

Spokane Indians FAQs

1. How many players do I need to host?

Generally, we try to house players in pairs. We find that it is often nice for the players to have another player with them. That being said, we have always had houses that have had only one player. There is not a requirement to house players in pairs. Some players prefer to be at a home without another player. The bottom line is that most often we have players housed in pairs but we often have solo players so either is possible.

2. Do I need to feed the players?

There is no requirement for you to feed the players or provide food. That is completely up to the host family. Most of our families do provide them with some meals or make food available to them. The way this is handled varies from doing nothing and they are on their own, to asking what they might like and shopping for them (they can pay for it if you like), to providing food for them to prepare themselves, to fixing them meals. Many of our families do provide food for the players but that is optional. The Texas Rangers provide catered meals for the players.

3. Do I need to provide transportation?

The Rangers provide rental vans for the players. When the players are placed in homes, the location of the vans and the players who will be driving are chosen. Accommodations are made so that each player can get a ride to and from the ballpark as needed. You may have a player who is a driver and who will have a van to park at the home. On road trips, the vans will be left at the ballpark. You will not need to provide rides for the players. The one exception maybe on the first night when they are coming to your house for the first time. It might be a good idea to bring them home then.

4. What is a typical routine for the players?

Generally, the players will be busy every day. There are a few off-days during the season, sometimes they will be returning from a road trip on that day and sleeping late. They may be home the night before but leaving the afternoon of the off-day for a road trip. Or they may be free all day. But for the most part, when the players are home for games they generally have to be at the ballpark by 1 or 1:30 p.m. They will stay at the park until the game is over. Sunday games are played at about 5:09 p.m. so they are done sooner, but on a typical game, they will probably be at the park until 9:30 or

10. Often they will just come home right then but there may be times when they go out with other players or even stay at another house with fellow players. Most often the players will be getting home at 10 or 11 at night. They will often sleep in fairly late before heading to the park. About every third day at home they will have weights in the morning and need to be at the weight room at about 9 or 9:30 a.m.

5. What happens on road trips?

If the players are leaving for a distant location for a road trip, they will usually leave from the field after their game has ended in the evening. If they are going to a nearby location, e.g., Tri-Cities, Everett, they will often leave the morning of their first game on the road. Depending upon where they are going they may have to be at the field in the early morning.

6. What else do I need to provide the players?

Generally you only need to provide a place to sleep, the opportunity for them to do their own laundry, somewhere they can fix something to eat and ideally, internet access. The players tend to rely on the internet to stay in touch with family and friends throughout the season so that is important. Wireless access is ideal. Also, it is important for them to have cell phone service available (you don't provide that, but they need for their phones to work at your home).

7. Are there curfews?

There are no curfews placed on players by the team. The players are expected to be responsible for their own schedules and to make smart decisions. Again, there may be times when the players may go out after a game or even stay at another home with other players. We encourage the players to let their host families know if they are not going to be home so nobody worries but it is a good idea for the host family to tell their players that as well. It is possible for you to set your own house rules, which may include a curfew but we do not generally see that done.

8. What about girlfriends, fiances, wives, family members?

Allowing others to come to your home is completely up to what the host family is comfortable with and what accommodations they can provide. Some players may be married and have wives visit. If you have room for them and okay with them staying with you if they visit that's fine. If not, then the player will have to make his own arrangements for that visit. The same is true of fiances, family members or girlfriends who may visit. If you are comfortable with them in your home that's fine, if not, that's fine as well. This is completely up to each host family

9. Does each player need his own room?

The players do need to have a room to themselves for the most part. However, two players can certainly share a room with a couple of beds in the room. They are usually used to this kind of situation and we often place players together who have requested that they be roommates.

10. When do the players arrive, when do we need to house them and how long are they here?

The players arrive on 6/8, and they will stay at the Mirabeau Park Hotel for 3-4 nights. They will then move in with their host family until Labor Day or shortly thereafter.