



Joplin Miner Youth Baseball Parent/Player/Coach Agreement

The Joplin Miner Youth baseball program is intended to provide a means of:

- Providing talented young athletes the opportunity to develop their athletic and baseball skills as well as sportsmanship-like attitudes in a more competitive atmosphere.
- Achieving a good feeling about yourself and others.
- Understanding that practice and repetition lead to strong play.
- Experiencing that good hustle and a strong commitment can accomplish almost anything.
- Realizing there is no "I" in team.
- Creating an opportunity to compete on a state-wide and regional level.
- Learning to respect yourself, your teammates, and your coaches, no matter what level of success you have on the field.

Baseball is a team sport. The Competitive baseball system is set up to give the team a chance to develop a strong fundamental base, learn how to compete on the field, and to be safe and have fun. In order to meet these requirements, the following rules will be enforced:

Rule #1

Player is not allowed to criticize other players (or themselves) on or off the field.

Reason: Bad feelings between players reduce good playing. Being mad at you often rubs off on others and also destroys team play. It is the coach's responsibility to instill acceptable attitudes at all times.

Penalties: Will be determined on a case by case basis by the coaching staff

Rule #2

Playing Time and Positioning of Players will be determined by Coaches.

Reason: Joplin Miners Baseball is a competitive travel program. Coaches have the responsibility to develop player's skills and put them in position during games to allow them to grow as players while allowing the team to strive for wins. Coaches will use the following to

determine playing time and positions played on the following criteria: Performance, Attitude, Attendance, Injuries, Score of the Game, and Importance of the Game.

If you as a parent have a concern about your son's progress as a player you will be able to talk about your child with the coach. At games or tournaments however we are asking that you wait till the next day to talk to the staff. Things that our staff will discuss with you: What can we do to make your son a better baseball player and teammate. Things that our staff will not discuss with you: Playing time, game decisions, OTHER players, or OTHER players parents.

Penalties:

- **1st Offense – Your player will sit out one game**
- **2nd Offense – Your player will be suspended and asked to stay home for one tournament**
- **3^d Offense – You will be asked to go find another team**

Rule #3

Players will play positions assigned by the coaching staff and will show appropriate respect at all times.

Reason: Playing different positions allows players a balanced experience and teaches respect for teammates and the other defensive positions. Parents are expected to support the coaching staffs' decisions regarding field positions and other similar situations.

Penalties: See Rule #2

Rule #4

Players and parents will treat the umpires and the other teams with the same respect you would desire in their position.

Reason: We would not have a baseball game without the umpires they are just as important as the players and coaches. These are not "professional" umpires some umpires are not going to give us the benefit of the doubt when the crowd is constantly riding them. Most importantly it will teach our players that the umpires are a respected part of the game not just to be complained about or blamed in a loss. If there is an issue with the umpires, trust that the coaching staff will do their best to handle it in a way that teachable to all our players.

Penalties: Do we really need to have one?

Coaches and Parents

Coaches and parents should set a high standard of behavior for the players including:

- Using appropriate language at all time.
- No differences should be address in front of the team or at the field. Talking about the progress of your player is encouraged. Complaints without proposed solutions are not.
- Treat umpires with respect.
- Maintain a respectful attitude toward all players, parents, and coaches at all times.
- Coaches are responsible for correcting poor play. Fans are responsible for supporting the team with positive comments.