



**Joplin Youth Basketball Association**  
**COVID-19 Policy**  
(Updated 11/5/20)

Joplin Youth Basketball Players, Coaches, Families, and Volunteers,

The Joplin Youth Basketball Association (JYBA) is committed to providing basketball opportunities for our youth this year. We understand that the lessons learned, both as individuals and teammates during competition, are an important component of development and education of our kids. We appreciate your support, and we will continue to work to develop programs you can be proud of.

As long as we can do so safely, we will do what we can to bring youth basketball to Joplin this school year. **However, COVID-19 may force us to postpone or cancel parts or all of our season.** As a community, I am asking all of you to do everything in your power to mitigate the spread of this virus and give us the best chance to have a youth basketball season.

The JYBA Board has decided to continue with the season following many of the guidelines adopted by the Joplin School District for athletics to minimize the risk of COVID-19, though we cannot totally eliminate the risk in athletics. *(Please note that the Joplin Youth Basketball Association is not affiliated with the Joplin School District, we are simply adopting several components of their COVID-19 protocol.)* The decision on whether to allow your student to play JYBA is a family decision. No matter your decision, we support you in making the best decision for the safety of your child and loved ones.

If you make the decision to allow your child to be a part of JYBA, we ask that you help us in enforcing these procedures with your player and support our coaches and board members as they enforce these policies. Most importantly, please help everyone stay safe by monitoring yourself and your player and keeping them home if they display any of the signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

We also ask that you please continue to be flexible throughout the season. There may be times where games are cancelled due to quarantines or exposures; please know the Board is making decisions with our kids' best interest at heart. I encourage you to contact a Board Member with questions, concerns, or other issues.

Go JYBA Eagles!

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## Screening

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- All Joplin School District students are temperature screened by school personnel to attend class each day.
  - **Any player who was sent home during school screening or at any point during the school day should not practice in JYBA events that day. Please also see the *Exclusion & Return to Play* section below.**
- **JYBA players should be re-screened for COVID-19 symptoms by a parent or guardian prior to participating in any JYBA event, even if they were screened at school that day.**
- **JYBA coaches, parent volunteers, and spectators should self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms prior to participating in or attending any JYBA event.**
- People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:
  - Fever or chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea
- JYBA players who have been excluded from school or practice due to displaying symptoms or contact will not be allowed to return to JYBA events until all conditions for return set forth below have been met. See *Exclusion & Return to Play Procedures* below.



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## **Exclusion & Return to Play Procedures**

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- **Any player or coach who knowingly violates the procedures below and continues to participate in JYBA events under quarantine (formal or informal, see second bullet) or isolation will be suspended from JYBA for the remainder of the season without refund. Similarly, parents or spectators who attend JYBA events under quarantine or isolation will be barred from attending any future events.**
- **JYBA Player / Coach Test Positive for COVID-19**
  - Player / coach must communicate their positive test to their coach (positive player) or a JYBA Board Member (positive player or coach).
    - Coaches **must** contact a JYBA Board Member **as soon as possible** if one of their players tests positive for COVID-19. **Subsequent practices and games should not be held until cleared by a JYBA Board Member.**
  - Player / coach must quarantine/isolate as directed by the local health department.
  - Player / coach must provide a medical release by their doctor prior to returning to practice or competition. Coaches should provide this medical release (picture or copy) to a JYBA Board member.
  - Player / coach must provide a documented release from the local health department prior to returning to practice or competition. Coaches should provide this release (picture or copy) to a JYBA Board member.
- **JYBA Player / Coach Have Contact (According to CDC Guidelines) With a Known COVID-19 Positive**
  - Player / coach must communicate their contact/quarantine/isolation to their coach or a JYBA Board Member
  - Player / coach must quarantine/isolate as directed by local health department
    - If a player or coach was sent home from school or work as a result of COVID-19 contact, but has not yet been contacted by a Health Department, they are not permitted to attend JYBA events until (1) cleared by their Local Health Department with documentation or (2) they have been permitted to return to school or work.
  - It is recommended that players and coaches that have been exposed to a known positive contact their medical provider for further recommendations.
  - Player / coach must provide a documented release from the local health department prior to returning to practice or competition.
- **JYBA Player / Coach Show Symptoms of COVID-19 But Did Not Receive a Test**
  - Players and coaches who show any symptoms of COVID-19 should immediately self-isolate and contact their health care provider to determine if a test is necessary.



