



## HOUSING AN EVO SOCCER COACH

Most Commonly Asked Questions by People wishing to house a coach.

**Can you briefly explain this program to me?** Over a period of time during the inception of our programs in the US, when there were no hotels or dormitory accommodations for coaches near to our locations for training and camps, some parents of those children attending those programs, as well as other program 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 of our coaches prefer family housing to hotel accommodations. The typical ages of the coaches are 21 to 35, and while some coaches do come from the US, the majority are from the United Kingdom.

**How long do the coaches stay in family housing?** During the summer camp season our coaches typically reside in housing for no more than the week of camp (from Sunday to Sunday). Housing during the Spring and Fall training programs, on the other hand, typically runs for a period of four to ten weeks. One family could house a coach for the whole program, or perhaps numerous families will rotate the experience in increments of a week or slightly more.

**How do I involve others in housing a coach?** In order for this program to 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 or at board meetings. You will also notice on many of the program registration notices that you receive, 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 addresses of those people and forward to your Evo Soccer Director. Your Evo Soccer Director will take care of contacting these people and provide all the information to any questions you may have before the coaches arrive.

**How can I learn about my coach before they arrive?** 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 may have. You may request a copy of your coach's profile from the Regional Evo Soccer Director.

**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 the Evo Soccer 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.

**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!

**Can we schedule sight seeing 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 or in their designated programs. This, in addition to any social activities scheduled between the club and families (e.g. BBQ's) 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, please contact the EVO Soccer HQ at 310-798-1503 immediately.

**Do I need to provide transportation?** No, Evo Soccer Programs provides transportation for all of its coaches. You should however note that due to insurance guidelines, coaches are not allowed to provide rides for children to and from the programs.

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

**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 children can receive some brief personalized soccer training outside of the program time.