

Joplin Sports Authority

JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL 2ND QUARTER REVIEW

JUNE 15, 2026

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Agenda:

1. Audit from 2025 results
2. New Board Member Proposals
3. Updates on Events
4. Updates on Recruitment of Events
5. Some ”Shout outs”!

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Joplin Sports Authority- What are we and what do we do?

We are a 501 (C) (3); not for profit sports commission funded predominately by the city lodging tax.

Mission Statement:

The purpose of this corporation is to attract, promote, provide and support local, state, regional, national and international sporting events to the Joplin area, which will provide economic impact and enhance the quality of life for the residents of the Joplin area.

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JSA Board and Officers

- Currently has 11 Board members in four categories (excluding Ex-Officio):
  - Appointed- MSSU AD, Joplin Schools AD, Director of Joplin CVB, Director of Joplin Parks and Recreation
  - Citizen Directors- four resident of the city selected by Joplin City Council
  - At-Large Directors- 3 area residents selected by the Joplin City Council
  - Ex-officio Board members- Mayor of Joplin or the designee & the Executive Director JSA (both Non-voting)*

Current BOD:

Officers: Chair-Jhan Hurn; Vice Chair-Patty Vavra, Treasurer- Dave Compton, Secretary-Darieus Adams, Executive Director- Jared Bruggeman*

Directors: Matt Hiatt, Rob Mallory, Patrick Tuttle, Paul Bloomberg, JT Weber,Hunter Perry, Darieus Adams, Mike Clark, Dave Compton, Chuck Copple*,

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Financial Audit for FY 2025

- Ben Miller is the auditor
  - Specializes in Not For Profits
  - I have worked with Ben Miller before when he was employed with BKD and audited the MSSU financial statements
  - He is in his eighth year as the auditor for JSA; very thorough, incredibly knowledgeable about Not-For-Profits and has a highly specialized skill set
  - His rates are very reasonable and his organization does excellent work
- The complete audit has been sent to Leslie Haas as per our policies and procedures.
- The audit begins in late November and the draft copy is presented to JSA Executive Director and Finance Manager in late December (right about Christmas).
- The auditor then presents the complete draft audit to the JSA Budget and Audit Committee the first week in January. After any discussion it is voted to be accepted and approved as well as the Form 990.
- The JSA Budget and Audit committee then presents the completed audit and any discussion items and recommendations to the full board for approval. This was approved on January 8th.
- The final version is submitted to Leslie and with an additional 30 copies for the City.

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The results of the JSA FY2025 Audit

- Independent Auditor Report, “In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of JSA as of October 31, 2025, and the changes in its net assets and the its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America”.
- It was a complete clean bill of health with no recommendations and no findings! Thank you to our staff and particularly Steve for due diligence on maintaining records and using proper procedures!

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Some of the great events scheduled so far for this FY2026!

- There are over 25 events scheduled as of right now; we anticipate that number growing marginally
- Low end of the estimate on participants in these events is over 11,500 (not including coaches, officials, support staff, parents and fans)
- Some of the larger and significant events include:
  - Freeman Health Lady Eagle Basketball Tournament (December)
  - 72nd Annual Neosho Holiday Classic (December)
  - JHS Kaminsky Classic (January)
  - The MCSAA Winter, Spring and Fall State Championships
  - SAC Baseball Championship (May)* (in talks for 2027)
  - NJCAA Region 16 Baseball Championship (May)
  - MCSAA Spring Festival (May)
  - Summer Baseball Tournaments including HOAT and one Premier Baseball Tournament
  - Ragnorak Swim Meet (July)
  - The AJGA Roper Honda Joplin Junior Championship (August)
  - The Southern Stampede (September)
  - NCCAA D1 & D2 M&W XC National Championship (November)*year 2 4 year deal

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Event Recruiting updates

- Additional Disc Golf Tournaments- local and Pro Disc Golf Assoc. (PDGA)
- Bowling- Meeting this month; more to come later
- Collegiate Baseball Post Season (MIAA/NCAA/KCAC/NJCAA Region 16)
  - **Was awarded the Sooner Athletic Conference (1st Time)**
  - **Region 16 in process; new host!**
- NCAA Regional and National XC Championship go out in January (could be later depending on NCAA meetings in January
- Elks State Golf Championship bid due this spring (two year bid)
- Additional recruiting events (archery, soccer, softball, swimming, pickleball, cornhole)

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Special Shout Outs!

- Coach Chris Lahm and OCC for assisting with NCCAA Events and Bid process!
- Matt Hiatt, AD for Joplin Schools- great assistance with all these events!
- Coaches Jamie Burnham and Brian Schiding, MSSU AD Rob Mallory, MSSU Assc. AD Cori Reid and the MSSU XC Program for the NCCAA XC Bid process and NCAA Division 2 XC Regional in November!



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