

Cotuit Kettleers

Housing Information and Guidelines 2009

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* A Directory listing of all host families will be emailed closer to the start of the season. Once the season has started a player directory will be emailed to all host families, board members and volunteers.

Player Placement

The housing team puts a tremendous amount of effort into coordinating car, job, reporting time to be at the field, allergies and many other factors when placing a player with a family. We will take suggestions and requests but we can not guarantee a family a specific player.

Here is some important information to keep in mind when you decide to take a player for the summer:

- It is important for families to realize that they are signing on to take a Cotuit Kettleers baseball player for the summer that could have a contract or possibly only a temporary contract.
- We will have 25 contracted players by the July CCBL deadline and therefore we only have 25 host families.
- It is just as likely to have a contracted player only be here 2 weeks as it is to have a temporary that stays the summer.
- The last 2 summers we have had at least one family that does not have a player at the end of the season. Please prepare your family for this scenario.
- Your family must be willing to take whatever player we choose to place in your home.
- Please try to be available to take your player the first week of June.
- If you have any vacation time planned please let us know so that we can make the proper arrangements to have the player live with another family while you are away.
- We do have some temporary homes that take only temps for that first week before opening day. It is possible we could have as many as 30 players here for the first week.

We always welcome comments and if you have any questions regarding placement please call or email anyone involved with housing and we will be happy to answer questions or resolve any issues.

Report Date and Upcoming Events

Thursday June 4th is reporting date this year. The first practice is **Friday, June 5th**.

Welcome Picnic is on **Wednesday, June 10 @ 6:00 pm**. A schedule of all dates will be sent to all families closer to the start of the season.

Room and Board

It is required for all players to pay room and board during their stay while playing amateur baseball. If they do not pay room and board or any other expenses incurred during their stay they would be jeopardizing their NCAA eligibility. All non-payments of bills and expenses will be reported to the College Coach, Parents, the Cape Cod Baseball League and the NCAA.

Do not accept rent payment directly from your player. The Association is responsible for collecting players' rent payments. Families will be paid by the Association in 3 installments over the course of the summer. Those dates will be as follows: June 29, July 20 and 1 week after the last game. Please let us know if this is a problem for your family.

- **Room and board** for their stay in Cotuit is **\$810** for the **regular season**. An additional **\$90 will be added** to cover **playoffs** bringing the **total amount to \$900**. This amount is due upon arrival. The \$90 will be paid to the families or given back to the players if we do not make it to the 1st round of playoffs.
- **Checks from the player need to be made payable to CAA** or Cotuit Athletic Association.
- Players that do not have a permanent contract will be allowed to pay **\$90** a week in advance on Saturday or Sunday. Once a permanent contract is given, the balance will need to be paid.
- If a player is released or arrives late the Association will make adjustments to the amount of rent to be paid.
- Please help us! We sometimes make mistakes with the amount to be collected from a player that arrives late or leaves early. Let us know if the amount does not seem accurate.
- If a player has been released from the team for any reason they cannot stay with your family. They must leave within a reasonable amount of time 24-48 hours.
- If for any reason they are not able to pay in full for room and board upon arrival, arrangements can be made with the General Manager and Residential Services.
- If they do not pay their rent they can be benched or suspended.

Transportation

Some of the players coming this summer will not have a car. It is **not** the responsibility of the host family to drive the players to the field or their jobs. Other players are strategically placed so that they may pick up your player and take them to their job or field. Only the players that come with a car will be given a \$25 stipend to help cover the cost of driving other players to clinic, jobs and the field starting the week of 6/15.

The team travels by bus 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 Coach.

All players that arrive with their own car are given a weekly stipend to help with the cost of gas.

At your discretion, if a family has an extra car you may allow your player to use the vehicle. But please note that players whose host family allows them to borrow a car are not reimbursed for gas.

Meals

It is the responsibility of the family to provide your player with 3 meals a day. You are not required to cook for them but you must have food available for them to heat up or cook themselves.

From experience I have always found it helpful to get a list of foods they like to eat so that I may make them comfortable in my home. Most of the players do not eat cold salads or anything green and if they do they are the minority not the majority!

The association will also try to give the families a night off by providing pizza and subs for the players and family after a game. Please see event schedule for dates.

We encourage you to get together with other families for a barbeque or dinner after a game. All that we ask is not to provide alcohol to the players.

Uniform

The players receive 2 striped pants, belt, an away jersey and a home jersey. These are not for them to keep. Please make sure your player leaves them behind when the season is over.

