



Housing An MLS Camps Coach

Most Commonly Asked Questions By People Wishing To House A Coach

> Housing Coaches For Camps or Clinics & Training Services Programs

Can you briefly explain this program to me? Back at the inception of our camp programs, when there were no hotels or dormitory accommodations for coaches near the camp location, some parents of children attending camp, as well as other camp affiliates, offered to house coaches for the week. Over the years, the housing program has become an enormously successful experience for both the host families and coaches; in fact, most coaches prefer family housing to hotel accommodations. The typical ages of the coaches are 21 to 35, and while many come from the U.S., the majority are from the United Kingdom.

How long do coaches stay in Family Housing? Summer Camp Coaches typically reside in family housing for no more than the week of camp (from Sunday to Sunday). Housing Player Development Officers, on the other hand, typically runs for the period of the PDO contract, which could be anywhere from four to ten weeks. One family could house the coach for the entire period, or perhaps rotate housing with other interested families. Housing PDOs also helps lower the overall service fees to the club.

How do I involve others in housing a coach? In order to have this program work, people need to be informed as much in advance as possible. You may like to announce this opportunity when you are handing out the camp brochures and at board meetings. You will also notice that on the camp registrations you receive (both hard copy and online) there will be a check box for people who indicate an interest in housing a coach. Please keep a list of the names/phone numbers/email address of these people and forward to your x-change consultant. To help you do this, you can track housing interest on the Camp Registration Envelope. Your X-Change Consultant will take care of contacting these people and provide all the information and answer any questions they may have.

How can I learn about my coach before he/she arrives? Individual coaches' profiles may be available before their arrival. These profiles list items such as their likes and dislikes as well as any dietary restrictions they have. You may request a copy of your coach's profile from MLS Camps Customer CARE.

How can the coach learn more about our family before he/she arrives? Unfortunately, this is not possible prior to their arrival. However, once your coach arrives, we recommend that you take the time to tell him or her about your family and detail your house rules. This is the best way to assure that everyone understands what you expect from your guest. Some rules may include your expectations for curfew, use of your phone, meals, etc. As part of MLS Camps coaches' training, we review our expectations of how they conduct themselves in your home. They are your guests, and as such they are to pick up after themselves and follow your house rules. They are aware that they are to treat you as they would like to be treated.

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Can I host more than one coach? Absolutely—this choice would be up to you. Typically, families host one coach, although many have enjoyed housing two and three coaches at a time.

Do I provide meals for the coach? We expect you to meet only two basic needs: a bed and use of a shower (everyone will appreciate this!). While these are a coach's basic needs, host families have frequently offered much more, such as meals, use of a washer and dryer and inclusion in family functions. This will be up to you.

Do I need to provide transportation? No, MLS Camps provides transportation for all coaches. You should note that due to insurance guidelines, coaches are not allowed to provide rides for kids to and from camp.

Will the coach be using my phone? MLS Camps coaches are not permitted to use the phones at family housing without your permission. Even with permission, calls should be toll-free or local.

Can we schedule sightseeing experiences for the coach? It is up to the host families to decide if they want to schedule these experiences. Families must realize, however, that the coach's first priority is to work on camp. This, in addition to any social activities scheduled between the club and families (e.g., barbecues), makes for a full week for the coach. Keep in mind that any social activities scheduled are strictly voluntary.

Who do I call if I have any concerns during the week? If you have any concerns or housing issues while hosting your coach, contact MLS Camps Customer CARE department at 1-888-226-7765.

Is there any scheduled time for the coach to spend with our family teaching soccer skills? Yes. We encourage you to set up a time with your coach(es) where your child(ren) can receive some brief personalized soccer training outside of camp time.