



BILLETING Q & A

For Potential Billet Families

Some of our players travel far from home to play for our team. Since they are teenagers (typically 16 - 20 years old), they need a place to stay - so local families will take them in as part of the family during the hockey season. Billet families provide housing, meals and support to young players in pursuit of their hockey goals.

Q: Do billet families get paid?

A: Yes, currently our billet families receive \$500 in grocery cards per month per player. You also receive season tickets for your immediate family living in the home and a discount at our King's Street Merchandise Booth.

Q. Can a billet family host more than one player?

A. Yes, if you have the space and interest. Typically, most families host one billet but some have taken on two players. This helps players share transportation and provide company to one another.

Q. How long do players stay?

A. Players will normally arrive in mid to late August and leave at the end of the season - playoffs can run into the late spring depending on how the team does. Regular season usually ends at the end of March.

Q. What do I need to provide?

A. Billet families provide a few things for their player:

1. A private bedroom with a bed, closet/dresser and access to a bathroom
2. Food/snacks and at least one prepared meal per day (preferably dinner)
3. Internet access (some players are taking courses online but many also bring their gaming systems along to play with their teammates and friends back home)

Q. What about transportation?

A. Players are required to work out their own transportation while they are in town. This isn't your responsibility. If you do choose to let a player use your vehicle, it's your responsibility to make sure the vehicle is properly insured and registered for that purpose.

Q. Do players stay for the holidays?

A. Normally players are around for Thanksgiving but head home for the Christmas holiday. It does depend on the player's situation. This is always dependent on the schedule, as well.



Q. What do I NOT have to provide?

1. You don't need to provide a computer or video games. If you have them available for players to use and don't mind, that's great and between you and the player. But they are not a requirement.
2. You do not have to provide personal hygiene items, clothing, medication, books, etc.
3. Accommodations for family if they visit - player's parents and family members will book their own places to stay when they come to visit. You aren't expected to be a hotel.

Q. What if I'm going to be away for a weekend and don't want the player alone at home?

A. Reach out to the billet co-ordinator and arrangements will be made for your player to temporarily bunk with another family.

Q. What about special diets?

A. We do our best to try and match players with families who share the same sort of diet. As we have traditionally been short of billet families that makes it harder but we do our best.

Q. What about our house rules?

A. This is YOUR home. If you have special house rules, we ask that you let us and your player know from the outset to make sure everyone understands what is expected. Keep in mind that players have a team code of conduct and curfew rules that they are expected to follow, as well. This is not a babysitting gig by any means, we expect our players to be courteous and respectful of their room, your home and your family.

Q. What happens if our player is traded or leaves?

A. As is the nature of the sport, trades happen. When you make a good connection with your player it can be very hard to say goodbye but the incoming player will need a place to call home and we hope that you would welcome them in. When a strong connection is made with your player, it's never really goodbye - just see you later.

Q. How do I apply to be a billet family?

A. Go to this form and fill out the information and we'll be in touch! <https://forms.gle/ATSCxTkM2YR2eohW6>

Please note that our billet families are a very important part of the success of our program.

Players who are well fed and have a safe and supportive home environment will learn, grow and play better and that's important to our players, their families and the team as a whole.

As a part of the vetting process, our billet co-ordinator will conduct a home visit and any adults within the home will be required to complete a vulnerable persons background check.

We take the safety and well being of our players and billet families very seriously.

If there are any concerns or issues, please reach out to the billet co-ordinator right away.