



NO SURRENDER

## 2012-13 SEASON

**TO:** Prospective Host Family  
**FROM:** Tracy Cosby, Host Family Coordinator / Director of Finance & Administration

Thank-you for expressing an interest in the Soo Greyhounds Hockey Club Housing Program.

Let me give you some basic information:

- The Greyhounds place hockey players with host families, or “billet” families, as many hockey organizations call them. Billet is a military term that refers to the assignment of housing. Without host or “billet” families the hockey club would be hard pressed to succeed. These local families open up their homes allowing our players to join their families.
- Our players are within the ages of 15-21, with the majority of them being 16 to 18 years old. They will come to Sault Ste. Marie from all over Ontario, as well as from the United States or Europe to play with our team. Being so young and so far from home, the players will need a very stable home environment during their stay in the Soo. It is our commitment to our players and their parents to provide them with a good home.
- The players will arrive late August and will be here until mid-April/May. At Christmas, they are typically given a one-week break to go home and spend time with their families. Many times their families will come to visit during the season. It is at your discretion as to whether you want to open your home to your player’s family.
- We have team guidelines and policies that the players must abide by while with our organization, and we expect our host families to enforce these team rules. Upon being accepted as a Host Family we give out the Billet Handbook and Player Policy Guide which outlines rules and conduct for all players.
- Our goal is for our players to have a home away from home, continue their education and be good citizens.

- Players will have daily practice. Some players will have their own transportation, but transportation to school and practice is a detail that will be worked out with each player
- We want our host family program to be second to none. We will work to match each player's personality and backgrounds with quality host homes. Furthermore, each potential host family is carefully screened and presented with our team's expectations of the host family. Personal visits may be done throughout the season to ensure that both player and host family are meeting those expectations and guidelines.

We thank-you for your enthusiasm and interest in our program.

**If you are interested in housing a player, please complete the application and mail it to:**

Soo Greyhounds Hockey Club  
Billet Housing Program  
269 Queen Street East  
Sault Ste. Marie, ONTARIO  
P6A 1Y9

# Application for Host Family – Soo Greyhounds Hockey Club

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Host Father's Full Legal Name:			Nickname:		
Host Mother's Full Legal Name:			Nickname:		
Address:		City:	Postal Code:		
Home Phone: <small>(please list cell phones below)</small>			E-Mail: <small>(we use email a lot to communicate)</small>		
Host Father's Occupation/Employer: Hours:			Work Ph: Cell Ph:		
Host Mother's Occupation/Employer: Hours:			Work Ph: Cell Ph:		
Children's Names:	Age	Live at home?	Children's Names	Age:	Live at home?
Any other people living in the house: <small>(list names and relationship)</small>					
Pets: <small>(please list)</small>					
Hobbies of family:					
Family involved in any sports? If so, what kind? And how?			Favourite Music:		
Allergies in your household:					
Private Bedroom for Player: Yes / No			Private bath for player: Yes / No		
Does anyone in the house smoke? Yes / No			Approx. Miles to arena from your home?		
Computer available internet/e-mail?			DSL/Cable internet?		
Television available to hook up game system?					
Are you familiar with the program?			Have you hosted with other programs? If so, Who?		
Do you know any of our current billets?			If so, who?		
Would you be interested in more than one player? Yes / No			Are you a season ticket holder? Yes / No		
Do you have family meals most nights?			Is cooking a problem?		

Reason for wanting to be a host family:
Do you have house rules? Yes / No (If yes, what are they?)
Please write below any other notes of interest:
Please give simple directions to your home (from the arena):
Do you give permission for your name, address, phone and e-mail to be listed in a Greyhounds Host Family Directory to be given to all Host Families? Yes / No

All the information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Thank-you for your interest in becoming a host family  
with the Soo Greyhounds Hockey Club!***