

JOPLIN OUTLAWS

2023 Code of Conduct

Sportsmanship

Participation in the sport of baseball demands a sportsman-like attitude from each player. All aspects of collegial teamwork, spirit, camaraderie, and positive attitude WILL prevail over bad feelings, bad performance, and losing. If each player maintains a “sportsman-like” demeanor then all other areas of this *Code of Conduct* will be satisfied. This includes (but not limited to):

- Following all instructions of the coaching staff
- Treating teammates and coaches with respect
- Respecting rules and regulations devised by the Board of Directors
- Maintaining silence and reverence during any opening ceremonies (including the National Anthem) both at home and away

All participants, players and coaches, will show appropriate sportsman-like conduct while representing the Joplin Outlaws.

Respect

Respect does NOT mean unconditional agreement with everything that occurs on or off the baseball field. Do not equate “respect” with “happiness” in your coach, fellow players, umpires, spectators, or host families. “Respect” means to have admiration for the integrity of each of these. Players are NOT to engage umpires in arguments or disagreements; this is the job of your coaches.

Players and coaches for the Joplin Outlaws will show respect for all league and organization personnel in their day-to-day participation as a Joplin Outlaw.

Dress Code

All players will follow the instructions of the coaching staff regarding appropriate wear for each game and practice session. It is expected that all players (whether scheduled to play or not) will be in full uniform while in the dugout. Players who are injured and excused by the coaching staff may be present in the dugout provided they wear (at a minimum) a Joplin Outlaw shirt and remain INSIDE the dugout during the game.

Representation

All Joplin Outlaws players and coaches represent the city and community of Joplin. We are building an effective fan base, which includes a significant number of children. We expect every member of the Joplin Outlaws including the Board of Directors, volunteers, players, and coaches to conduct themselves in a professional manner befitting baseball and a respected organization. The founders of this organization have invested a lot in building this team and it is expected that each person involved will respect this effort. Deliberate attempts to sabotage the good-faith efforts of this team will be taken seriously. Coaches &/or members of the Board of Directors WILL contact college coaches and parents regarding any malicious activities.

Dismissal

Players may be dismissed from participation with the Joplin Outlaws for any of the following reasons:

- Unlawful activity
- Repeated unexcused absences from practice &/or games
- Significant host family rule violations
- Repeated violations of this *Code of Conduct* or the spirit therein

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by this Code of Conduct as set forth by the Joplin Outlaws Collegiate Baseball Club.

Player/Coach

Date