Laundry

It is necessary for the players to have access to the washer and dryer. They are given only one away and one home uniform. Because they play baseball 6 days a week they usually need to do their laundry every day or every other day.

Please take the time to show the player how to use your machines. Some families will choose to do the player's laundry so that he is not doing laundry late at night or washing only 2 items at a time but you do not need to do their laundry!

Guests and Other Players at Your Home

Your player is **not allowed** to have another player on the team sleep over under any circumstances without prior permission from Residential Services and the GM.

Set up your boundaries with the players bringing home friends and guests. 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. Check with the other family before you invite your player's teammate for dinner or out on the off day.

We request that you only house your player but the decision is yours. The players all talk to one another and it can make it difficult for other host families if they do not have the space in their home to take in a player's girlfriend or family. We can provide a list of local B&B and motels.

Jobs

Most of the jobs this summer will be at one of our clinics, Centerville, Cotuit, Advanced or Softball. **All players will be required to work this summer for a minimum of 10 days** at one of clinics where needed. This will help us have flexibility. It will hopefully help to give a more positive experience for all involved. **Please do not schedule to do something on an off day with your player until after 12pm! It is possible that he will need to work that day! In deciding to take a player you must support our policies for working clinics.**

Health Club

Sportsite in Sandwich offers a \$25 membership to the Kettleers for the summer.

Curfew

The players have a curfew, weeknights **Midnight**, weekends **1:00am**. Please help us enforce this policy for the benefit of 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.

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 Cotuit Athletic Association wants to provide a positive experience and a safe family environment for all players this summer. **We do not want the players consuming alcohol.** Most of the players coming this summer are under age 21. It is illegal in the State of Massachusetts 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 Association for liability charges in the event of an accident.

The use of legend drugs without a prescription is illegal and forbidden. The use of prescription drugs must be reported to the coach. All players are now subject to random drug testing by the NCAA during their stay here this summer.

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 Cotuit Kettleers.

Adult Behavior

The Association wants to provide a safe family environment for the player during his stay here this summer. 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 Fields

While at our field or at an away game please be considerate of others. As a House Parent you and your family are volunteers of the Cotuit Athletic Association 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 but be respectful.

It is against the Law in the State of Massachusetts to consume alcohol at public facilities such as beaches, schools and parks. All Cape Cod Baseball Fields are public parks and the consumption of alcohol is against the law. If you are caught drinking at the field you will not only be asked to leave but it will also be reported to the authorities.

Directions to Cape League Field (from Cotuit)

BOURNE BRAVES – Braves Field at Barry J. Motta Athletic Complex - Route 6 - Bourne

Route 28 to Mashpee rotary, take second right on Rte. 151 and go 6.6 miles to Route 28N, then 6.8 miles to the Bourne Rotary. Take first right out of rotary on Rt. 6 towards the Sagamore Bridge for .3 mile. Turn right uphill to Upper Cape Regional Technical School. At top of the hill bear left to the parking lot on the left side of the school. Baseball diamond is behind the school.

BREWSTER WHITECAPS – Stony Brook Field - Underpass Road - Brewster

Route 28 to Route 149 N to Mid-Cape Highway (Route 6) east toward Hyannis. Take Exit 11 (Rte 137) - Brewster, and turn right off exit ramp. Cross the Mid-Cape Highway (Route 6) and after 3.0 miles turn right on Underpass Road. Go .2 and turn left into the Stonybrook Elementary School. Baseball Diamond is behind the school.

CHATHAM ANGLERS – Veterans Field - Depot Station - Chatham Center

Route 28 to Route 149 N to Mid-Cape Highway (Route 6) east toward Hyannis. Take Exit 11 Chatham, and turn left off ramp onto Route 137 S. Follow Rt. 137 S thru lights (Rt. 39) 1.7 miles to a four way stop. Turn left onto Old Queen Ann Rd. and after 1 mile, bear right at "Business District" sign. After stop sign, continue on Old Queen Ann Rd. for 1.2 miles to Rt. 28. Turn left and after .3 mile, (Cumberland Farms convenience store - Gulf Station) on the right, proceed through lights .2 mile and turn left on Veterans Field Rd. Veterans Field is at end of the street.

