



Core Standards for Billets

Core standards are described as the minimum standards required in order to be considered as a billet for the Lethbridge Hurricanes. While we appreciate your interest, your application will not be moved to the next level unless each core standard is met.

- 1. Billets must provide a private bedroom for each player they billet.**
 - “Private bedroom” is defined as an existing enclosed bedroom protected from other children in the house. Future or proposed bedrooms will not be considered.
 - The player must be provided with clean bedding and mattress.
 - The player must have closet and storage space.
- 2. Suitable bathroom facilities must be made available.**
 - Bathroom facilities must be accessible and reasonably private.
- 3. Billets must make available wholesome and nutritious food for their player including sufficient quantities of staples such as milk, cereals, fruits, vegetables, and protein.**
 - The billet cheque is designed to provide grocery money for your player. You will need to work with your player to ensure his needs are met in quantity and variety of food.
- 4. Your motivation for billeting must be to provide a home for a junior hockey player. Applications will be turned down if there is any indication this is not the reason for your interest.**
- 5. Billets are required to ensure team rules are followed in the homes. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- 6. Billets are required to maintain a non-smoking air quality inside the home.**
 - This standard applies immediately to all new billet applications. Existing billets will work on a contingency basis with the coaching staff.
- 7. You must provide a clean and stable home atmosphere for your hockey player.**
 - Homes with teenage female residents are discouraged. These homes will be assessed on an individual basis and closely monitored by the coaching staff.
- 8. Evaluation and review.**
 - Billet homes may be reviewed at any time during the season by coaching staff or appointed representatives to ensure core standards are being met.
 - Billet homes will be reviewed annually by the billet liaison committee and may include home visits.
 - Billet homes will be reviewed mid-season and at the end of each season by the players through either verbal or written evaluations.
 - Families interested in billeting will be required to have a criminal record check.



Lethbridge Hurricanes Billet Guidelines

1. We encourage you to make Hurricanes players a part of your family and create a home environment for them. Treat them as one of your own and they will abide by your house rules.
2. Let the players know the rules of your house. **Do not** assume anything. What is unacceptable in your house may be acceptable in theirs.
3. The players should be respectful and helpful at all times but if they do anything you do not like please tell them! Please don't ignore small problems and we ask for open, honest communication between the player, the billets, the hockey team and the parents. It is essential to the core values of our organization. We need your assistance and would ask you to contact Meghan Calder with your concerns. Please report any problems within 24-hours so they can be addressed before they become bigger issues.
4. It is mandatory that all players registered in school attend classes. The school has been asked to inform and/or call the Hurricanes office to report absences and late occurrences. We will deal with the issue but at the same time we will inform billets and in kind we ask you to inform the hockey club of any behaviour or habits you think are detrimental to the player and/or the team.
5. The players' curfew is:
 - a. **High School Players: 10:00PM every night**
 - b. **Non-High School Players: 11:00PM except nights before a game which will have a 10:00PM curfew.**
 - c. The players are to be home after curfew, **without friends, teammates, or partners visiting**. Curfew will be checked regularly by Meghan. It is compulsory that the players sleep at their own homes. Curfew checks will usually be made between 10:00-10:30PM (11:00-11:30PM when applicable) by having players sharing their location.
6. Players' partners and friends (in or out-of-town) **will not** be allowed to stay with the players at your home. Again, it is your home and you should not have to be put in any situation in which you are not comfortable. Players are also not allowed to leave your home after curfew.
7. If you are leaving town for a couple of days and the player will be on his own, **please notify Meghan Calder**.
8. The local bars and nightclubs are off limits to all players.
9. **Absolutely NO smoking, tobacco chewing, or drugs will be tolerated.**
10. Players **require permission** to go home to their hometowns (i.e. Calgary, Red Deer, etc.).

