



Billet Policy – 2025-26

It is recognized that some youth hockey players do leave home to play hockey in a location away from their parents. In those circumstances, the organization or team typically arranges for the player to live with a host or billet family. "Billet" refers to the host adult(s) and family with whom the athlete live. Having youth players live outside their homes increases risk for abuse and misconduct to occur.

The following billeting policies and procedures shall be met:

- It is strongly recommended that all billet families be two-parent homes. However, single parent billet families may be acceptable, but the team shall take additional reasonable steps to regularly monitor the billeting arrangement and its compliance with the USA Hockey SafeSport Policies.
- No more than two players should be housed with any one billet family.
- Minors must be placed with a billet family and may not reside in an apartment or home solely with other players.
- Players that are 18 years of age or older living in a parent owned/rented/condo/apartment/house, need to be identified as so and added to the billet/OSP list accordingly. The team shall take additional reasonable steps to regularly monitor the arrangement and its compliance with the USA Hockey SafeSport Policies.
- Billet families and the player and player's parents, players 18 years or older in a parent owned residence shall all sign this agreement agreeing to comply with the rules and regulations for the billeting/home arrangement, the USCSS Code and the USA Hockey Safesport Handbook.
- All adults (over 18 years of age) living in the household of the billet family shall be USA registered and screened in accordance with the USA Hockey Screening Policy prior to the player moving in with the family. [Complete the Background Check at usahockey.com.] Print the confirmation e-mail to the team billet coordinator; good for two years.
- All adults 18 years of age or older living in the household of the billet family shall have completed Safesport training in compliance with the USA Hockey Screening Policy prior to the player moving in with the family. [Complete the training at www.usahockey.org; then 'Membership', 'SafeSport', 'SafeSport Training'. Print the certificate of completion; good for 2 years.]
- Annually or prior to the placement of a player into a billet home, the billeted player must take the course titled "SafeSport for Youth Athletes (Ages 13-17)" and player's parents/legal guardians must take the course titled "Parents's Guide to Misconduct in Sports," both offered free of charge by the center. The billeted player is not required to take this training if the player is already required to take the Core Safesport Training.
- Based upon the requirements of the jurisdiction, the player's parents/legal guardian shall sign and provide a power of attorney and/or guardianship (as necessary by applicable state law) to the billet family adults to allow for them to make emergency medical and schooling decisions.

- Players who are 18 staying with a host family are not required to complete a power of attorney, guardianship, "Dual Relationship Exemption or Annual Consent Form. However, all they must follow all other billet policy protocols.
- Each team shall have a billet coordinator, the team head coach, who shall be responsible for overseeing compliance with the Billeting Policy and all other USA Hockey SafeSport Policies.
- The team shall have a mandatory curfew for all billeted players. The host family may have an earlier curfew.
- Adherence to the limitations on one-on-one interactions between an adult Billet and a Minor Athlete should be practiced whenever possible but may not always be practical in all situations in a billet household. For instance, such interactions may be unavoidable in "common" areas of the household such as living rooms, kitchens and dining rooms. However, there shall be no one-on-one interactions between the adult Billet and a Minor Athlete in any "private" areas of a billet home, including any bedroom, bathroom, or any other similar "private" area. The billet athlete's parent/legal guardian must provide written consent annually prior to the Minor Athlete moving into the billet home that addresses any such one-on-one interactions. That written consent must be kept with the billet coordinator for the duration of the consent.
- Players shall agree to comply with the house rules of the billet families, including curfews, chores/cleaning, telephone usage, etc. Complaints about unusual rules shall be addressed with the team billet coordinator (the team head coach).
- Players shall not stay overnight at any other home except with the permission of the player's parents and advance notification to the billet family and team billet coordinator (the team head coach).
- The Player parent/guardian of the billeted player is required to provide written consents for transportation by the adults in the host family. (VH Relationship Exception to MAAPP Annual Consent Form)
- Players are not to drive billet family vehicles without automobile liability insurance as required by applicable state law, and documentation and approval of the billet family.
- The Victory Honda AAA hockey organization billeting policy requires that the billet family maintain appropriate homeowners/renters' insurance.
- Players staying with a billet family shall be permitted to make regular check-in phone calls to parents. Team personnel and billets shall allow for any unscheduled check-in phone calls initiated by either the player or parents.