

# THIEF RIVER FALLS NORSKIES JUNIOR A

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## Billet Policy

To ensure the success of the Thief River Falls Junior “A” Norskies organization and as part of the Superior International Junior Hockey League (SIJHL), it is the sole responsibility of the organization to provide a safe and healthy environment for the players. We are committed to ensure billeting is a progressive experience for both the player and the billet family during the hockey season.

Billet family requirements should provide the following:

- † *Each player is to have their own bed and comfortable sleeping area*
- † *If needed, each room should have a desk or table for homework or computer space*
- † *Parking spot if the player should have their own vehicle*
- † *Provide healthy and nutritious food*
- † *Understand the players practice and game schedule*
- † *To prepare at least one meal per day for the player (usually supper) and it is the player’s responsibility to prepare their own meals or snacks throughout the day unless the billet family wishes to do so*
- † *To communicate to the player(s) any house rules that you wish to enforce*
- † *Try to make them feel a part of the family*
- † *Not mandatory – but internet service maybe required for the player, especially if the player is taking online courses for their education*

The player will be responsible for the following while in the care of the billet family:

- † *To prepare their own breakfast and lunch with food provided*
- † *Let the billet family know of any allergies (food or personal)*
- † *To make sure their room is clean and tidy*
- † *To do their own laundry with the proper guidance on how to use the equipment*
- † *To assist with chores around the house if asked to do so*
- † *Weeknight curfew for players is 11pm on non-game nights. All players are to be in their own homes by this time. Absolutely **NO** sleepovers in the billet homes; no teammates, friends, and of course, **NO** girlfriends overnight.*
- † *Players and families should expect check-ins from time to time from the billet coordinator and/or the coaching staff.*
- † *Serve as a positive role model for younger children in the billet house and in the community*
- † *To respect the billet family rules at all times*



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- † *Do not take your problems out on the billet family*
- † *To foster and build open and safe communications and seek proper assistance from the billet coordinator and/or the coach for conflict resolution*

To provide the following services the billet family will receive a Billet Fee of **\$300.00 USD** per month.

Payment to host families will be paid through the team on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month via check. Players will pay the team and the team will in turn pay the host families. This will ensure that all host families are paid on time and consistently. If a player elects to not pay their billet fees, they will not skate until this is resolved. Temp homes are paid \$10/day for each day the player resides in the home. Full time billet families will also receive season tickets to home games for the current season. Temporary billets will receive individual game tickets to attend the coinciding home games in which they have a player residing in their home. Due to the distance of some of the player's hometowns, we encourage billet families to attend home games and cheer on your player.

It is important that the player and the billet family maintain a mutual, respectful relationship. The organization encourages and promotes open communication amongst the billet family, the player, the billet coordinator, the coach, and the player's family.

If for whatever reason, and with no questions asked, the billet family and/or the player have the right to be removed and relocated to another billet family as long as the coach and the billet coordinator are properly notified. This is done to prevent any hardship or conflict between both parties and ensure good relations remain between the billet family, player, and the organization.

It will be the responsibility of the billet coordinator and coach that the billet family and the player(s) are suited to each other before placement. It is the organizations goal to ensure the players are well matched with the billet family home. This will assist in a successful season and make a good experience for the player and the team for the duration of the hockey season.

At the end of the main camp the signed/committed players will be placed with their billet family and a general meeting will be held to go over expectations and what will be required for both parties with the coach, GM, and billet coordinator. Player(s) and their families will be able to meet with their billet family. At this time, the player's family may travel with their son to the billet family home to see where they are staying. This will also give the opportunity for the player's family to meet with the billet family on a more personal level and see their surroundings.



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Team guidelines for the player while in the billet family home should be as follows:

- † *Be respectful to the family at all times*
- † *Maintain an open line of communication, as the billet family cannot read your mind*
- † *The players must follow and adhere to curfews being set by the coach and/or the billet family*
- † *The coach and/or the billet coordinator will meet with the billet family periodically to ensure there are no problems or issues*
- † *It is the responsibility for the player to inform the billet family of their whereabouts at all times*
- † *It is the responsibility of the player to follow the rules and expectations of the billet family*
- † *It is the understanding that the billet fees are not just for food but also to assist in the additional cost of having a player reside in the house (e.g. additional hydro cost, water, laundry, etc.)*
- † *Players are not permitted to leave town on social excursions without permission from the coach/GM of the organization and/or team*
- † *No drugs or alcohol may be provided to or used by any player*
- † *Behavior deemed inappropriate will be subject to review by the billet coordinator, head coach, and/or GM and subject to appropriate discipline up to and including losing billet home status or if deemed a player issue, releasing the player*

If the player should be arriving by bus or plane the organization shall make proper arrangements to ensure the player is delivered to the billet family. The billet coordinator and/or coach will then call the player's family to assure them that their son has arrived safely.

It is important for a successful season that these policies are adhered to. If for whatever reason, the organization may amend this policy from time to time with direction from the Coach/GM as what would be in the best interest of the players, billet families, and the organization. Check this page periodically for updates.

If any questions or concerns, contact the Norskies Billet Coordinator, Randi Rantanen, at 218-242-0871 or email [norskieshousing@gmail.com](mailto:norskieshousing@gmail.com).

