



## BILLETING | HOUSING POLICY with HOST FAMILY or HOST HOUSE

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It is recognized that some U.S. All Star Federation minor participants do leave home to participate in a program away from their parents. In those circumstances the program typically arranges for the minor participant to live with a host or billet family. ***Having minor participants live outside their homes increases risk for abuse and misconduct to occur.***

All programs that either arrange fully or have any level of involvement in arranging for participants to live with billet families, including references or recommendations that are specific to a prospective host family, shall have written policies and procedures in place to govern the arrangement.

All billeting policies and procedures shall meet the following requirements:

1. It is recommended that no more than two billet participants should be housed with any one billet family.
2. All adults living in the household of the billet family shall be screened in accordance with the *U.S. All Star Federation Recommended Screening Policy* prior to the participant moving in with the family. [See the USASF Sexual Abuse and Prevention Policy]
3. It is strongly recommended that all billet families be two-parent homes. Single parent billet families may be acceptable, however. In these cases the program shall take additional reasonable steps to regularly monitor the billeting arrangement and its compliance with the U.S. All Star Federation SafeSport Policies.
4. All adults living in the household of the billet family shall have completed Darkness to Light Stewards of Children ® training prior to the participant moving in with the family.
5. Billet families, the participant and participant's parent(s) or guardian(s) shall all sign an agreement with the program that they will comply with the rules and regulations for the billeting arrangement and the U.S. All Star Federation SafeSport Policies.
6. Each program shall have a billet coordinator who shall be responsible for overseeing compliance with the Billeting Policy and all other U.S. All Star Federation SafeSport Policies.
7. Participants shall agree to comply with the house rules of the billet families. Complaints about unusual rules shall be addressed with the program's billet coordinator.
8. Participants shall not stay overnight at any other home except with the permission of the participant's parents and advance notification to the billet family and program's billet coordinator.
9. Participants are not to drive billet family vehicles without automobile liability insurance as required by applicable state law and documentation of approval of the billet family.
10. The program's billeting policy shall include requirements that both the billet participant and billet family carry and maintain appropriate insurance.
11. Participants staying with a billet family shall be permitted to make regular check-in phone calls to parents. Program personnel and billets shall allow for any unscheduled check-in phone calls initiated by either the participant or parents.