



**BILLET  
INFORMATION  
PACKAGE**

### **Billet Information**

Each season, the Ranger Athletic Club located in the City of Fort Saskatchewan recruits talented young hockey players to play on our Bantam AAA, Minor Midget AAA, and Major Midget AAA teams. In order for some of these players to take advantage of the opportunity to play with one of our Elite teams, the players require a billet family to open up their home.

For many of our players, this may be their first time away from home. They will need a stable living environment for their move to Fort Saskatchewan.

### **What is expected of a billet family?**

Being a billet family is a significant commitment. However, there are also many benefits. Our players are not only groomed to be good hockey players, they are also taught to be even better people. Many of the hockey players become part of the family. They are encouraged to help out around the house and often become involved in the activities of other children in the house.

### **Host Family Responsibilities:**

- Provide a private bedroom or a shared bedroom with a teammate (with closet and desk if possible). Would be beneficial to have well functioning Wifi to allow player to use for homework when needed
- Be familiar with team game and practice schedules and other events requiring player attendance
- Be fully knowledgeable of team guidelines and expectations governing conduct, educational standards and curfews.
- Provide 3 balanced meals a day. The player must bear some responsibility for snacks, etc.
- Enforce strict curfews established by the team/league and report any player that breaks curfew.
- Ensure players attend all classes. Players should give billets a timetable of their classes.

As a host family, your role is.....

- To be a mentor, friend, counsellor, and a good role model.
- To provide a clean, family-oriented environment.
- To provide nutritious meals and snacks.
- To provide a private bedroom.
- To listen and give encouragement.
- To support and build up their self-esteem.
- To treat the player as “one of the family”.
- To provide transportation if and when needed (this would include any school or hockey related functions).

### **What is expected of the player?**

Players are encouraged to become involved with the billet family that has welcomed them into their home. As a member of the household, the players are expected to share on the daily chores, as well as maintain their own rooms and do their own laundry.

### **Player Responsibilities:**

- Players must keep in mind that it is not a right to live at a billet's home, but a privilege. Always project a positive image of yourself and your team.
- Players must show gratitude and be helpful at all times.
- Players should keep their areas clean and clean up after themselves.
- Players should have their own spending money for day-to-day expenses.
- Players are responsible for their schooling
- Players must notify the billet family regarding their whereabouts.
- All players are to respect the meal times established by the billet family and be present and on time. Players should inform their billet families if they will not be home or on time for dinner. Players are expected to help out the billet families in the kitchen by assisting with meal preparation or meal clean up.
- Players are expected to follow all curfews and to advise their billet family if they will be out late.
- Underage players will not consume alcohol.
- All players are not to be involved with any type of illegal activity
- Billeted players will report any issues of concern with their billet family to the coach or billet coordinator as well as to their parents.
- Players will advise their billet families of their team practice and game schedule.

### **How long is the billet family commitment?**

This will vary depending on the player. Most players will stay with the billet family for the duration of the season, usually September to April. Most players will go home on the holiday breaks or as their schedule permits.

### **Billet Fees:**

To cover the expenses incurred, billet families are paid monthly for each player in their home. The family of the player will pay the billet family **\$600.00** on the first of each month for the duration of the player's stay. The funds are to assist with the cost of groceries and any reasonable cosmetics that the player requires (shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste). If the player requires specific items that is outside the ordinary, this would be at their own cost and exclusive of the \$600.00 monthly fee.

### **Additional Billet Support:**

Billet families will be provided with a discount card to the local Fort Saskatchewan M&M Meat Shop in the amount of 10%. Families will receive 15% for those that are hosting more than 1 player. We are also exploring additional options to support grocery shopping.

For those families that are hosting that are registered within Fort Saskatchewan Minor hockey, they will receive a 15% refund on the cost of the registration for one of their players (registered at the highest division).

**Process:**

Families that are interested in becoming a billet home are encouraged to complete the attached application form. Families will also need to provide Criminal Record Checks to the Ranger Athletic Club. Once the application is reviewed, the billet coordinator will do a home visit and meet with the family. If approved, the family will then be added to the billet home list. Throughout the tryout process in the fall, the Elite Director will work with the Billet Coordinator to place players in the billet home that is the best fit.



**BILLET HOME APPLICATION**

Host Father's Full Name:		
Host Mother's Name:		
Address:	City:	PC:
Home Phone Number:	Email:	
Father's Cell Phone:	Mother's Cell Phone:	
Father's Employer and Occupation:		Hours:
Mother's Employer and Occupation:		Hours:
Children's Name:	Age:	Live at Home?
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Is there anyone else living in the house? List name and relationship:		
Pets? Please list. How is your pet with strangers?		
List your reasons for wanting to be a Billet Host family and what would make a good billet:		
Families Hobbies and Interests:		
Family involved in any sports?		
Private Bedroom for Player? Y or N	Private Bath for Player? Y or N	
Does the bedroom have closet space? Y or N	Does the bedroom have a desk? Y or N	
Does anyone in the home smoke? Y or N		
Is there a computer available to the player? Y or N	Wireless Internet? Y or N	

Are you familiar with our hockey program?
What are some of the rules of your home that the player would have to abide by?
Would you expect your billet son to do chores around the house? If yes, what chores would you ask him to do?
How would you handle having to address any behaviour problems (not helping around house, missing curfew, etc) with the billet player?
Do you have family meals most nights?
What is a typical day's meal you would serve?
What is your idea of a pregame meal?
What are your thoughts on snacks?
If your player has a car would he have a place to park?
What are your thoughts on girls coming to the house to visit?
How would you feel if your player wasn't in school and at home all day until practice time?
How would you feel about having a relationship with the billet players family which might include having them over for supper on occasion or going out for supper with them?

Signature of host family \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

***A full background check, Criminal Record Check and signed Agreement will be required for each host family.***

**FOR OFFICE USE:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Player Name), acknowledge that I have reviewed the rules and expectations established by the team, the Ranger Athletic Club and the billet home and agree to abide by them.

Signature of Player \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Player Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Billet Family \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_