



Every year, the Quad Cities community opens their homes to players from around the world as part of the Quad Cities River Bandits/Kansas City Royals host family program. These families have helped hundreds of young men adjust to life as a professional baseball player by providing them with a welcoming home for the season as they continue their journey to the big leagues. All players on the Quad Cities River Bandits are either drafted or signed as a free-agent and are under contract with the Kansas City Royals. Host families are not financially compensated but will be given season tickets to come watch their player(s) develop during their time in Quad Cities. If you are interested in hosting a Royals player(s) for the season, please see the details below.

**Ideal Host Families:**

Committed to the entire season (April 1 – September 30).

Provide free room and board in a safe and clean environment.

Players will need to have their own room and have access to a bathroom, laundry, and refrigerator. If hosting more than one player, two can share a room as long as they have their own beds.

Players are required to provide food for themselves, but a home cooked meal every now and then is always appreciated.

Assistance with transportation may be helpful for some players, but this is not required.

The host family should have their own set of house rules that the player will be required to follow but should be aware that players often arrive home late at night after games or after a road trip.

**Why do we request host families:**

Players make a low salary and may be promoted to the next level at any point. Quad Cities is typically a player's first or second step in professional baseball.

Due to frequent organizational transactions, some players might be in Quad Cities for a brief amount of time and then leave on short notice. Finding a short-term apartment lease is very difficult and players spend very few hours at home.

Typically, all players are signed right out of high school or college. Host families help players adjust to life as a professional baseball player.

## MLB Requirements to be a Host Family:

1. **Host Families:** Players may be housed by the Club with host families that meet the minimum standards described herein; provided, however, that all adult members of the host family are required to submit to and pass a background check before providing accommodations to a player.
2. **Location:** All housing accommodations must be located at a reasonable, commutable distance from the ballpark (15 miles or less).
3. **Standard Rooms:** Housing accommodations shall include, at a minimum, a bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, and shared living space.
4. **Sleeping Accommodations:** Bedrooms must contain a single bed per player, and there shall be no more than two beds per bedroom.
5. **Appliances:** Housing accommodations shall include access to typical appliances (e.g., refrigerator, microwave, etc.). Additionally, such accommodations should include air conditioning, if necessary, based on the summer climate of a given location.
6. **Furnishings:** Housing accommodations shall include access to large furniture (e.g., table and chairs, sofa, TV, etc.), as well as access to smaller furnishings (e.g., cookware, utensils, linens, towels, etc.).
7. **Utilities:** Housing accommodations shall include access to utilities including electricity, water, Wi-Fi, etc.
8. **Fees/Costs:** Under no circumstance may a host family require a player to pay for any portion of the cost for meeting the minimum standards established by the Host Family Housing Policy. Being a host family is voluntary.
9. There may be a vaccination requirement to be a host family. MLB is working on policies and procedures for the 2022 Championship Season and these details (if any) will be shared if necessary closer to the start of the season.

Quad Cities River Bandits Host Family Questionnaire

Host Family

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Info

Number of children living in the home and ages: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, age(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Any pets living in the home: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, type: \_\_\_\_\_

As a host family, transportation is not required for the player, but is always appreciated; are you willing to provide transportation for the player, or will they need to provide their own transportation/carpool with another player: \_\_\_\_\_

Player Preferences (Exact preference may not always be met)

How many players would you like to host: \_\_\_\_\_

Player preference (Signed out of high school, signed out of college, English speaking, Foreign/Spanish speaking, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

We need to house players from approximately April 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>. Does this entire time frame work for you: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact Quad Cities General Manager Joe Kubly at 563-505-9788 (cell) or 563-333-2768 (office) with any questions or concerns.

After forms are submitted back to Joe Kubly via email ([joe@riverbandits.com](mailto:joe@riverbandits.com)) or by dropping off at the Modern Woodmen Park (209 S. Gaines St. Davenport, Iowa 52802) anytime M-F 9am-5pm, they will be submitted to the Kansas City Royals, and you will receive info via email about a background check from the Kansas City Royals. Once the background check is approved, the Quad Cities River Bandits will request to do a brief 5-minute walk-through of your home at your convenience.



## HOST FAMILY STANDARDS

Greetings and Congratulations on Becoming a Kansas City Royals/Quad Cities River Bandits Host Family!

As host families, you are an extension of the Kansas City Royals and the Quad Cities River Bandits, and we are honored and humbled for you to be sacrificing your home, time, energy, and resources to benefit our Minor League Players. Your volunteerism plays an enormous role in the development process, and we would not be able to as effectively grow our players both on the field and off without it. Although our players are of high character and integrity, there is still a need to have standards in place to ensure a proper relationship between the host family and player. You will find these standards below.

We thank you again for your time and service and welcome you to the Kansas City Royals and Quad Cities River Bandits Family.

Sincerely,

Mitch Maier

Director - Player Development

Please initial for agreement:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Social Media Awareness**

- You are representing yourself, your family, and the Quad Cities River Bandits
- Please respect player's privacy and club confidentiality

\_\_\_\_\_ **Alcohol and Tobacco Policy**

- No alcohol permitted in home unless over the age of 21 and approved by host family
- No tobacco permitted in homes unless approved by host family

\_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship with Host Family Members**

- Players have been informed that they are not to have intimate relationships with host family members

\_\_\_\_\_ **Girlfriend/Friend/Family Member Visits**

- Guests are not allowed to stay in the host family home. If they are coming to visit, they should make their own accommodations

\_\_\_\_\_ **Communication and Electronics**

- Players are expected to have their own communication methods and should not use the family's home phone
- Use of home electronics are at the discretion of the host family and should not be abused by player

\_\_\_\_\_ **Please Respect the Player's Privacy, Personal Space, and Property**

I have read, understood, and agreed to the Host Family Standards that are described over. Please sign and date.

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

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

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