



Competition Team Athlete Transfer Policy

For athletes already on a competition team who are wanting to transfer to the Carolina Elite Competition Team.

Purpose:

This policy aims to establish a clear and respectful process for accepting athletes who wish to transfer from another gymnastics team to our team. Our priority is to always act in the best interest of the athlete while maintaining positive relationships with other teams and coaches in the community. We recognize that athletes may seek to transfer teams for various reasons, and we are dedicated to handling these situations with integrity and respect for all parties involved.

Guidelines for Accepting Transferring Athletes:

1. Initial Inquiry:

- Athletes or their guardians expressing interest in joining our team must first schedule a meeting (in person, call, or video call) with our head coach to discuss their goals, reasons for transfer, and expectations.
 - If the reason for transfer is because of a conflict at the home gym, the athlete and their parent/guardian must first try to resolve the conflict before proceeding.
 - If the athlete has legitimate outstanding financial balances with the prior team, this must be resolved as well.

2. Confidentiality and Respect:

- All inquiries and discussions regarding potential transfers will be kept confidential. We will respect the privacy of the athlete and their current team.

3. Trial Lesson(s)

- It may be appropriate for the athlete to schedule a one-on-one training with the head coach for an evaluation outside of team training hours for confidentiality.
- It may also be appropriate to schedule a trial or series of trial workouts with the team group to ensure that all parties are a good fit together.

4. Transferring Teams

- If the athlete decides to transfer teams, they must inform their current coach of their intention to leave before we proceed with the transfer process. This ensures transparency and respect towards their current team. *At this point, we may also reach out to the current coach to discuss the transfer. This conversation aims to understand the athlete's history, training needs, and any potential concerns.*
- All parties involved are expected to conduct themselves with integrity and respect. Derogatory remarks about other teams or coaches will NOT be tolerated.

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