

Southington Knights Travel Football and Cheer

Anti-Bullying Contract

Bullying is an unwanted, aggressive behavior that involves a real or perceived power imbalance between individuals with the intent to cause harm. In situations involving children, both those who are bullied and who bully others, many suffer serious, lasting problems.

Verbal bullying is saying or writing mean things. Examples include: Teasing, name calling, taunting, and threatening to cause harm.

Social bullying, sometimes referred to as relational bullying, involves hurting someone's reputation or relationships. Examples include: Leaving someone out of the activity on purpose, telling others not to be friends with someone, spreading rumors about someone, embarrassing someone in public, posting embarrassing pictures, videos, rumors sent by email, text or social media sites.

Physical bullying involves hurting a person's body or possessions. Examples include: hitting, kicking, pinching, spitting, tripping, pushing, taking or breaking someone's things, making mean or rude hand gestures.

Athletes, Parents, Coaches and Board members agree to the following:

- I will NOT Bully teammates, parents, coaches, board members, or game officials.
- I will stand up for myself, walk away, or ask a teammate, parent, coach, or board member for help if a teammate, parent, coach or board member bothers me.
- Report bullying to a coach, a parent, or Southington Knights board member when you see it.
- Work together and treat others with respect so bullying does not happen.
- Report any cyberbullying to your parents, coach, or Southington Knights board member immediately.

Policy & Consequences:

(Applies to athletes, parents, coaches, and board members)

The Southington Knights board of directors will review all issues and make findings.

- Every attempt will be made to adequately investigate and fairly assess the severity of an alleged bullying incident. All parties involved will be kept informed and required to cooperate fully with the league to remedy the situation.
- Disciplinary actions for those individuals found to have violated the Anti-Bullying Contract
 - a. First offense: Verbal and written warning (athletes, parents, coaches, and board members)
 - b. Second offense: Game and practice suspension for 1 week
 - c. Third offense: Banned from participating in Southington Knights league activities

Athlete Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____