



South Suburban Youth Project

South Suburban Seminoles (SSNOLES)

Mission Statement: South Suburban Youth Project equips young student athletes with quality, fundamental core football and cheer skills. Additionally, South Suburban Youth Project facilitates exposure to rich cultural experiences through various field trips to enhance personal and professional development.

Vision Statement: Preparing young student athletes with skills, sportsmanship, endurance and discipline to ultimately progress and compete at top high school levels and beyond.

Core Values: S- Student Athlete Development
S- Sportsmanship
N- Nobility
O- Optimism
L- Leadership
E- Excellence
S- Self-Confidence

Background: South Suburban Youth Project, South Suburban Seminoles, is a year-round elite travel football and cheer organization on the Far South Side of Chicago and surrounding South Suburbs (Burnham, Lansing, South Holland, Harvey).

Founded in 2019, our goal is to promote and emphasize a positive experience to young student athletes by instilling core fundamental football and cheer skills, integrity, teamwork, discipline and respect. Our expectations for each student athlete is the pursuit of excellence, personal development and teamwork, ethical and responsible behavior both on and off the field, leadership, strength of character and sportsmanship.

We will instill in our youth the challenge of competition, the joy of victory, the reality of defeat, the importance of commitment and the spirit of community. Our ultimate goal is to strengthen the community through collective positive engagement of student athletes, coaches, parents, supporters and sponsors.



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South Suburban Seminoles Code of Ethics for Parents

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Ethics Pledge.

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will remember that the game is for youth -not for adults.
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials, with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- I promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as, being a respectable fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.
- I will require that my child's coach have the knowledge and responsibility needed to be a positive youth sports coach. Players' Code of Ethics

Waiver of Liability: By my signature below, I acknowledge that there are inherent risks and dangers associated with recreation program/s and therefore, I hold the South Suburban Youth Project harmless from all claims for injuries, damage, or loss which may result from me or my child's participation in the program/s listed above.

Further, hereby acknowledge that I understand the risks of concussions in sports and am aware of the concussion information which is found at <https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/index.html>. In the event that I/my child is asked to leave a program/facility, I understand that the registration fee will not be refunded to me.

Authorization for use of Photographic Likeness: I agree to allow South Suburban Seminoles to take and utilize photos, slides, and video images of myself, and my children, for the purpose of promotion and publicizing programs and/or events. If I prefer not to allow myself, or my children, to be photographed, I will indicate as such below:

I do not allow myself or my children to be photographed

With my signature, which I voluntarily affix to this contract, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and will do my best to fulfill the promises made herein.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Coach Signature: _____

Date: _____



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South Suburban Seminoles Code of Ethics for Student Athletes

It is an honor to participate in the proud tradition of recreational athletics. I recognize that South Suburban Seminoles expects me to experience personal growth, academic achievement, and athletic success. I appreciate that membership on a SSNOLES athletic team is a privilege, not a right.

I hereby pledge to be positive about my youth sports experience and accept responsibility for my participation by following this Players' Code of Ethics Pledge.

- I understand that commitment to practice and games is required. Athletes should communicate any scheduling conflicts with the coaches.
- As a member of the team, I will be courteous, respectful, and practice and encourage good sportsmanship to teammates, opponents, teachers/coaches, and officials.
- I will encourage my parents/guardians/supporters to be involved with my team in some capacity because it is important to me.
- I will do my very best in school and understand that I can always alert my coach if I need help.
- I will use appropriate language at all times.
- I understand that good sportsmanship is a must. Criticizing, blaming or disputing with my teammates, coaches, opponents, or referees will not be tolerated.
- I will be respectful of other team's staff and facilities; this is proper behavior as a representative of SSNOLES.
- I will be alcohol, drug, and tobacco free. These violations will result in immediate dismissal.
- I will remember that sports are an opportunity to learn and have fun.
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If I cannot participate according to this Code of Conduct and/or league rules, then depending on the seriousness of the offense(s), I understand that any, or all, of the following disciplinary actions may occur: 1) Verbal warning and written documentation 2) Immediate removal from activity including facility 3) Temporary suspension from participation including attendance at activity and/or facility 4) Suspension from the activity and/or facility (no refund, full or partial, of registration fee) 4) Indefinite Expulsion from all activities and facilities (no refund, full or partial, of registration fee).

With my signature, which I voluntarily affix to this contract, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and will do my best to fulfill the promises made herein.

Student Athlete Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Coach Signature: _____

Date: _____