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Host families are a longstanding and honored aspect of professional sports. Most teams at this level of competition place the majority of their players in homestay situations. These programs are a vital part of a player's success both on and off the field. When these players become a part of a local family, it helps them to stay grounded in an unfamiliar city, and to build their life skills. It also affords them the stability they need "at home" to help them concentrate on baseball.

Opening one's home to a professional athlete is an experience that few people have the opportunity to enjoy. Players bring their talents to the Pacific Association with the understanding that their compensation will be commensurate to salaries throughout this level of professional baseball. This makes the need for host families extremely important. Serving as a host family truly allows a household to join the Martinez Clippers community. The recognition and perks a family receives as compensation for becoming a host family is worth more than money. The memories and relationships host families make with their players are invaluable and will last a lifetime.

This season, many of the Clippers players from outside the Bay Area will be living as guests of local Contra Costa County families from the middle of May through August. For many host families, their players become more than just a guest – they become part of the family.

As the players are committed professional athletes, their time is largely spent at the ballpark, batting cages, making community appearances, or in the gym, so the host family is not unreasonably inconvenienced. In fact, the Clippers and the Pacific Association make great efforts to bring in high character players who will fit in well with their teammates, the local community and their host families.

Player Needs & Responsibilities:

- Player's own room (unless family is hosting multiple players – but please note, no more than two players should be assigned to a room)
- Player's own bathroom (not required)
- Access to a laundry room and kitchen



Player is Responsible For:

- Adhering to the rules set forth by the host family in conjunction with the Clippers and the League.
- Washing and drying his own laundry.
- Host families are NOT required to cook for their player.
- It is NOT the responsibility of the host family to permit the player access to the home telephone, hosts' cell phones or computers, or other devices that allow the player to conduct personal business.
- It is NOT the responsibility of the host family to provide transportation for their player. If your player is without a vehicle, he is responsible for arranging transportation with teammates or the Clippers front office.

Host Family Benefits and Responsibilities:

- Spring Training trial period (try hosting a player for ten days during spring training to test out the program.)
- Invitations to special events
- On-field recognition prior to a Clippers home game
- Two tickets to every Clippers home game

Host Family is Responsible for:

- Providing room and board for the player(s).
- Awareness of the team schedule. The Clippers will play 80 games in 90 days; 40 of those games will take place in Martinez. The players will arrive in Martinez in mid-May, and the season will conclude at the end of August.
- Encouraging player guests to participate as members of their families, but recognizing that the player may need rest given the grueling summer schedule.
- Supporting the players in their drive to progress to higher levels of baseball.
- The player's own bedroom. Exception: If the host family is hosting multiple players, up to two players may share a bedroom.
- Granting the player guest or guests access to the kitchen and to laundry facilities.

PLEASE NOTE: Players come and go for a number of reasons, but your season-long commitment as a host family is critical to allowing the Clippers to field a competitive team. Please be prepared to host multiple players over the course of the season.