



# SPORT CHEER WALES

SCW Athlete Transfer Policy

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Occasionally, an athlete or coach may choose to leave their current programme and transfer to a new cheerleading programme. This could be for a number of reasons including, relocation, dissatisfaction with current provision or coaches or due to disciplinary action from the current programme.

It is easy to take these decisions personally for coaches and programme directors if no disciplinary action is in process. Should this happen, SCW suggests using the exit interview process to assist you with understanding the reasons for departure and help your programme develop in future.

SportCheer Wales also suggests the following actions;

1. Inform the SCW membership administrator of the removal from one team. If this is due to a safeguarding concern, this may result in membership suspension and SCW should be informed immediately in order to protect other clubs in the area.
2. If you are contacted by an athlete on an existing programme, or recently departed from an existing programme, it is considered good practice to inform their current team of the plan to transfer, or discuss the move.
3. Memberships can be transferred from one club to another if both parties agree to the transfer.
4. Should one party not agree the transfer, this should only be based on an existing concern with the athlete or coach regarding their conduct or suitability. This will be investigated by SCW, and any refusal on behalf of the departure programme may be overridden.
5. Do not disclose information about the athlete or their parents, inline with the data protection guidance.
6. The main focus of athlete transfer should be allowing the athlete to stay in cheerleading and maintaining participation levels in Wales.