



Seasonal

CDT Hockey Program Billet Guide





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ABOUT US

The Cube Development Program was designed for the players, by the players. The Cube Development Program is an AAU registered organization. Our vision from the founders, is to provide maximum hours of ice time each week, small rosters, utilize former USHL/NHL/minor league coaches, incorporate high-tech training techniques, and structure the season so all players develop as individuals and as teammates.

The development program introduces players to various styles of play, from a global reach, teaches intensity and camaraderie and time management skills. Our program is an A, AA and AAA organization with teams at the Pre-Mite, Mite, Squirt, Peewee, Bantam, Midget and Jr level teams.

Coaches will all share the same philosophy for speed and style of play. The Program is registered with the AAU (Amateur Athletic Union).

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Each fall, spring and summer, athletes from throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe compete for the opportunity to play with CDT. Players, ages 8-16, that are selected for a team need a place to call home during the season.

Players arrive in the Chicago area in mid to late October and will stay through a 10-21 day period. Players will additionally arrive in November, December, January and February with the same 10-21 day format.

WHAT IS A BILLET FAMILY?

Hosting, or “billeting”, is a hockey tradition. From youth players in Canada, to junior players in the United States, to the AHL, and the NHL, the billeting tradition has helped many young athletes get acclimated to their new cities, schools and teams. Host families from the local community, by opening up their homes to young athletes, provide these players the opportunity to pursue their dreams in a supportive and nurturing environment.

The role of a billet family is instrumental in providing a complete junior hockey experience for these young hockey players. Our players are here in search of their dream to play hockey at the collegiate and professional level. This is not possible without the support and generosity of our host families. Host families provide structure, authority and become an extended family for these young players, thus providing an ideal environment for them to remain focused and compelled to achieve.

Hosting a CDT player is a great experience, whether you have a house full of kids or you live alone. Our players can help host families with weekly tasks associated with younger family members. They will bring energy and excitement to your home, and you will get to know a great bunch of parents and families that are part of our unique organization.



BILLET FAMILY EXPECTATIONS

Our coaching staff works hard at identifying young men with not only hockey talent, but strong moral and ethical values as well. For the most part, our players are good people and you should expect the players to be respectful and helpful in your presence and in your home.

The Billet Coordinator along with the coaching staff try to make the best fit with a family as possible (i.e. kids, pets, allergies, etc.). It's a good idea to touch base with the player's parents and establish a relationship with them to gain an understanding of what is expected of their son.

When a player arrives at your home, it is important that they know your house rules. Clearly define your expectations and ask the player for his expectations of you and your home.

- Provide a furnished room for the player or a furnished room to share with another teammate **(not any other household member)**
- Provide nutritious meals for the player or have food on hand that the player can prepare on his own. You are not expected to cook all the meals for the player, but you are expected to have the food available so they can make meals for themselves
- Allow the player to use amenities in the home such as Internet, TV, washer, dryer, etc...
- Provide a clean, family atmosphere for the player
- Transportation is to be provided by the player(s), but this is not possible for international players. If transportation is not available from the billet family, the player will arrange for ride(s).
- Respect the player. They will be experiencing all kinds of different emotions while being away from home. For some of these young adults, this will be their first time away from home. The players need their own 'space'; however they also require reinforcement, trust and encouragement from their Billets. The rule of thumb is to provide the same kind of care and attention that you would extend to a member of your own family
- Players are considered "one of the family", not just a boarder. So, we ask that the host family provide structure for the player by creating "home rules" and helping enforce team rules relating to curfew, visitors and standards of behavior.

Some things that should be discussed and agreed upon with your player(s)

- The use and care of appliances
- The upkeep and cleanliness of common areas in the house and identify any areas that are out of bounds (i.e. home office, liquor storage)
- Rules and usage of computer and internet
- Your refrigerator and food rules should be clearly defined. Ask your player for any food preferences and allergies to establish suitable eating arrangements
- You are not expected to provide 'junk food'
- Billets are not expected to wait up for players
- Players are not to be used as childcare providers. Any arrangements made in this area should be clearly discussed with the players and mutually agreeable. Players are not 'Built In Babysitters'



- Do not lend money to your player. If you do it is at your own risk
- Players do most of their own laundry. Your willingness to help out with small loads is much appreciated but not expected
- Duties and household chores you expect your billet to perform should be clearly defined and within reason. The players are expected to help out with household chores and are expected to keep their living areas clean (bedroom, bathroom, etc.)
- Each household operates differently and hopefully mutually agreeable arrangements can be made. The most important thing is to keep the lines of communication open. Should problems arise, or situations that make you feel uncomfortable, please feel free to contact the Billet Coordinator.

PLAYER EXPECTATIONS

- Keep in mind that it is not a right to live at a billet's home but a privilege. Always project a positive image of yourself and your team.
- Have their own spending money for day-to-day expenses.
- Supply your own personal hygiene products (i.e. toothpaste, shampoo, etc)
- Players must notify the billet family regarding their whereabouts and are expected to follow all curfews and to advise their billet family if they will be out late.
- Sleepovers with partners are not permitted. Overnight guests must be approved by the billet family.
- Report concerns with their Billet Family to the Billet Coordinator as well as to their parents.
- Advise their Billet Families of their team practice and game schedules.
- Show respect and consideration towards all family members. If any house rules are broken, the player may be released from the CDT Program.
- Provide their own bed and bath linens, personal care items, cell phones and computers.
- Provide for their own transportation unless arrangements have been made with the billet family.
- Take care of their room, including keeping it clean and doing their own laundry.
- Notify the host family of their whereabouts and stay in the billet home each night unless traveling with the CDT.
- When traveling to away games, players are responsible for their own meals.



COMPENSATION

Host families will receive a monthly monetary stipend (\$350 USD) to offset expenses incurred by hosting, but the real benefit to host families is the lasting relationships formed with these young players and their families.

- Billet Families will receive \$350 per month
- Payments are made by the Player or Player's family
- Method of Payment will be provided to you by the Billet Coordinator
- Payments are due the 1st and NO LATER THAN the 5th of each month for the current month

If you are interested in hosting a CDT player, please contact us via email at info@cubeyouthhockey.

DISPUTES and DISAGREEMENTS

The key to a successful billeting experience is GOOD COMMUNICATION. This means with all parties involved; Billets, Players, Parents, Billet Coordinator and Coaches. If problems arise, they should be addressed immediately. Your first contact should be the Billet Coordinator. The Billet Coordinator will try to resolve the issue quickly and may get the coaches involved if need be.