponsor (no later than ninety (90)minutes before the scheduled start of the game), follow all instructions of Sponsor's game-presentation staff, and wear attire as directed by Sponsor; failure to do so may result in forfeiture of the puck-drop component of the Prize. Only the Winner will participate in the ceremonial puck drop; guests will occupy the seats provided unless Sponsor permits otherwise in its sole discretion. Tickets will be delivered electronically to the e-mail address provided in the Prize Affidavit or made available at Will Call, as determined by Sponsor. The jersey will be provided in the size requested by the Winner, subject to availability; if the requested size is unavailable, Sponsor will provide the nearest available size, with no other substitution or cash equivalent. If the designated game is postponed, cancelled, or rescheduled, Sponsor may in its sole discretion reschedule the puck drop to another Washington Capitals regular-season home game during the 2026–27 season; if the Winner cannot attend the rescheduled game, the puck-drop and ticket components of the Prize will be forfeited without substitution or compensation.

22. **TAXES:** All taxes (if any), related to receipt and use of Prizes are the sole responsibility of the Winner. If you are the Winner, it is important that you determine what federal, state, and/or local taxes you must pay. Winner is encouraged to consult with an accountant or tax advisor to make that determination. Should the ARV of Prize equal or exceed six hundred U.S. dollars ($600.00), Winner will be required to provide a Social Security Number or a Taxpayer Identification Number to Sponsor for issuance of a 1099 Form. All cash prizes will be net of anytaxes that Sponsor is required by law to withhold. There is no prize substitution, transfer, or cash equivalent of non-cash prizes.

23. **APPEARANCE RELEASE:** By entering the Sweepstakes, you hereby grant to Sponsor a perpetual, irrevocable, non-exclusive, sublicensable, fully paid up and royalty free consent and license to use your name, city and state of residence, likeness, and the Story and other content submitted with your Entry ("**Entry Materials**") atany time, now and in the future, throughout the universe, for any purpose including but not limited to promoting the Sweepstakes, Sponsor, and MSE Affiliates, by any means and in any and all media now known or devised in the future, without any further consideration, notice, or approval, except where and to the extent prohibited by law. Sponsor will not publicly disclose your or any Nominee's e-mail address, telephone number, mailing address, or date of birth, and will collect, use, and share such information only as described in the MSE Privacy Policy. You hereby further irrevocably consent and waive

any objection to being photographed, videotaped, interviewed, or otherwise recorded by Sponsor or their agents, and to the making and use by Sponsor or their agents of such photographs,videotapes, interviews, and other recordings ("**Recordings**"), in whole or in part, at any time, now and in the future, throughout the universe, for any purpose including but not limited to promoting the Sweepstakes, Sponsor and MSE Affiliates, by any means and in any and all forms of media, now known or hereafter devised, without any furtherconsideration, notice, or approval except where and to the extent prohibited by law. Notwithstanding the foregoing grant of rights and consents, Sponsor has no obligation whatsoever to use or publicize you or any Entry Materials, or to make, use, or publicize any Recording. You acknowledge and agree that, as between your and Sponsor, Sponsor will be the owner of the Recordings and any and all rights including but not limited to copyright in the Recordings and the proceeds thereof throughout the universe, and you hereby assign and transfer to Sponsor any and all rights of anykind you may have in the Recordings, if any, without any further consideration, notice, or approval whatsoever. You further agree to sign any additional consents and releases as Sponsor may reasonably require to memorialize or confirm the provisions of this paragraph.

24. **ENTRANT'S REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES:** You hereby represent and warrant that you have complied with these Official Rules, that any and all information provided in your Entry and Prize Affidavit are true and complete, that you have obtained the Nominee's permission to submit the Nominee's name, hometown, and Story, that he or she has complied with these Official Rules, and that any text, image, or other content associated with the Entry will not infringe or violate the rights of any other person or entity, and that your participation in the Sweepstakes, acceptance of a Prize, or participating in publicity in connection therewith will not be subject to or conflict with any contract or collective bargaining agreement to which you are a party. You are not required by Sponsor to post your Entry or communicate that you are involved with the Sweepstakes to any social media platform, but if you do you shall comply with the Federal Trade Commission Guidelines Concerning the Use of Endorsement and Testimonials in Advertising. Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify and denya Prize to you if you breach any of the foregoing representations and warranties.

25. **RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION:** You hereby agree to release, discharge, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Sponsor,MSE Affiliates, NHL, NBA, WNBA, and their respective teams, the parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, licensees, successors, and assigns of all the foregoing entities, their wholesale distributors and retail licensees, advertising, promotional, fulfillment, and marketing agencies, and all other persons and entities connected with the Sweepstakes Entities, and the employees, officers, directors, members, partners, governors, contractors, representatives, and agents of any of the foregoing (collectively, "**Released Parties**") from and against any and all liability, damage, claim, demand, cost, expense (including attorneys' fees), injury, loss, or damage of any kind to persons including but not limited to death, physical injury, or emotional injury, property, or rights of publicity or privacy, defamation, trademark infringement or dilution, copyright infringement, or portrayal in a false light, or any similar claim or cause of action in tort, contract or anyother legal theory, now known or hereafter known in any jurisdiction throughout the world, whether unknown or unsuspected at this time ("**Claim**") arising from or in any way resulting from or related to, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, from (i) entering or participating in the Sweepstakes or in any activity related to the Sweepstakes; (ii) acceptance, possession, receipt, use, or misuse of any Prize or any component thereof, or the unavailability of a Prize or inability to use a Prize due to actions taken by any person to protect the health or safety of its employees, contractors, and agents or the public, or to comply with emergencies, restrictions, and/or advisories of any kind by national, state, local, or municipal government and their agencies; (iii) an Entry or any material provided by you, including without limitation any allegation that such Entry or material infringes, misappropriates, or otherwise violates any of your personal rights or any personal rights of any other party; (iv) any violation by you of the Official Rules; (v) any statement, action,or failure to act by you during or in connection with your participation in the Sweepstakes; (vi) any breach or alleged breach by you of the representations and warranties made herein; and (vii) any violation of law, regulation, or ordinance.

26. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:** The Released Parties are not responsible for and will not be liable for (i) any injury, damage or loss to your or any other person, or to your property or the property of any other person, resulting from or related to,directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, from participation in the Sweepstakes or any activity or travel related to the Sweepstakes, or to receipt, use, or misuse of any Prize or any portion thereof; (ii) any policy, action, or inaction by you or any other person, including without limitation actions taken by any person to protect health or safety of its employees, agents, and contractors or the public, or to comply with emergency orders, restrictions, and/or advisories of any kind by national, state, local, or municipal government and their agencies, that prevents you or any other person from enteringor participating in the Sweepstakes or activities related to the Sweepstakes and/or claiming, receiving, or using a Prize or any portion thereof; (iii) any lost, mislaid, delayed, misdirected, returned, undeliverable, damaged, defaced, or unintelligible Entry, vote, notification, and other communication, however caused; (iv) any printing, typographical, electronic, or other error in printing or disseminating materials for the Sweepstakes, in administering the Sweepstakes,and activities related to the Sweepstakes, or in announcing Winners and Prizes; (v) any failed, deceptive, incomplete, garbled, jumbled, scrambled, unintelligible, or deleted computer data transfer or other communications; (vi) any systems error or any malfunction in, failure of, or difficulty of any kind whatsoever with any computer hardware and software, internet website, mobile or social media site, text messaging system, sweepstakes entry or voting system, timekeeping system, server, network, internet service, or telephone, cable, mobile, or satellite communications; (vii) any

electronic traffic congestion, or any lost, interrupted, or unavailable connections with servers, networks, internet service providers, telephone, cable, mobile, or satellite communications; (viii) any incorrect or inaccurate information whether caused by users or by tampering, hacking, or interfering with any of the programming or equipment associated with or used in this Sweepstakes; (ix) any theft or unauthorized access to a computer, computer network, website, or social media site; (x) any error or omission of any kind, whether human, mechanical, or electronic in nature; (xi) any acts of God, storm, fire, flood, earth movement, labor disturbances, war, civil commotion, acts or threats of terrorism, present or future law, ordinance, rule, or regulation, disruption of postal, electrical, telephone, or other utility services, labor dispute, strike or lockout, League (as defined below) requirement, disease, epidemic, pandemic, public emergency, emergency orders, restrictions, and/or advisories of any kind by federal, state, local, or municipal government and their agencies, or any other circumstances beyond the control of Sponsor; or (xii) any combination of any of the foregoing.

