

# ***Player Billeting & Family Housing Program***



## ***Elmira Sugar Kings Junior Hockey Club***

### **BILLET GUIDELINES**

On behalf of the Elmira Sugar Kings Junior Hockey Club, I would like to thank you for becoming a billet parent. Billeting is an essential lifeline of Canadian Junior Hockey. Your commitment to the development of our young men is critical in their individual development as well as to the success of our hockey club .

The following are the guidelines to make your billeting experience a pleasant and rewarding one:

1. Like all personal relationships; the key to success will be **communication**. Please ensure you communicate with your players about your expectations & limitations while trying to understand their preferences. A player's actions or behaviour that is unacceptable in your home may have been acceptable in their family home and unless those things are addressed in a timely manner they may fester into real problems. (i.e. shower use, laundry, telephone, meals, dirty dishes, missing meals, etc.)
2. Your billet player will be living under your roof and therefore abiding by your house rules. The hockey club enforces curfew as well as rules on alcohol, banned substances and girlfriends or female friends. It is the expectation of the hockey club that these regulations are adhered to and all players diligently abide by house and team rules.
3. Curfews are for the benefit of our athlete's performance and to deter negative team image as well as any off ice situations from developing.

**Weeknight Curfew is 11:00 pm      Pre- Game Curfew is 10:30 pm.**

Special occasions may arise on weekends with no games or after road games due to travel that these times **may** be extended.

Players **never** have permission to stay out all night. Curfew means that all friends have gone home and the player should be preparing for sleep not staying up all night watching TV or playing video games. Finally, it is impossible to enforce this without your assistance. We will call randomly to check on players and would appreciate phone lines free at curfew time. If you are having problems in this area please inform us.

4. It is illegal in Ontario to consume / possess alcohol if you are under the age of 19 years and these players are playing within in the GOHL and within the Ontario Hockey Association. This is not only our team/ league policy but it is the law.

Players of the age of majority are prohibited from consuming alcohol in billet homes and all bars/clubs are strictly off limits. Given society's awareness to responsibility on this subject; your role as a model is extremely important in this area. Once again, if you suspect use or abuse we need to be contacted immediately.

5. Girlfriends are expected to leave billet homes at curfew. Girlfriends are strictly prohibited in any player's bedrooms. **Handle this subject as if both the boys & girls were your own children.**
6. Player meals should be wholesome, nutritional and varied. Flexibility on behalf of billets and players is certainly required in this area. Players should eat a balanced diet. Players do not need to eat steak every other day, but billets should speak with the players to find out preferences in food and times to eat.

<p><b>Note:</b> On average, Players should eat 4 to 4.5 hours before a game, but this may vary. If no one is home and the player is not capable of meal preparation; plans to reheat a meal should be made.</p>
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7. If you are going out of town for more than **two consecutive days**, please contact General Manager, Paul Jennings and we will make temporary alternative arrangements.
8. Players should have calling cards for phone use, unless you have some type of long distance plan and are comfortable allowing monitored phone use.
9. Players attending school should be doing homework. Please monitor this area and inquire with players about their studies. The coaching/ management staff will receive weekly e-mail updates from the Guidance Counselors and Principals on each player's attendance and academic standing in their courses of study. Player attendance and academic standing is directly linked to playing hockey for this organization.
10. You are **not** obligated nor expected to lend or give players your personal vehicle or to drive them to/from practices, games, or personal functions. We have a

number of players that we remunerate with fuel expenses and they are responsible for each other.

11. Players will be expected to attend school either FT / PT in High School or College/University classes or working Part Time or Full Time depending upon their age and individual situation. Sleeping in until mid afternoon, vagrancy will not be accepted and they will not be permitted to play within the organization.
12. All players are expected to report to the rink or team training facilities on time. Any absences must be cleared through the Elmira Sugar Kings Coaching Staff.
13. The organization, **not** the players will always have the right to move and place players; in consultation with the billet host family.
14. Players must inform the billet parents as far in advance as possible that they will not be present for a meal. It is unacceptable for players to not show up for a prepared meal without notifying billet family of their absence or lateness. This is simply common courtesy.
15. Remuneration in the amount of \$125.00/week Room & Board will be paid directly to the host billet family and is paid bi-weekly by cheque.

The above guidelines are designed for the benefit of the player, the billet, and the hockey club. Although presented in black and white, we appreciate that grey areas do arise. We sincerely appreciate your valuable contribution to the Elmira Sugar Kings Junior Hockey Club. These rules need to be enforced in order for everyone to benefit.

Our job is not only to develop strong players, but strong citizens and your efforts in this area are very important. Once again, if you have any thoughts or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact General Manager, Paul Jennings at 519-846-2390 or 519-831-4820.



## ***Elmira Sugar Kings Junior Club PLAYER / BILLET GUIDELINES***

The host billet family will provide a safe and secure home environment for the player(s).

- Host families shall provide adequate sleeping quarters, that includes bed, desk, dresser, closet. Single or Double bed per player. Dresser and closet space; A billet player may share a room with another player - but **not** with other host / billet family members.
- Towels and shower supplies are **usually** responsibility of host family.
- Dry cleaning is the **player's** responsibility.
- Long distance phone calls are the **player's** responsibility.
- Adequate parking space required for players car (if applicable).
- A desk or table with adequate lighting for school homework/ projects.
- Access to a computer (if possible-their own) **with Internet access.**
- Host / Billet families shall provide well balanced, nutritional meals for players.
- The host family will notify the Sugar Kings Billet & Housing Coordinator or club General Manager immediately of any incidents involving players that violates the club's Housing and Team Conduct Policy or is deemed inappropriate.
- The host family must secure medical treatment for the player in the event of illness or injury without liability. The family must secure immediate medical attention when necessary.
- To support the athletes in their athletic and academic pursuits.
- Both Players and Billet agree to adhere to all team policies surrounding team structure such as player curfews, player conduct, drug and alcohol policies, and all other team rules and regulations.

***Billeting is a Privilege***

