

CARDINALS BILLET FAMILY PROGRAM



ABBOTSFORD CARDINALS BASEBALL CLUB

ABBOTSFORD CARDINALS GROWTH...

As our Abbotsford Cardinals family continues to grow, our need for potential billet families who can provide a stable, safe and supportive family environment for our young student athletes is essential for our club's long term success and growth.

Host families play a critical role to the overall success of the athletes development, acting as mentors and surrogate parents. They provide room and board, including a private bedroom, nutritious meals, and emotional support.

Families typically receive a monthly stipend to offset all expenses. The monthly rate is dependent on the family's situation and may differ from billet to billet.

HIGH LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE EXPECTED...

The Cardinals strive to be at the forefront of amateur baseball in Canada, promising to provide a fun and affordable atmosphere in the Fraser Valley at local Delair park.

We expect a high level of excellence from our players and coaches, not just at the park or training facility, but also with their billet families, local schools, and community.

Our players are aware that respect for the household and host family members is mandatory. General responsibility and consideration from both parties make the housing experience successful and build relationship that can last for many years after the player has moved on to college.

SUGGESTED GUIDELINES....

To ensure the experience is successful, the Abbotsford Cardinals are providing suggested guidelines for billet families, player families and players.

Please note that these are simply guidelines to assist in determining rules, responsibilities and expectations that the player will follow.

THE ABBOTSFORD CARDINALS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTIONS OR INACTIONS OF THE BILLET FAMILY, PLAYER, OR PLAYER'S FAMILY.





The Player Family Will:

Acknowledge that the billet family is taking on a great deal of responsibility and use their best efforts to assist and cooperate with the billet family as much as possible in accordance with this agreement and any other agreements or terms reached between the players family and billet family.

Not hold the billet family liable for injuries or accidents that may occur (including at games, practices, at home, at school, or on-route to these places).

Provide the billet family with a signed and notarized temporary parental consent agreement, to be signed by the billet family as well, that authorizes the billet family to make emergency medical, schooling, and similar decisions if necessary.

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The Billet Family Will:

Establish a set of guidelines early on so the players know what is expected of them.

Provide a safe, fun, healthy, fair and inclusive family environment at all times.

Ensure that the player attends school regularly and is provided the time and a suitable place to complete all school assignments.

Provide the player with a private bedroom, closet, working space, and shared bathroom.

Establish a mandatory curfew for the player based on the families and coaches wishes.

Provide the player with (3) meals a day and accessible snacks when needed.

Provide laundry facilities for the player to utilize throughout the week.

Provide transportation to and from practice, games, and school. If the billet family is not able to provide transportation, the family and player will work to find alternative arrangements with other players when needed.

Respect the individuality, privacy, and beliefs of the player at all times.

Communicate with the player and his family regularly and immediately inform the coaches and players family if any issues or concerns arise.

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LENGTH OF STAY:

- The players will arrive at the end of August and will be there until 48 hours after their season ends.**

GENERAL RULES:

- No more than (2) players should be housed with the billet family at one time**
- All adults living in the household of the billet family will be required to go through a local Criminal Record Background Check**





The Player Will:

- Pay for their own cell phone, including long-distance calls.
- Obtain prior approval for bringing any guests into the billet family's home.
- Keep his room and living space tidy and clean up after himself in the home.
- Participate regularly in family chores.
- Attend school, study hard, and maintain solid grades.
- Remember that billeting is a privilege, not a right.
- Abide by the billet family's rules, including curfew assigned.
- Respect the individuality, privacy, and beliefs of all family members inside the home.
- Inform the billet family of any special dietary, medical, or other requirements.
- Inform the billet family in a timely manner if he plans to miss a meal.
- Refrain from any substance use.

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WHAT MAKES A GREAT BILLET FAMILY?

Establish a set of guidelines early on so the players know what is expected of them.

Find out what types of foods the player likes to eat and understand the nutritional requirements of an elite athlete.

Understand the players practice and game schedules to plan for meals. The player is responsible to communicate with plenty of notice if he will not be making a meal due to team conflict.

Respect the players privacy and need for independence.

Create an open line of communication with the player's parents.

Be a good listener if the player becomes stressed about school, family, girlfriend, homesickness, etc. Do not partake in discussions about paying time and team related issues.

Take an interest in the players' season and go to games wherever possible.

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Although we understand that the above list is not inclusive of every situation, we expect that any question or situation that arises - will be communicated between the billet family, players, and coaches immediately.

The goal is to develop great baseball players, but at the same time upstanding citizens in our community.

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