27. **SPONSOR'S DECISIONS – RIGHT TO DISQUALIFY, MODIFY, AND CANCEL:** All decisions by Sponsor regarding the Sweepstakes, including interpretation of these Official Rules and exercise of discretion, will be final and binding in all respects. Sponsor reserves the right in their sole discretion to disqualify Entries that are inconsistent with these Official Rules or that are misleading, deceptive, or offensive. Sponsor also reserves the right to modify these Official Rules, and to cancel, terminate, modify, suspend, or make any change in the Sweepstakes for any reason, including without limitation to protect health or safety, and to comply with events, emergency orders, restrictions, and/or advisories of any kind by any local, municipal, state, or federal government or their agencies or the Leagues. Should any portion of the Sweepstakes be compromised by virus, worms, bugs, unauthorized human intervention or other causes that, in the sole opinion of Sponsor, tend to impair submission of Entries or to compromise or corrupt administration, security, fairness or proper play of this Sweepstakes, then Sponsor reserves the right in their sole discretion to suspend, modify or terminate the Sweepstakes and to select Winners from valid entries received before taking action, or to take other action as they maydeem fair and equitable.

28. **WINNER'S LIST:** The name of the Winners of the Sweepstakes may be requested after January 10th, 2027 by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to the following address: Monumental Sports & Entertainment, 616 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001 USA Attn: Amanda Tischler, Washington Capitals Hometown Hero Contest.

29. **NO SPONSORSHIP:** The Sweepstakes are not endorsed or sponsored by the Sweepstake Entities or their affiliates, or respective member teams, other than Sponsor.

30. **GAMBLING PROHIBITED:** The Sweepstakes is intended to increase consumer awareness of and interest in Sponsor. The Sweepstakes is strictly for entertainment and promotional purposes, and any use of this Sweepstakes by any person for or in connection with any form of gambling is strictly prohibited.

31. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** Except where and to the extent prohibited by law, (a) any and all disputes, claims and causes of action you may have arising out of or connected with this Sweepstakes or any Prize awarded shall be resolved individually without resort to any form of class action and exclusively by arbitration before one arbitrator in accordance with the Commercial Rules of the American Arbitration Association by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia or the appropriate District of Columbia Court located in Washington, DC; (b) any and all claims, judgments and awards you may have or receive shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred, including costs associated with entering this Sweepstakes, but in no event attorney's fees, and (c) under no circumstances will you be permitted to obtain, and you will waive any and all right to claim or obtain, injunctive relief, awards for attorneys' fees, indirect, punitive, incidental and consequential damages, multiplication or increase of damages, and any other damages other than for actual out-of-pocket expenses. Any and all issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation, and enforceability of these Official Rules, the rights and obligations it provides, and its subject matter shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the District of Columbia, U.S.A. without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law provision or rule of any jurisdiction. Any claim or cause of action arising from or relating to these Official Rules or the Contest shall be brought only in the federal or local courts located in the District of Columbia, and you hereby irrevocably consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of these courts.

32. **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY:** All Sweepstakes material, and the intellectual property rights therein, are the property of Sponsor and the Sweepstakes material may not be copied, reproduced or used for any purpose without Sponsor's express prior written consent. NHL, the NHL Shield, Hockey Fights Cancer name and logo, NBA, the NBA Shield, WNBA, and the WNBA Shield are registered trademarks of the NHL, NBA, and WNBA. © 2026 NHL; © 2026 NBA; and © 2026 WNBA. All Rights Reserved. All NHL, NBA, and WNBA (each a "**League**" and collectively "**Leagues**") logos and marks and League team logos and marks as well as all other proprietary materials depicted herein are the property of the Leagues and the respective League teams and may not be reproduced without the prior written consent of the Leagues. CAPITAL ONE ARENA® and Capital One Arena and Boomerang Logo are registered trademarks of Capital One Financial Corporation. MONUMENTAL SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT® and all Sponsor logos are registered

trademarks of Lincoln Holdings LLC dba Monumental Sports & Entertainment. Except to the extent permitted by law, using any of these trademarks (including any other registered trademark of any of the MSE Entities) without prior written approval of the owner is prohibited.

33. **GENERAL PROVISIONS:** Subject to applicable laws and regulations. These Official Rules, together with the appendices hereto and the MSE Privacy Policy, is the entire agreement between you and Sponsor, and supersedes all previous understandings and agreements, whether oral or written. If any provision of these Official Rules or the MSE Privacy Policy is held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, it will be modified to the least extent necessary to make it enforceable, and all remaining provisions hereof will remain in full force and to the maximum extent permitted by law. Failure by Sponsor to enforce any provision of these Official Rules or the MSE Privacy Policy will not constitute a waiverof that or any other provision. The titles of provisions used in the Official Rules or the MSE Privacy Policy are for convenience only and shall not be deemed to affect the meaning or construction of any of the terms, provisions, covenants, or conditions of the Official Rules or the MSE Privacy Policy.