



Welcome to the Twin City Thunder! The host family is an integral part of our organization, and without your efforts, our club would not be successful!

The Twin City Thunder program is comprised of 16 – 20 -year-old hockey players from various cities in the United States and other countries. The players are at an elite skill level that gives them opportunity for promotion if properly developed. While the primary focus of our organization is to develop the players for advancement to collegiate or higher levels of play, we also have an associated goal. That goal is not just to develop successful hockey players but to build and instill the character that produces a group of successful young adults.

A vital factor in accomplishing that goal is assigning players to host families who serve as authority figures, role models, and extended family to their assigned player. The efforts of the host families make a significant difference in the lives of the young men who have left their homes and families to pursue a dream. With the proper host family players can show dramatic changes in their confidence level, grade point averages, social graces, behavior, work ethic, relationship to others, and so much more. The benefit derived from placing the players with host families is truly immeasurable.

The management and staff of the Twin City Thunder program greatly appreciate your consideration of serving as a host family for the upcoming season. The information on the following pages documents the benefits and responsibilities involved in serving as a host family. Closer to the start of the season, each host family will be provided with the “Rules and Regulations” section of the player’s contract to ensure that they know exactly what we’re expecting of our players during their time with us.

Thank you for taking the time to read the following information and considering the opportunity to change the life of a young man. Please feel free to contact our Host Family Coordinator if you have questions or need further information. After reviewing the information, if you want to pursue the possibility of hosting a player, please complete the two forms that are included in this information and submit them to the Twin City Thunder program via email at [info@ccsa25.sg-host.com](mailto:info@ccsa25.sg-host.com)

Again, thank you for considering serving as an Twin City Thunder host family.

Sincerely,

Sean Bernhardt

Host Family Coordinator - Twin City Thunder







## **V. Host Family Changes**

A) Roster Changes - The Ice Mavericks roster may change throughout the year due to a unforeseen circumstances. In those cases, the player will be removed from the host family home within 48 hours of notification of the roster change. The host family will be notified of any changes by the Coach or host Coordinator who will discuss the possibility of housing a replacement player in the home.

B) Host Family Requests – The Ice Mavericks put great effort into placing players in the homes of families with which they will be compatible. As a result, no problems are anticipated once the players and families have had time to adjust to one another. However, there may be times when a player and his host family are simply not compatible by no fault of the individuals themselves. In addition, there are situations where the host family’s lifestyle may have an unexpected change. At those times, the host family simply contacts the host Coordinator and the Coach to plan to remove the player from their home and/or arrange a player change.

## **VI. Host Family Information**

☐ Background Checks - The Ice Mavericks are required to conduct background checks on all adults living in a ☐ family home. The adults will be asked to fill out a Screening Release Form. That information is then compared with a government database to ensure that the players are placed in a safe environment. All information obtained during this process will remain strictly confidential between the Ice Mavericks management and the adults within the ☐ family home. No additional information or effort beyond completion of the Screening Release Form is required on the part of the ☐ family to finalize the background check.

☐ Family Information - In order to place the most compatible player with each ☐ family, both the player and the family submit information forms to the Ice Mavericks. As player selections are made, the forms are compared to find the player most suitable for each ☐ family home. In most cases, the players will not come from identical backgrounds as those of the ☐ family but will come from compatible situations which results in limited adjustment for the players and the families.

## **VII. Drug and Alcohol Use**

A) No illicit drugs may be provided to or used around any player.

B) No prescription drug may be provided to any player unless prescribed by a doctor.

C) No alcohol may be provided to any player.

## **VIII. General Conduct and Consequences**

☐ ☐ families should provide each player with a positive experience during the player’s stay in the Marietta area. In the event there are issues that arise regarding a person other than the player that affects the player or living situation, please contact the host Coordinator immediately. Please do not discuss such matters with the players.

B) Behavior deemed inappropriate and/or in violation of this Conduct and Expectations agreement will be subject to review by the Ice Mavericks General Manager, ☐ Coordinator and/or head coach and subject to appropriate discipline up to and including losing host home status.

## **IX. Miscellaneous Information**

A. Player Selection - The Ice Mavericks select players for both their character and playing ability for the team. In most cases, we are able through this process, to determine the behavior of the player in advance. No players who are deemed to be a behavior risk are selected for the team. If at any time, a player is determined to be a behavior problem, he is immediately released from the team and removed from the host home.

B. Discussion Items for the Host Family and Player - Each house will have different arrangements for the player. Some provide access to a family computer while others do not. Parking arrangements will also vary for each residence. Some families have specific mealtimes while others are more sporadic. Families and players should discuss these types of issues before the player's arrival.

C. Communication – In addition to keeping communication open between you and your player and between you and the Organization, talking with the player's parents is vital. Continual contact and communication with your player's parents is highly encouraged. Communication is important!

## **X. Player / Host Family Introductions**

Information regarding the player will be provided to the host family prior to his arrival. The player and family are encouraged to talk by phone or communicate via email to discuss arrival times and other issues (It would be good to discuss in advance your family's household rules and expectations. Players may want to know if a television is in their room or if you feel it would be appropriate for them to bring one, etc.) Personal introductions are made in the opening weekend which is in mid-August.

## **XI. Applying to House a Player**

Families interested in housing a player or players for the upcoming season should email Sean Bernhardt [Seanbernhardt@icemavericks.com](mailto:Seanbernhardt@icemavericks.com). We ask that all interested families fill out a Host Application Form and a Screening Information sheet.

We hope that by providing this host Package to you, the rules of conduct expected from the host and the players both at the arena and off the ice will be clearly outlined. The balance of the information in this package is simply provided in an effort to make the host experience a positive one while you provide the rich, nurturing environment for the players of our club.

Host families are also expected to behave in a way that is conducive to promoting a positive and moral example. If you have any questions regarding the contents of this package or issues surrounding the hosting process, don't hesitate to contact the Host Coordinator.