

International School Bangkok Hosting Policy

PURPOSE

The International School of Bangkok (ISB) Hosting Policy has been developed to ensure that all visiting students hosted by ISB families are placed into safe and protective home environments. ISB places child protection and student safety at the forefront of all operational protocols. All ISB families who host must agree with the hosting expectations and comply with the hosting policy and to ensure the welfare and proper safeguarding of all visiting students.

BACKGROUND

Child Protection

ISB endeavors to ensure that students in our care are protected from all forms of abuse. Hosting exchanges (arts and athletics) form an invaluable part of ISB's co-curricular program. Safeguarding the well being of students entrusted to ISB requires the following standards to be met:

1. **In Loco Parentis** (Latin: In place of a parent) While hosting visiting students, parents assume the responsibility of the acting parent to provide safe and secure environments.
2. **Safety and Welfare** Families protect visiting students from any form of abuse, violence, or undue trauma. Parents must provide adequate care and ensure the welfare of those entrusted to their custody. (outlined in the *ISB Hosting Expectations Letter*).
3. **Rules and Conduct** Host families must acknowledge they have read and understand the IASAS (Interscholastic Association of Southeast Asian Schools) Rules and

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Guidelines and help to ensure that visiting students adhere to these expectations. Students not in compliance may be sanctioned. Host families who do not follow the rules and guidelines put themselves and the safety of the visiting student(s) at risk.

4. **Accommodation** No visiting students shall be hosted alone. Therefore, all hosting agreements are for a minimum of two students. Accommodation may be basic, with students sharing a room. Cases where more than four students are assigned to the same host or where mixed genders are assigned to the same location require review by the host and visiting Activities/Athletic Director(s).

HOST AGREEMENT

The basic expectations for host families are explicit and will be communicated through various mediums (print, electronic, informational meetings, etc.). The Host Agreement must be signed (digitally) and returned (electronically) **before students will be assigned** to ensure that host parents accept the responsibility to act in loco parentis for visiting students, uphold all ISB/IASAS rules of conduct, and agree to provide adequate care, accommodation, and to protect the welfare of those entrusted.

All host families must sign the ISB Host Agreement before formalizing any housing arrangement, whereby it is clearly acknowledged that there is nothing in the history of anyone within the household that would preclude hosting.

Hosts are expected to cooperate with the Tournament/Convention Director in ensuring student compliance with all IASAS policies relating to participation. Any student who shows reluctance to fully comply with the above rules and regulations shall be reported to the

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Tournament/Convention Director who will report the matter to the student's coach and Administrator in charge with the expectation that action will be taken.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR HOST FAMILIES

1. Accommodation Expectations

- At least one parent must be present for the duration of the hosting period, with supervision at the home required nightly.
- Minimum 2 students per household.
- Basic accommodation required (e.g. one room, mattress on floor, etc)
- Towels and bedding provided.
- Provide a healthy breakfast and dinner, daily.

2. Transportation

- Provide safe transportation to/from event.
- Student exploration of the local environment will not be permitted without the knowledge and explicit consent of the host parent/guardian.
- ISB will arrange transport to and from the airport, and will assist with transport to/from the tournament/convention site.

3. IASAS / ISB Rules and Guidelines for Event Participants ([link here](#))

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- Smoking, drinking alcohol, drug abuse, cheating, deceit, inappropriate sexual behavior, flagrant curfew violations and violations of the “off-limits” areas as well as aiding and abetting any of the above will not be permitted during any IASAS event.
- All visiting students must return to the host families’ house before curfew-as set by the host school. Telephone calls will be made to each student every night to ensure that all students have returned safely and on time. Once a student is in and has answered the curfew call he/she may not leave the house.
- All laws of the host country must be observed.
- Any problems arising during the convention should be reported immediately to the host school for corrective measures.

PROCEDURES FOR VIOLATIONS OF POLICY

1. By Athlete

- Any student who shows reluctance to fully comply with the stated rules and regulations shall be reported to the Tournament/Convention Director who will report the matter to the student’s coach and Administrator in charge with the expectation that action will be taken.

Consequences for Infractions of violations are stated in the *IASAS Rules and Guidelines*.

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2. By Host

- Any safeguarding issues should be immediately reported to the coach, Athletic Director, or ISB's administrator-in-charge.
- Any purposeful or blatant failure to support or comply with the rules and expectations should be immediately reported to the coach, Athletic Director, or ISB's administrator-in-charge.
- Incidents will be reported to law enforcement authorities if there is evidence suggesting that crimes may have been committed.

Any misconduct on the part of the host or failure to comply with the school and/or league rules may incur consequences that include but are not limited to, removal of the guests from the home, sanctions on travel for host students within the home, or criminal investigation.