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Billet Family Program & Guidelines

Families (Billet Families) who open their homes and hearts to Lincoln Stars players living too far away to commute to practices and games (Players) play a vital role in our organization's success on and off the ice. These special people enable Players to pursue their hockey dreams not simply by providing Players with a place to live, but with enabling an environment in which the Players can thrive physically, academically and emotionally. All that is really required is a willingness to help a player(s) by providing a "home away from home". Meanwhile, the essential values and principles to become a successful member of the Lincoln Stars will be expected from the player in the rink, the home, school and the community.

A successful hosting and billeting experience is truly rewarding for both the Billet Family and the Player through the formation of a unique connection that lasts a lifetime. Billet Families and their Players often stay in contact long after the Player finishes playing. Any young player who has played away from home will tell you that some of their fondest memories include their Billet Families and vice versa!

Guidelines:

The Lincoln Stars consider Billet Families part of the team who play a key role in the development of their billeted players and who represent a rewarding hockey program. Agreeing to act as the Billet Family is a great responsibility and the Billet Family, the family of the Player (Player Family) and the Player each need to understand their obligations and expectations with respect to each other.

To ensure the experience is successful, The Lincoln Stars are providing suggested guidelines for Billet Families, Player Families and Players. Please note that these are simply guidelines to assist the Billet Families and Player Families in determining the rules, responsibilities and expectations that they will follow, and it is solely up to the families to determine the scope, extent and content of such rules, responsibilities and expectations. Each of the Billet Families, Player Families and Players understand that The Lincoln Stars are not responsible for the actions or inactions of any of the Billet Families, Player Families and Players.

Length of Stay

- The players will arrive mid-August and will be here until 48hrs after the season ends.

General Rules

- No more than two (2) players should be housed with the Billet Family.
- All adults living in the household of the Billet Family will have undergone background screening in accordance with the policies of USA Hockey and must complete Safe Sport training prior to the Player moving in with the Billet Family.
- The Billet Family should be a two-parent home, unless agreed by the Player Family.

The Billet Family will:

- Provide the Player with a safe, fun, healthy, fair, and inclusive family environment at all times.
- Comply at all times with these terms and the USA Hockey SafeSport Policies.
- Ensure that the Player attends school regularly and is provided the time and a suitable place to complete all school's assignments. *(If applicable)*
- Provide the Player with a private bedroom or, if agreed by the Billet Family and the Player Family, a shared room that is large enough to include a divider if desired as well as a suitable location to store equipment.
- Treat the Player's belongings with care and respect.
- Establish a mandatory curfew for the Player based on the Player's family and Coaches wishes.
- Ensure that the Player does not stay overnight at another location or the Player does not have a person stay over at the Billet Home without the consent of the coaching staff.
- Provide the Player with 3 full, healthy meals a day and accessible snacks (which includes accommodating any dietary restrictions of the Player).
- Provide laundry facilities for the Player (although, unless otherwise agreed by the Billet Family and the Player Family, the Player is responsible for his own laundry supplies).
- Maintain appropriate homeowners or renter's insurance.
- Prior to the start of the billet, clearly and fully (i) describe the living arrangements and (ii) communicate the house rules to the Player and the Player Family.
- Respect the individuality, privacy, and beliefs of the Player.
- Not engage in any form of discrimination or harassment towards the Player or towards any other people in the presence or to the knowledge of the Player.
- Abide by a strict no drug, alcohol and tobacco policy (meaning that no illicit drugs will be given to or be used around the Player, no prescription drugs will be given to the Player unless prescribed by a doctor and with the permission of the Team Trainer (Corey Courtney), and no alcohol will be given to the Player).
- Communicate regularly with the Player and the Player Family, and immediately inform the Coaches and Player Family of any concerns or issues that may arise.
- Acknowledge that the Player Family may make unscheduled check-in phone calls from time to time.
- Acknowledge that the Player Family is entrusting them with a great responsibility and use their best efforts to comply with this agreement and any other agreements or terms reached between the Player Family and the Billet Family.

The Player will (and the Player Family will ensure that 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 or living space tidy and clean, and clean up after himself in the home.
- Participate regularly in family chores.
- Attend school, study hard and maintain good grades.
- Remember that billeting is a privilege, and not a right.
- Abide by the Billet Family's house rules, including the mandatory curfew. **Remember:** The player is responsible to adapt to the Billet Family Household.
- Respect the individuality, privacy, and beliefs of each member of the Billet Family.
- Not engage in any form of discrimination or harassment towards any member of the Billet Family or towards any other people in the presence or to the knowledge of the Billet Family.
- Not drive Billet Family vehicles without automobile liability insurance as required by applicable state law, and documentation and approval of the Player Family and Billet Family.
- 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.
- Not stay overnight at another location without the consent of the Coaching Staff.
- Refrain from any substance use (drugs, alcohol, or tobacco).
- Communicate regularly with the Billet Family, and immediately inform the Billet Family of any concerns or issues that may arise.
- Comply at all times with these terms and the USA Hockey SafeSport Policies.

The Player Family will:

- Acknowledge that the Billet Family is taking on a great 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 Player Family and the Billet Family.
- Not hold the Billet Family liable for injuries or accidents that may occur (including at games, in practices, at home, at school, or on-route to these places) if the Billet Family has complied with its obligations under this Agreement or has not otherwise acted negligently or in bad faith in the performance of those obligations.
- 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 (the Billet Family and Player Family may wish to have any such agreement reviewed by a Nebraska State family law attorney).
- Comply at all times with these terms and the USA Hockey SafeSport Policies.

The above guidelines are for the protection and benefit of the Billet Family, the Player Family, and the Player. Although we understand 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, Coaches and the Player Family and Player immediately. We also encourage the Billet Family and the Player Family to discuss and agree, up front and on a regular basis on any other terms and conditions for the billeting arrangement. The goal is not only to develop good hockey players, but good individuals/citizens, and your efforts in this area are crucial.

Waiver and Release

The Billet Family, the Player Family and the Player each understand and agrees that The Lincoln Stars (i) makes no warranties or representations of any kind as to the suitability or fitness of the Player or the Billet Family, (ii) will not have legal custody of the Player at any time, including during the billeting period, (iii) will not monitor or oversee the activities of the Player while billeting with the Billet Family and (iv) is not liable or responsible in any way for any action or inaction of, or damages or liabilities caused by, the Billet Family, the Player Family or the Player. In addition, the Billet Family, the Player Family and the Player each understand and agree that (a) the billeting arrangement is solely a matter for agreement between the Billet Family and the Player Family, (b) it is the sole responsibility of the Player Family to determine the suitability of the Host Family, and (c) it is the sole responsibility of the Billet Family to determine the suitability of the Player. Accordingly, each of the Billet Family, the Player Family and the Player hereby release and discharge Star City Hockey LLC dba Lincoln Stars from, and waive any action against The Lincoln Stars in respect of, any loss, damage, injury, liability or expense that may be incurred or suffered by any of the Billet Family, the Player Family or the Player directly or indirectly caused by, resulting from or in any way arising out of the billeting arrangement agreed between the Billet Family and the Player Family.

Host Family Signatures

Player Family / Player Signatures

Host Family Parent #1 Signature	Date	Player Family Parent #1 Signature	Date
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Host Family Parent #2 Signature	Date	Player Family Parent #2 Signature	Date
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Host Family Player Signature	Date	Player Signature	Date
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