



JYBA Code of Conduct

For Parents, Coaches, Guardians and Players

Youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social, and emotional development of children. Therefore, it is essential for parents, coaches, spectators, and officials to encourage youth athletes and embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Furthermore, parents, guardians, family members, coaches, spectators, and officials involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control.

The Joplin Youth Basketball Association (JYBA) Code of Conduct has been developed for the purpose of encouraging and requiring trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, and good citizenship for all individuals involved in JYBA Programs.

For you and your child to participate in JYBA programs, you and your child must read and agree with the JYBA Code of Conduct Rules. By registering your player to participate in JYBA, you are thereby agreeing to this document for both you and your player. Similarly, by volunteering to coach or attending a JYBA event indicates acceptance to abide by this document.

As a **PLAYER**, I understand and must abide by the following rules:

1. Respect the game, play fairly and follow its rules and regulations.
2. Show respect for authority to the officials of the game and of the league.
3. Demonstrate good sportsmanship before, during and after games.
4. Help parents and fans understand the league philosophy so they can watch and enjoy the game.
5. Be courteous to opposing teams and treat all players and coaches with respect.
6. Be modest when successful and be gracious in defeat.
7. Respect the privilege of the use of Joplin School facilities.
8. Maintain control of my emotions, avoiding the use of abusive language or profanity, humiliating remarks, gestures of ill temper, and physical assault upon another player at any time.
9. Refrain from the use of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol.
10. Negative tweets, or any use of social media to negatively impact or describe the league or the players will be grounds for suspension from the league.

As a **PARENT/GUARDIAN**, I understand and must abide by the following rules:

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, fans and officials at games and practices.
2. I will place the well being of my child before a personal desire to win.
3. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans and officials.
4. I will maintain control of my emotions and avoid actions, language, and/or gestures that may be interpreted as hostile or humiliating.
5. I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player participant, official or any other attendee.



6. I will Demonstrate appropriate gestures of sportsmanship at the conclusion of a game, win or lose. I will not interact in a negative fashion with fans, players, coaches, coaches of the opposing team or game officials. If I have a concern with my coach, I will wait 24 hours before contacting the coach to have a respectful conversation.
7. Respect the privilege of the use of Joplin School facilities.
8. I understand that the use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs are prohibited at all youth sports events. I will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

As a **COACH or VOLUNTEER**, I understand and must abide by the following rules:

1. I will remember that I am a youth coach, and that the game is for the children, not adults.
2. I will place the emotional, mental, and physical well-being of all participants ahead of my personal desire to win.
3. I understand that my approval to coach is based upon the results of my background screening.
4. I will remember to treat each player as an individual, remembering that each child develops (emotionally and physically) at his/her own rate.
5. I will attend the pre-season Coaches Clinic offered by the Joplin High School coaches.
6. I will not publicly question or criticize an official's judgment and will encourage parents and players to do the same.
7. I will use appropriate coaching techniques and organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players. I will focus on drills and techniques preferred by Joplin High School coaches as presented at the Coaches Clinic.
8. I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
9. I will maintain control of my emotions and avoid actions, language, and/or gestures that may be interpreted as hostile or humiliating.
10. I understand that the use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs are prohibited at all youth sports events. I will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
11. I will ensure that I am knowledgeable in the rules of basketball and of the JYBA, and I will teach these rules to all my players.
12. I will abide by the established policies, rules and regulations, putting first the safety and well being of all who participate.
13. I will not use social media or any other means of communication in a negative manner regarding anyone, including but not limited to players, parents, other coaches, the or league.

As a JYBA player, parent or guardian, coach, or fan, I acknowledge and agree to the established JYBA Code of Conduct, and I understand that participating is a privilege and not a right. I understand that the JYBA Board of Directors has the right to remove or suspend players, parents or guardians, coaches, and fans-either temporarily or permanently-if any behavior or conduct is deemed inappropriate.