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- Players and coaches who had a temperature must be fever free for 72 hours **without the use of fever reducing medications** before returning to practice or competition.
  - Players can return prior to 72 hours **with a doctor's note** (for symptoms that are similar to other illnesses, such as strep). Coaches should take a picture or otherwise maintain documentation of the doctors note.
- Players who do not attend school that day are not permitted to participate JYBA events.
- Players and coaches should always follow the guidance of the local health department and their medical providers. If players and coaches have the following symptoms, they may return to school after symptoms improve unless directed otherwise by the health department or their medical provider:
  - Sore throat
  - New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for
  - students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)
  - Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
  - New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever.

### Social Distancing

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- JYBA players and coaches will be expected to socially distance while not involved in a contact type drill or competition.
- JYBA coaches will take certain steps to promote social distancing whenever possible such as:
  - Spreading out bench/sideline areas during competitions
  - Limiting contact type drills, including scrimmaging
  - Focusing on individual player development using socially distanced drills
  - Keeping consistent player groups for rotating drills

### Face Coverings

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- A face covering is defined as a cloth face covering that covers the nose and mouth. It can be a sewn mask secured with ties or straps around the head or behind the ears; multiple layers of fabric tied around the head; made from a variety of materials, such as fleece, cotton, or linen; or factory-made or made from household items. A face shield is also an acceptable face covering.
- All persons are responsible for supplying their own face coverings, which should always be in their possession (unless participating in a team activity that is exempting from face coverings) while attending JYBA events.
- **JYBA players will be required** to wear face coverings when:



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- Entering and exiting facilities used by JYBA (both practice and games)
- As spectators, see *Fans and Spectators* section below.
- **JYBA players will not be required** to wear face coverings when:
  - Participating in team activities such as practices, competitions, scrimmages, etc. (This includes while on the bench/sideline during team activities.)
  - Consuming food or beverage. Proper hydration is extremely important and encouraged for all players during team activities.
- **JYBA coaches will be required** to wear face coverings both during practice and on the sidelines at competitions. They may remove their face covering while not within 6 feet of any an individual when:
  - Providing instruction to JYBA players, other coaches, parents and guardians, etc.
  - Using a whistle
  - Consuming food or beverage for proper hydration

### Hydration & Shared Equipment

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- Drinking fountains will not be available at JYBA events (practices or competitions).
  - JYBA players and coaches are required to bring their own water jug to each practice and competition.
  - We recommend oversized water bottles or water jugs to eliminate the need for refilling as much as possible.
- Players will be expected to bring their JYBA-provided basketball to practice.
- Coaches should do their best to limit equipment sharing and to sanitize shared equipment when feasible.

### Fans & Spectators

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- Spectator occupancy at all events will follow city and Joplin School District guidelines, which are currently limited to 50% of capacity of fixed seating areas and limited to 250 people (mass gatherings).
  - Spectators per player may be limited to meet these guidelines and will be communicated via coaches, Facebook, and JYBA's website.
- Mask when you move. Spectators will be required to wear a face covering as they enter / exit facilities used by JYBA and while unable to socially distance, including using the restroom and going to the concession stand (if available).



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- Spectators in the bleachers should socially distance. Families may sit together but should maintain at least 6 feet of separation from other families. If social distancing is not possible, spectators are expected to wear masks.
  - Gatherings on the court and hallways prior to or after the game are not permitted.
  - Children under age 6 are not required to wear masks. Masks should not be placed on babies and children younger than 2 years old.
  - Masks are not required by anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, or is unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- JYBA players, coaches, and spectators should exit the facilities while not playing, coaching, or watching their child.