



# Frequently Asked Questions about Billeting a Hockey Player

**What is a billet family?** Many players leave home to play Junior hockey. A billet or host family home is where a player lives during the season. This is a player's home-away-from-home.

**Are billet families paid?** A pre-established fee of \$600 (TBD) per player per month is paid directly to the billet family. This helps with additional household expenses, especially food and drink. As well as Menace Season tickets to come cheer on your billet son.

**Is there a "typical" host family?** Host families may be two-parent families, single-parent families, and occasionally an "empty nester." The common denominator is a desire by the host family to make a difference in a player's life.

**Can a family host more than one player?** Yes. Two, at most. Players can share transportation expenses, and often provide company for one another. The only requirement is that each player has adequate space/living arrangements. Each player is expected to have his own bed, closet or dresser, and acceptable access to a restroom.

**How long does a player stay?** Players arrive in mid to end of August. This also allows sufficient time for high school and college student enrollment, and to get ready for training camp. The host family commitment is through the end of the hockey season. Sometimes an arrangement is made between the player's family and the billet host family for the player to stay until the end of the school year.

**Who pays if a player is injured or needs medical attention during his stay?** Players must have medical insurance from their own families. Billet host parents are never responsible for medical payments.

**Will players join our family for personal events?** You are welcome to invite players to join you for family celebrations or activities; however, it is not mandatory for you to do so. All players will have time off at the holidays.

**Will the billet player stay for holidays?** The breaks are dependent on the team's game schedule and usually only allows players to return to their parent's home once or twice during the season.

**What happens if we have to leave home for an extended period of time?** Players shall not be left alone without adult supervision overnight unless otherwise arranged with the family. If a billet host family has vacation plans that will result in an overnight absence, if reacquired arrangements can be made, through the Milton Menace, for the player(s) to stay with another host family, a teammate, or a friend from school/work.

**Will I have to pass a background check?** Yes, the OJHL requires vulnerable sector checks for anyone 19 and over in billet family home.



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## What does the Billet Family Provide?

- A) Room– Billet host families provide a private bedroom for the player. Players should not be housed in a room with younger members of the billet host family. The billet home should be clean and organized.
- B) Meals – Basic meals – Food available for billet to make own breakfast/lunch/snacks, dinner prepared for player. Can be pre made for player to reheat when schedule allows.
- C) Monitoring of Behavior– Billet host families ensure that each player complies with Milton Menace Billet Policies and Guidelines.
- D) Internet Access– Billet host families are responsible to provide Internet access to the player.
- E) Transportation— Players are required to provide their own transportation. However, if a billet host family chooses to provide transportation, it is highly recommended that the player is not allowed to drive a billet host family vehicle. If a player is allowed to drive a billet host family vehicle, the family should verify insurance coverage for the player with their insurance agency in advance.

## What does the Billet Host Family NOT provide?

- A) Unlimited Food. Billet families are not responsible for supplying an unlimited amount of food or snacks nor are they expected to provide meals in an erratic schedule. Players must eat what is considered to be a reasonable menu and should conform to the meal schedule of the billet family.
- B) Non-Essential Items. The purchase of non-essential or personal items by the players is not the financial responsibility of the billet families.
- C) Long Distance Telephone– Players are prohibited from using the billet host family telephone for long distance calls. Each player must utilize a personal cell phone or provide a calling card if using a billet host family phone for long distance purposes.
- D) Electronics- Billet host families are not required to place televisions, telephones, stereos, computers, or any other electronics equipment in the player's room. If the family has a television or a computer in that room and wishes to leave it there for the player's use, that is appropriate, however, it is not required.

**What kind of support will I be provided?** All of our Milton Menace staff will always provide support, Stephanie will serve as your point person for all your basic questions or concerns.