



2024-2025 Windy City Storm Billet Guidelines

Conduct and Expectations

I. Billet Family Stipend

A. Payment - Families who host a player will be paid a stipend of \$450 per month one the 1st of the month for each player they house. Host families and Player Family to arrange payments.

B. Failure to provide billet stipend by the 10th of each month will result in a suspension of Windy City Storm team activities (games, practices, and team workouts) until payment is received.

II. What the Billet Family Provides

A. Room - Billet families provide a bedroom for the player. (Note: If a billet family is accepting multiple players, players may share a bedroom as long as they have their own bed.) Players should not be housed in a room with younger members of the billet family. The billet home should be clean and organized and it should be maintained that way by the billet.

B. Board - Basic meals and toiletries are covered by the billet family.

C. Monitoring of Behavior - Players are expected to follow all house rules as set by billet families.

D. Internet Access - Billet families are responsible to provide internet access for a billet player.

III. Things the Billet Family Does 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. Additionally, meals during scheduled road trips are the responsibility of the player, not the billet family. **It is recommended players come with a debit or credit card for meals during scheduled road trips.**

B. Non-Essential Items and toiletries - The purchase of non-essential items and specialized toiletries (including shampoo, toothpaste, soap, etc.) should be provided by the player and is not the responsibility of the billet families. Players must provide for those items, which include things such as cologne, magazines, medications, etc.

C. Transportation - Players are required to arrange for their own transportation, this includes airline transportation to and from scheduled events. If a billet family chooses to provide transportation, it is highly recommended that the player not be allowed to drive a billet family vehicle. If a player is allowed to drive a billet family vehicle, the family should verify insurance coverage for the player with their insurance agency in advance.

D. Electronics - Billet 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 in that room and wishes to leave it there for the player's use, that is appropriate, however, it is not required.

E. Hotel Arrangements (travel) – Unless otherwise arranged, the player's family is responsible for securing arrangements for hotel rooms for players while the team is traveling. These arrangements can be coordinated with the billet family, but the onus of responsibility is upon the player family.

IV. Housing

A. Arrival - Players will arrive at billet's house during August, depending upon the preseason practice schedule. This also allows sufficient time for high school and college student enrollment. Billet compensation begins the date the player moves into the billet household.



B. Breaks - Breaks will be built into a team's schedule and may allow players to return to their parent's home during the season. Scheduled breaks will be announced as the schedule is completed and released.

C. Billet Family Absences - Players shall not be left alone without adult supervision overnight. If a billet family has vacation plans that will result in an overnight absence, the billeting coordinator/coach will place their player in temporary housing until the billet family returns and inform the head coach and the organization of the temporary change.

D. Female Visitors - Under NO circumstances are girlfriends or female companions allowed in the billet home without permission or when the billet family is not home.

E. Departure - Housing continues through the end of the season, which may last through a date in May. Some high school or college students may request housing through the end of the school year. Agreement to house a player for that extended time will be verified with the billet family before they take a student player into their home. Compensation for families after the end of the season must be agreed upon between the parent and the billet family.

V. Billet Family Changes

A. Billet Family Requests - The Windy City Storm management puts great effort into placing players in the homes of families with whom they feel will be compatible. As a result, no problems are anticipated once the players and families have had time to adjust to one another. However, there may be times when a player and his billet family are simply not compatible by no fault of the individuals themselves. In addition, there are situations where the billet family's lifestyle may have an unexpected change. At those times, the billet family simply contacts the billeting coordinator to remove the player from their home and/or arrange a player change.

VI. Drug and Alcohol Use

A. No illicit drugs may be provided to or used around any player.



B. No prescription drug may be provided to any player unless prescribed by a doctor.

C. No alcohol may be provided to any player.

D. No tobacco use is permitted by players in the billet home

Please sign the below:

Player Name:	Signature:	Date:
Host Family Name:	Signature:	Date: