

SVFSC Procedures for Choosing or Changing Private Lesson Coaches

Choosing a Private Lesson Coach

Skaters of any level may choose to take private lessons from a coach during private ice time. Skaters must purchase private ice prior to skating. Private lessons enhance skills learned in group lessons and private lessons are needed if skaters choose to skate in competitions.

Coaches generally coach private lessons in 15-minute segments. Private lesson billing is separate from club ice and group lessons and will be paid directly to the private lesson coach. Private lesson coaches charge various rates for lessons, make sure you ask! Billing method and frequency varies by each private lesson coach

Procedure for choosing a private lesson coach

1. Review private lesson coaches, their availability to take new students, and specifics on levels coached on our website - <https://www.svfsc.org/about-us/coaches/>
2. Your skater may already have a coach they are familiar with and work well with from group lessons. That coach may be a good place to start if they coach private lessons. Not all coaches choose to coach private lessons.
3. Once you choose a coach, contact them via contact information shared on the website. Indicate your preferred lesson time, desired frequency of lessons and goals (improve skills, extra ice time, competition, etc.)
 - a. If your skater is new to private lessons and wants to explore coach options (try lessons from different coaches to find good fit), be honest with potential coaches.
4. Some skaters choose to take lessons from more than one coach. This is completely acceptable but should be discussed with all coaches involved.
5. If you have a difficult time finding or deciding on a coach for your skater, please contact the SVFSC President for assistance – president@svfsc.org

Procedure for changing private lesson coaches

Skaters may choose to change private lesson coaches for a variety of reasons. It is important for skaters and parents to think through the decision carefully before choosing to change coaches. If it is determined a skater will change coaches, please follow the proper protocol. This protocol applies to all SVFSC parents, skaters, and coaches.

Parent/Skater Procedure:

1. Contact your current coach and express your reasons for wanting to switch to another coach. There may be a way to correct the situation and the need to switch could be resolved before a change is necessary.

2. Make sure that you have paid your account balance in full with your current coach.
3. Discuss this change with your skater. Make sure that he/she is comfortable with the changes you are about to make.
4. Respect what your coach has done for your skater and keep an amicable relationship.

Future Coach Procedure:

1. If a skater or parent approaches you with intention to switch coaches, direct the client to first contact the former coach if they haven't already.
2. When this has been done, contact the current coach if you have any questions.
3. Confirm that all outstanding balances are paid in full with the current coach prior to scheduling any lessons. No lessons should be given prior to receiving confirmation of account status.
4. Respect what the former coach has done for the skater. If technique changes need to be made, do so without degrading the former coach's method.
5. Encourage an amicable relationship with former coaches.