



Redding Colt 45s Housing Guidelines

It is the goal of the Redding Colt 45s to win games by playing baseball with passion, effort and an attitude that enhances the pride, integrity and tradition of the Redding Colt 45s. Hard work, motivation, and perseverance are encouraged and expected in both winning and losing situations. Loyalty and team work; a feeling of pride in accomplishment through fair and honest means; and an appreciation for cultural diversity, community service, good sportsmanship, humility, personal integrity and ethical conduct represent core character expectations as well.



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Player Placement

Team management values highly the community support of welcoming players into your private household. This provides collegiate players the comfort and security of a home away from home. Suggestions and requests are considered in placement decisions, however, specific player placement cannot be guaranteed.

Important information to keep in mind while deciding to take a player for the summer:

- Host families agree to accept a Redding Colt 45s baseball player for the summer but may only be here temporarily. There are no permanent players.
- Players arrive from all over the country as their collegiate teams release them for the summer. Some arrive earlier than others.
- It is just as likely to have a player two weeks as it is to have a player that stays all summer season.
- Players arrive around the last week of May and depending summer schedule or other factors, usually leave at the beginning of August.
- Families are encouraged to be prepared for the sometimes temporary nature of the placement.
- Families must be willing to take whatever player is assigned. Placement issue resolution begins with a player bringing their concern to the General Manager, or the Host Family discussing their concerns with the Housing Coordinator. If players/Hosts make rehousing arrangements without going through this process, no team support will follow that placement.
- If late May through early August is vacation time for your family, please let the General Manager and/or Housing Coordinator know so appropriate player arrangements can be made. If having a player in your home during that time is acceptable to your family, please consult with the player and the Housing Coordinator or General Manager about the player's expected responsibilities.

Comments/suggestions are always welcome and if questions regarding placement remain, please call or email the Housing Coordinator or General Manager and we will be happy to answer questions and/or assist in resolving any issues.

It is important for every family to understand they are taking in a person for the summer who needs a home and support regardless of race, position or pitcher.



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Laundry

Please provide players with access to a washer and dryer. They are given several away and home uniforms which they are expected to keep clean after games. Because they play baseball many days a week they usually need to do their laundry every day or every other day.

Laundry schedules are the purview of the host family. If there are restrictions on time of day or frequency, please make those known to the player assigned in your home. It is NOT expected the host family does the players' laundry!

Transportation

Some players will drive to Redding and some will not have a car. It is not the responsibility of the host family to drive players to their activities, but if you are able to help, please let the General Manager or Host Coordinator know. Players are strategically placed so they may carpool with other players.

The team travels to all away games. Only a host family or his parents are allowed to take their player home after the game with permission from the General Manager.

If a host family has an extra car, it is your discretion to allow your player to use the vehicle. Please note players with host family vehicle access will not be reimbursed for gas, and the host is responsible for appropriate insurance coverage.

Players Camp/Clinic Responsibilities

Players are expected to work Redding Summer Recreation Baseball Camps and possibly two other Chevy Camps. This experience promotes and represents the team in the community and allows players to connect with youth working to improve their baseball skills. It provides a positive experience for all involved. Please do not schedule to do something on an off day with your player until after 12pm in order to accommodate their participation! It is possible that your hosted player will need to work that day! In deciding to take a player, please support our policies for working camps and clinics.

Other Players and Guests at Your Home

The player assigned to your home is subject to your house rules. Please be sure to cover them during the first week the player arrives. Set your boundaries with players around bringing home friends and guests including other players. They should not bring home one of their teammates or friends without prior permission from you. Be sensitive to other families trying to bond with their player also.

We request that you only house your player but the decision is yours. The players all talk to one another and it can sometimes turn out they'd like to stay together. This is your decision, be sure



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to make that clear with the player assigned to you and always discuss this change with the Host Coordinator or General Manager prior to making the change.

Meals

One of the most important responsibilities for host families is to provide players with meals during the day. You are not required to cook for them but food should be available for them to heat up or cook themselves.

From experience, it is helpful to get a list of foods they like to eat so that you may make them comfortable in your home. Most players do not survive on cold salads or anything green and if they do they are the minority not the majority!

Occasionally meals may be available at the field for the players after a game. Some nights players may share a meal together after games. If you need to know they won't be eating at your home after a game, please cover that with the player assigned to you.

We encourage you to get together with other host families for a barbeque or dinners to share this experience. All we ask is that you do not to provide alcohol to underage players.

Health and Safety

The YMCA sponsors team members for regular workouts. Many times players will make arrangements with those team members who have vehicles to ride share to the gym. It may be they will not feel comfortable to ask for rides to the gym, but it is good practice for them to stay in shape or work out according to their college coach's routine. The team provides chiropractic treatment and has trainers available to players for consult in case of soreness or injury. Please encourage the player to contact the General Manager if this comes up, summer baseball is meant to keep players in shape, not cause injuries.

Curfew

The players have a curfew, weeknights midnight, weekends 1:00am. Please help us enforce this policy for the benefit of both the team and your family. If a player is not coming in at or around curfew we need to know about it. It is disrespectful to your family and nothing good happens after midnight. Please partner with us so that all may have a positive experience.



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The following information on this page may be viewed by some as an unnecessary but because we have had problems in the past it has become necessary to state the obvious for liability purposes.

Alcohol and Substance Abuse

The Redding Colt 45s want to provide a positive experience and a safe family environment for all players. Most of the players coming this summer are under age 21. It is illegal in the State of California to purchase or consume alcohol under the age of 21. If you allow the consumption of alcohol by any player in your home you are setting yourself up as well as the Team for liability charges in the event of an accident.

The use of street or prescription drugs without a prescription is illegal. Please report use of illegal drugs to the General Manager. NCAA players are subject to random drug testing at any time.

The players sign a letter of commitment with the NCAA that they will not use any form of tobacco at practice or during any games. The CAA prohibits the use of any tobacco products within game fields, parks, clinics, or in homes of host families. If a player or coach is seen chewing tobacco by an umpire the league fines the team and the player or coach is suspended.

Please help us enforce our policy. If a family is providing alcohol to players, or permitting consumption of alcohol by players, they will no longer be allowed to house for the Redding Colt 45s.

Adult Behavior

The Team wants to provide a safe family environment for the player during his stay. It is against policy to allow any member of your family or guests to participate in the viewing or sharing of pornographic material or participate in any sexual activity with a baseball player living in your home or playing on the team.

Appropriate Behavior At Our Field and Community Events

While at Tiger Field, at an away game or community event with player participation please be considerate of others. As a Host Parent, you and your family are considered volunteers of the Redding Colt 45s and how you behave is a direct reflection on all of us. Please do not use abusive language, yell insults or throw items at the other team or umpires. It is okay to be frustrated, please, be respectful.

Thank you for considering hosting a Redding Colt 45s player!