If any athlete wishes to move to another coaching group please follow the protocol below:

*Please note at Sutton & District AC we would like to ensure that all our athletes & coaches are happy during their time at the club and we would like to ensure that good practice is ensured when moving groups within our club. We are committed to the safeguarding and welfare of our athletes.*

*In addition we feel that good communication is vital to the smooth running of Sutton & District AC. Finally please also remember that all our coaches are volunteers.*

* **Athletes & Parents**: There may be a number of reasons for your decision to change coaches but please remember your current coach has put in time for you, and out of respect to them, it is requested that you communicate your thoughts to them. Should there be an issue with which your coach can help, there may not be a need to move after all or they may be able to recommend an alternative coach for you to train with who will help develop you further as an athlete or in a specific discipline. We would hope that they will then speak with the new coach as to your specific needs. Please be aware that sometimes there is not space in another group and perhaps movement may have to be delayed until a later date. Please DO NOT move groups without prior consent. If in the unlikely event that communication has broken down with the coach please can you inform our Welfare Officers & Development Officer who will help you with the transition to another coach*. (If this was the case any issues will be dealt with confidentially).*
  + - * **Parents**: Please make sure your child is comfortable with the change.
* **Coaches**: Please encourage development of your athletes, if you feel it is the right time for the athlete to change group, please do speak with the alternative coach before moving them over. Please also ensure that the athlete wants to move and explain to them your rationale.
* **Future Coach:** If **approached by a Parent/Athlete please direct them to talk to their current coach first, or a welfare officer should this not be possible.** When this has been done, contact the current Coach, make sure there is no possible alternative at this time. Respect what the former coach has done for the athlete, if technique changes need to be made, do so without degrading the former coach's method.
* **All** need to be respectful of the previous coach or athlete and we would discourage negative conversations. If an athlete has chosen to move to another club please still respect our athletes and treat them as if they were still a club member (they may decide to come back one day).
* **Current/Future Coach:** Once the move has been made please inform the Club/Membership Secretaries by updating your athletes’ list accordingly and forwarding by email.
* **Coaches/Parents**: Please pass on any relevant information; medical, injury, contact details etc. to the new Coach.