Every year, elite young athletes travel to Waterloo to chase their dreams of playing hockey in the OHL, college or even the pros. These players, aged 16 to 20, need more than just a place to stay - they need a supportive home environment where they can grow as players and as people.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a billet family?
A billet family provides a safe, welcoming home for a hockey player during the hockey season, offering a private bedroom, meals, and a supportive family environment while the player lives away from home to pursue junior hockey.

How long does a player stay with a billet family?
Players typically stay for the duration of the hockey season, usually from late summer through the end of the season in the spring, including playoffs if applicable.

What are the player's responsibilities?
Players are expected to respect your home, follow household guidelines, maintain cleanliness in their personal space, manage their school and hockey commitments responsibly, and contribute positively to the family environment.

Do billet families need previous hockey experience?
No hockey background is required! Just a supportive home, a willingness to mentor, and pride in being part of the Waterloo hockey community.

What are the benefits of becoming a billet family?
Billet families build lasting relationships, become part of a player's journey, gain behind-the-scenes access to the team, and play a direct role in supporting Waterloo's proud hockey tradition.

Perks & Compensation

The Waterloo Siskins are incredibly grateful for our billet families. Their time, effort, and love doesn't go unnoticed. To demonstrate our gratitude, we are proud to provide all of our billet families with:

- A complimentary family pass to all Waterloo Siskins home games
- A monthly stipend to help cover expenses
- Food donations, to help provide meals for your player

Requirements

Families interested in billeting must provide:

- A Room: A clean, private bedroom, with storage space for the player to store their belongings
- Meals & groceries: so that the player is able to maintain a balanced diet, with a combination of home cooked meals, snacks, and food they prepare for themselves
- Internet Access: The player must have access to the internet from the home. They may need this for work or school, but it is also important for them to stay up to date on team communications.
- Supervision: Billets should ensure that the player continues to be polite and respectful to the billet family, guests, and others in the community

Players are responsible for providing their own transportation, as well as their own electronic devices and other non-essential items.