



Changing Professionals SCFSC Protocol

All skaters and parents have the right to switch Pros at any time for whatever reason. Nobody, ex-Pros, current Pros, parents, or skaters have the right or authority to criticize this decision. The is SCFSC protocol to follow from both parents' and professionals' when a coach change is made.

Parents:

- 1. Schedule a meeting with your current coach and explain the reasons for which a change is being made. This should be done on a professional and not personal level. It is not necessary for your current coach to approve a change; however, it is mandatory that you speak with your current coach before making the change.*
- 2. Make the change to the new coach.*
- 3. After making the change, do not discuss the former coach in any negative manner. If asked about the change, present it to other parents/coaches/skaters in a positive manner. Encourage your skater to do the same.*

Coaches:

- 1. Before talking to parents about a potential change to you, ask the parents to meet with the current professional to communicate of their decision to change to you.*
- 2. Contact the other professional to make sure he/she knows about the change.*
- 3. Make sure that all bills are paid with the previous coach.*
- 4. Once you have begun coaching the new skater, avoid criticizing the methods taught by the previous coach. Be diplomatic in your approach.*
- 5. The original coach of the skater should also refrain from any negative comments about either the skater, the skater's parents or the new coach.*