11. Meals should be wholesome and varied, but the players do not need to eat steak everyday. On game days, a player should eat between 1:00PM and 3:00PM for a 7:00PM game, between Noon and 2:00PM for a 6:00PM game. If no one is home at this time, and the player is unable to prepare his own meal, we recommend a meal that can be made up in advance and reheated.
12. **Your first obligation is to the parents and the Hockey Club, not the player.** Please do not hide things from us, which may be hurting the player as a person or as a hockey player, and consequently hurting the team.
13. Communications regarding problems with your players or concerns over behaviour should be directed toward **Meghan Calder**. Questions concerning tickets can be directed to **Dylan Thornborough** or **Kathy Hong**. Questions about billet payment can be answered by **Brenda Orsten**.
14. Keeping good communication lines open can only foster a strong relationship between the Hurricanes and their Billet families.

BILLET PAYMENTS:

Each Billet family will receive **\$500/player per month**. Each family will also receive **two (2)** tickets for pre-season, regular season, and playoffs for each game per billeted player. Along with the tickets you will have the opportunity to take advantage of all the special benefits of a regular season ticket holder (i.e. VIP Card, first chance at getting tickets to select VisitLethbridge.com Events).



Lethbridge Hurricanes Billet Questionnaire

Please complete the following billet questionnaire and email to Meghan Calder at meghan@lethbridgehurricanes.com at your earliest convenience so on-site interviews may be scheduled. All information will be held in confidence. Thank you for your cooperation.

Names and ages of individuals living in your home

Have you acted as a billet before (with the Hurricanes or any other groups)? If yes, with who and how long did you billet for?

- ☐ Yes _____
- ☐ No

If you answered Yes to the previous question what are some positive thoughts and/or experiences you could share regarding your experience as a billet?

If you are interested in becoming a billet for the first time, please give some thoughts and/or ideas on what you're hoping the experience will be like for you and your family?

Please share some of your family's interests and hobbies:

The following are Yes or No questions we will use to create a pre-onsite interview profile.

Do you rent or own your home?

☐ Rent ☐ Own

Do you have room for more than one player in your household?

☐ Yes ☐ No If so, how many? _____

Considering a player or players should be entitled to as much privacy as possible, do you have a separate bedroom or bedrooms for the player(s)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Number of rooms (only if you wish to billet more than one player): _____

Do you believe the player should integrate and become a part of your family accepting "house rules" and participating, when possible, in family activities?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you be able to give the player enough personal space and refrain from asking questions about the team?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have wireless internet access at your home?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you available to provide meals (breakfast, packed lunches, & dinner) for the player?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are not available, would you be willing to help teach the player how to cook some simple, nutritious meals?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you believe the player should help prepare a shopping list based on a weekly menu?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

How often do you and your family go out for dinner on a weekly basis?

- ☐ We don't go out for dinner
☐ 1 or less days week
☐ 2-3 days a week
☐ 4 or more days a week

Are you comfortable with enforcing team guidelines and curfew limits?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have any pets in your household?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, Dog _____ Cat _____ Other (list) _____

Is your home a smoke free home?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does any family member in your household have an allergy or medical condition that has dietary restrictions?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what is/are the restrictions?

Would a player's religious denomination play a role in determining if he was going to be welcome in your home?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have a preference of religious denomination which may best fit within your family home and lifestyle?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what religion would you prefer? _____

Do you have a preference of age for the player or players you would welcome into your household?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what age would you prefer? _____

Each year the Hurricanes are able to carry two import players from Europe and their English might not be strong. We try to match these players with families who have experience with either teaching English as a second language or speaking that players' language.

Do you speak a language other than English?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, what language(s)? _____

Do you have experience teaching English as a second language?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you able to commit for an entire season as a full-time billet (end of August to end of playoffs, possibly as late as end of May)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are unable to commit for an entire season as a full-time billet, would you be willing to act as a part-time/substitute billet?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are selected to be a billet, would you agree to have a criminal record check done by the Lethbridge Police Service?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have any additional thoughts or comments you believe we should know when considering you and your family as future Lethbridge Hurricanes billets?

The following information is strictly confidential and is for Office Use only.

Home Address:

Home Phone Number, if applicable:

Primary Contact

Full Name: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Work Phone Number & Place of Work: _____

Email Address: _____

Secondary Contact

Full Name: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Work Phone Number & Place of Work: _____

Email Address: _____

Thank you for your interest in the Lethbridge Hurricanes Hockey Club.
All applications will be kept in strictest confidence.

For all inquiries, please contact Meghan Calder at meghan@lethbridgehurricanes.com.