



North Jersey Avalanche

Billet Program 2021-2022

The North Jersey Avalanche are seeking families interested in participating in a billet program for the 2021-2022 season. "Billeting" is a hockey tradition that provides elite players from outside the Metropolitan area the opportunity to join the North Jersey Avalanche program by temporary living with a participating family.

As the Avalanche program continues to expand and improve, with the organization boasting one of the highest-ranking Midget programs in the nation, more players from both inside and outside of the USA are seeking to play on one of our premier Midget hockey teams. The billet program helps to foster this demand by giving the best players the chance to play for one of the best organizations.

Billet families play an integral role in the development of aspiring youth athletes by providing them with a "home away from home." Through the billet program, host families welcome these dedicated athletes into their homes by providing a comfortable, accommodating, and secure environment, which allows the athlete to continue his development and training during the season.

Our experience hosting our first billet player [Aiden] far exceeded all our expectations. Aiden has become part of our family even now that he has moved on. Both of our kids look up to him as a "big brother" and always look forward to seeing him. We loved how Aiden showed our children his work ethic both on and off the ice. He is truly a great role model. We loved cheering Aiden on along with all his teammates on the U16 team ... and [we were] happy to open our home and give Aiden the opportunity to play with the Avalanche.

– the Pereira family (billeting during 2018-19)

Participating in the billeting program can be a rewarding experience for both the host families and our players. The bonds formed between a host family and billet player often continue after the player has moved on to the next level of hockey and the next phases in life.

Billet Family Responsibilities

- Provide a safe and friendly environment that will allow the player to continue their development both on and off the ice
- Provide the player with their own bedroom (or shared bedroom with a second billet player) including the basic necessities (bed, desk/chair, closet space, etc.)
- Nutritious food for 3 meals a day or the ability to prepare their own food
- Access to standard household amenities (bathroom, internet, TV, washer/dryer, etc.)
- Transportation for practices and games
- Have home available to the billet player for length of season or school year based, as agreed upon by billet player and host family
- House rules for billet player to follow
- Billet family will receive a fixed \$400 per month as reimbursement for expenses

The North Jersey Avalanche organization appreciates the commitment, sacrifice, and dedication provided by our billet families. Each season we are looking for new families to join our “Avs Family”, and provide a great home for one of our players as you welcome them into your family.

If you are interested in becoming a host family, please fill out the form on the following page and submit it to the NJAvsBilletProgram@gmail.com. Please feel free to email us with any questions. We will get back to you in a timely manner and be available to answer additional questions and discuss the program further as needed.

Avalanche Billet Family Application

Family Name: _____

Household Members:

Name	Age	Play hockey?	Which Avalanche team?
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Address: _____

City: State: Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian 1: _____

Home phone number: _____

Cell phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Parent/Guardian 2: _____

Home phone number: _____

Cell phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Do you have any pets? If so, what type?

What is the space like that you have available? (Please describe)

Are there any special circumstances that we should be aware of when matching a player for your home?

Parent/Guardian 1

Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian 2

Signature

Date