FALMOUTH COMMODORES – Guv Fuller Field - Main St. - Falmouth Center

Route 28 to Mashpee Rotary. Go around rotary to the third right keeping the Mashpee Commons Mall on your right and follow Route 28 sign to Falmouth for 8.6 miles. Turn right at the Falmouth Police Station which is just past the Falmouth Plaza on your left (look for sign saying "Guv Fuller Field, Home of the Falmouth Commodores"). Be careful about where you park. DO NOT PARK IN POLICE AREAS BEHIND THE FIELD WHICH ARE CLEARLY MARKED. Field is behind the recreation building to the left of the police station.

HARWICH MARINERS – Whitehouse Field - Oak St. - Harwich Center

Route 28 to Route 149 N to Mid-Cape Highway (Route 6) east toward Hyannis. Take Exit 10 (Route 124) to Harwich, and turn right off ramp. At first intersection (4-way stop), turn left onto Queen Anne Rd. for .3 mile. Turn right onto Oak St. for .8 mile (marker Whitehouse Field with an arrow) and proceed past Cranberry Valley Golf Course to Harwich High School on the left. Turn left into the parking lot just before the school – Whitehouse Field is behind the trees lining the parking lot on the left.

HYANNIS – McKeon Park - High School Rd. - Hyannis

Route 28 to Hyannis. Go pass the Centerville Bell Tower Mall and .2 mile after the lights, bear right at sign to Hyannis on West Main Street (Rockland Trust Bank on left). Continue on West Main Street 2 miles to rotary. Go halfway around and continue on West Main Street. Bear right at fork onto South Street and follow through one set of lights. Turn right .2 mile after St. Francis Xavier Church onto High School Rd. McKeon Field is behind school.

ORLEANS FIREBIRDS – Eldridge Park - Route 28 - Orleans

Route 28 to Route 149 N to Mid-Cape Highway (Route 6) east toward Hyannis. Take Exit 12 Rt. 6A - Orleans, and turn right off exit ramp. At the traffic light, turn right onto Eldridge Parkway and continue for .6 mile. Watch for tennis courts on the left and a funeral home on the right. Turn left into parking area just before tennis courts. Field is behind the parking lot.

WAREHAM GATEMEN – Clem Spillane Field - Route 6 (Marion Road) - near Wareham Center

Route 28 to Mashpee rotary, take Route 151 which is second exit and go 6.6 miles, then take Route 28 N for 6.8 miles to the Bourne Rotary. Go over the bridge and continue on Route 25 towards I495 for 6.7 miles and take Exit 1 for Wareham and turn right off exit ramp. Go .2 mile towards lights and bear right on Rt. 6 & 28. Go .1 mile and at the fork in the road and bear left on Route 6 toward Wareham and Marion for 2.4 miles. Just after Wareham center, turn left on Rt. 6 (Chapel St.) and .2 mile on the left is Clem Spillane Field directly behind the Town Hall parking lot. If full, continue to Veterans Dr. and this takes you behind the field.

Y-D RED SOX – Red Wilson Field - D/Y Regional High School - Station Ave. - So. Yarmouth

Route 28 to Route 149 N to Mid-Cape Highway (Route 6) east toward Hyannis. Take Exit 8 and turn right off the exit ramp onto Union Street. Proceed 1.4 miles - Dennis Yarmouth School is on the left, and there is usually a sandwich board indicating that there is a game. Take that left into parking lot. Field is behind the parking lot.

Host Family and Player Responsibility Agreement

The Cape Cod Baseball League provides a great opportunity as well as a challenge for the baseball players who arrive each spring. The CAA management and coaches are committed to assisting each player achieve their professional and personal goals. These goals would not be attainable without the dedication and support of our host families.

The Kettleers player and housing handbooks outlines your responsibilities, important information, the expectations of each party within the community, at home and on the field. It is imperative to the success of our organization that both parties understand their roles and responsibilities completely.

As stated in the handbooks, it is illegal in the State of Massachusetts to purchase or consume alcohol under the age of 21. Most of the players participating in the CCBL are between the ages of 18 and 23. Any underage player found to be using alcohol will be immediately suspended from the team and sent home at his own expense.

It is also illegal in the State of Massachusetts for any person to furnish alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of 21. Under the law supplying, giving, "...providing to or allowing a person 21 years of age to possess alcohol on their premises or property" is prohibited. Please be advised that this law will be strictly enforced by CAA.

Therefore on behalf of my family we agree to follow the rules established in the handbooks set forth by the Cotuit Athletic Association, the rules of the NCAA and the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. If my family fails to follow these rules, I understand the player will be removed from my home and I will no longer be allowed to house for the Cotuit Kettleers and Cape Cod Baseball League.

Signed and dated by the family representative:
