

U.S. FIGURE SKATING IJS PROTOCOL for TEST CREDIT – INFORMATION OVERVIEW (ATHLETES, COACHES, TEST CHAIRS, COMPETITION CHAIRS)

In accordance with Rules 4100 and 4200-4202, athletes may receive credit for certain tests by meeting minimum scores at a competition held under the International Judge System (IJS). The athlete must “skate-up” to the event for which they are seeking test credit, in addition to having already passed any prerequisites prior to the competition event.

Events eligible:

Singles Free Skate*: Juvenile**, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, Senior, and Adult Silver through Adult Senior

Pairs Free Skate: Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior

Free Dance: Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior

*Both Excel and well-balanced free skate IJS protocols are eligible for test credit.

**If an open juvenile free skate event is conducted under the IJS, the scores may be used for test credit for IJS Protocol for a juvenile free skate test, assuming all score requirements are met.

The minimum passing scores will be determined by the Tests Committee and the respective Singles, Pairs and Dance Development and Technical Committees, and published via [Technical Notifications](#).

FOR ATHLETES

YOU ACHIEVED THE MINIMUM SCORES FOR RECEIVING TEST CREDIT FOR A COMPETITION EVENT IN WHICH YOU “SKATED UP”. WHAT DO YOU DO NEXT?

STEP 1: While you are at the competition collect copies of the documents below. It is also recommended that you take pictures of them for safe keeping. Ask the competition for a “**Test Credit Packet**” which includes:

1. A copy of the overall event results that lists all of the skaters in addition to the names and signatures of the technical controller and event referee. This is to prove you actually skated in the event.
2. Your individual protocol.
3. Your **Test Credit Skater Report**, generated by the accountants. This has your name, your scores and verifies you achieved a passing result.

STEP 2: Obtain a written statement from your coach verifying that the above documents are true and valid. The coach may write their own statement, they may choose to use the sample document included in this packet, or your club may have a pre-printed form they can simply sign.

STEP 3: Submit these documents to your club’s test chair, along with the appropriate payment, and request that the club record your test through the [Members Only site](#).

Each club may request this information in their preferred format. (For example, scan or upload picture files of the documentation to an online form, or submit paper copies, etc.). The important thing is that your club’s test chair obtains copies of documents 1-3 in step 1 and a verification from your coach.

See next page for sample of the Test Credit Skater Report.



FOR COMPETITION CHAIRS

Nonqualifying competitions are asked to make the required documents available to athletes requesting them. It is recommended that competitions put together “**Test Credit Packets**”, and make them available for sale for a nominal fee. A skater should be able to request a “**Test Credit Packet**” wherever results are made available. It will likely require the skater asking, then sending a volunteer to the accounting room to create it. It will include:

1. A copy of the overall event results, that lists all of the skaters, in addition to the names and signatures of the technical controller and event referee. This is to prove the skater actually skated in the event.
2. The skater’s individual protocol / detailed judges’ scores sheet
3. The skater’s individual **Test Credit Skater Report**, generated by the accountant. See the picture below.

SAMPLE OF NEW TEST CREDIT SKATER REPORT:

2017 Fall Figure Skating Invitational

TEST CREDIT SKATER REPORT

Friday, October 06, 2017

Juvenile Girls QR Group A / Free Skate

Eliza Edge, Sharper Edge FSC

| <u>Type</u> | <u>Min score</u> | <u>Score</u> | <u>Result</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Technical Element Score | 8.00 | 25.42 | Pass |
| Program Component Score | 14.00 | 19.03 | Pass |
| Segment Score | 22.00 | 44.45 | Pass |
| All valid elements | | | Yes |
| Overall Result | | | Pass |

FOR COACHES

In accordance with Rule 4201, in order for an athlete to receive test credit for an IJS protocol, their coach must verify in writing that the documents provided are correct and unaltered. Coaches may fill out this form, write their own supporting statement, or simply sign a form created by a club with the statement pre-printed on it.

Please deliver a copy of this form (or statement) to the test chair of the home club of the test candidate, via the preferred method of the club (i.e., email, upload to a web site, paper, etc.)

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| Athlete's Name: | |
| Athlete's Home Club: | |
| Test Requesting Credit For: | |
| Name of competition: | |
| Date of competition: | |
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| Coach's Name: | |
| Coach's USFS #: | |
| Coach's PSA #: | |

I verify that the athlete listed above is eligible to receive test credit through an IJS protocol. I have seen the unaltered and correct scores, which match the protocol the athlete is submitting. I understand that altering a protocol sheet to meet the test requirement is an ethics violation of U.S. Figure Skating and the Professional Skaters Association.

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| Coach's Signature | |
| Date: | |



Technical Notification 281

Dated: June 30, 2022

Updated: Jan. 5, 2023

Note: This replaces Technical Notification 233. Substantive changes are underlined. Jan. 5 updates are in red font.

Re: Singles Free Skate Tests – Minimum scores needed to achieve test credit from an IJS protocol from a nonqualifying competition for standard singles free skate and adult silver and higher free skate tests.

Implementation Dates: July 1, 2022, and Feb. 15, 2023*

*Note: this was originally posted with an implementation date of Jan. 1; however, it was realized after the updates were posted that that implementation date cannot be accomplished with the software updates that are required. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

The following scores are valid for test credit from competitions taking place on Jan. 1, 2023, and later.

As required in Rule 4202 (A):

1. The candidate must achieve at least the minimum in all three scores;
2. Each executed element must have a panel score greater than 0.00; and
3. There must not be more than two falls in a singles free skate. The total number of falls will be determined by checking the fall deduction value on the IJS protocol (see rule 1071).

| Standard Test | Well-Balanced Competition Event Feb. 15, 2023, and Later | Minimum TES | Minimum PCS | Minimum TSS |
|-------------------------|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Juvenile Free Skate | Juvenile or Open Juvenile Girls | 8.00 | <u>13.00</u> | <u>21.00</u> |
| Juvenile Free Skate | Juvenile or Open Juvenile Boys | 8.00 | <u>13.00</u> | <u>21.00</u> |
| Intermediate Free Skate | Intermediate Women | <u>11.00</u> | <u>17.00</u> | <u>28.00</u> |
| Intermediate Free Skate | Intermediate Men | <u>11.00</u> | <u>17.00</u> | <u>28.00</u> |
| Novice Free Skate | Novice Women | <u>14.00</u> | <u>19.00</u> | <u>33.00</u> |
| Novice Free Skate | Novice Men | <u>14.00</u> | <u>19.00</u> | <u>33.00</u> |
| Junior Free Skate | Junior Women | <u>17.00</u> | <u>27.00</u> | <u>44.00</u> |
| Junior Free Skate | Junior Men | <u>17.00</u> | <u>33.00</u> | <u>50.00</u> |
| Senior Free Skate | Senior Women | <u>18.00</u> | <u>29.00</u> | <u>47.00</u> |
| Senior Free Skate | Senior Men | <u>18.00</u> | <u>35.00</u> | <u>53.00</u> |

| Standard Test | Excel Competition Event Feb. 15, 2023, and Later | Minimum TES | Minimum PCS | Minimum TSS |
|-------------------------|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Juvenile Free Skate | Juvenile Excel or Excel Plus Girls | 8.00 | <u>13.00</u> | <u>21.00</u> |
| Juvenile Free Skate | Juvenile Excel or Excel Plus Boys | 8.00 | <u>13.00</u> | <u>21.00</u> |
| Intermediate Free Skate | Intermediate Excel or Excel Plus Women | <u>11.00</u> | <u>17.00</u> | <u>28.00</u> |
| Intermediate Free Skate | Intermediate Excel or Excel Plus Men | <u>11.00</u> | <u>17.00</u> | <u>28.00</u> |
| Novice Free Skate | Novice Excel Women | <u>14.00</u> | <u>19.00</u> | <u>33.00</u> |

| Standard Test | Excel Competition Event Feb. 15, 2023, and Later | Minimum TES | Minimum PCS | Minimum TSS |
|----------------------|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Novice Free Skate | Novice Excel Men | <u>14.00</u> | <u>19.00</u> | <u>33.00</u> |
| Junior Free Skate | Junior Excel Women | <u>17.00</u> | <u>27.00</u> | <u>44.00</u> |
| Junior Free Skate | Junior Excel Men | <u>17.00</u> | <u>27.00</u> | <u>44.00</u> |
| Senior Free Skate | Senior Excel Women | <u>18.00</u> | <u>29.00</u> | <u>47.00</u> |
| Senior Free Skate | Senior Excel Men | <u>18.00</u> | <u>29.00</u> | <u>47.00</u> |

The following scores are valid for test credit from competitions taking place on July 1, 2022, and later.

As required in Rule 4202 (A):

1. The candidate must achieve at least the minimum in all three scores;
2. Each executed element must have a panel score greater than 0.00; and
3. There must not be more than two falls in a singles free skate. The total number of falls will be determined by checking the fall deduction value on the IJS protocol (see rule 1071).

| Adult Test | Adult Competition Event July 1, 2022, and Later | Minimum TES | Minimum PCS | Minimum TSS |
|-------------------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Adult Silver Free Skate | Adult Silver Free Skate | 7.20 | 9.60 | 16.80 |
| Adult Gold Free Skate | Adult Gold Free Skate | 8.70 | 13.50 | 22.20 |
| Adult Intermediate Free Skate | Masters Intermediate-Novice Free Skate | 11.80 | <u>13.50</u> | <u>25.30</u> |
| Adult Novice Free Skate | Masters Intermediate-Novice Free Skate | 14.60 | 15.00 | 29.60 |
| Adult Junior Free Skate | Masters Junior-Senior Free Skate | 18.20 | 18.00 | 36.20 |
| Adult Senior Free Skate | Masters Junior-Senior Free Skate | 21.40 | <u>22.50</u> | <u>43.90</u> |

The following scores are valid for test credit from competitions taking place on July 1, 2022, through Dec. 31, 2022.

As required in Rule 4202 (A):

1. The candidate must achieve at least the minimum in all three scores;
2. Each executed element must have a panel score greater than 0.00; and
3. There must not be more than two falls in a singles free skate. The total number of falls will be determined by checking the fall deduction value on the IJS protocol (see rule 1071).

| Standard Test | Well-Balanced Competition Event July 1, 2022, through Feb. 14, 2023 | Minimum TES | Minimum PCS | Minimum TSS |
|-------------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Juvenile Free Skate | Juvenile or Open Juvenile Girls | 8.00 | <u>14.06</u> | <u>22.06</u> |
| Juvenile Free Skate | Juvenile or Open Juvenile Boys | 8.00 | <u>14.06</u> | <u>22.06</u> |
| Intermediate Free Skate | Intermediate Women | 10.20 | 18.00 | 28.20 |
| Intermediate Free Skate | Intermediate Men | 10.20 | 18.00 | 28.20 |
| Novice Free Skate | Novice Women | 14.70 | 22.80 | 37.50 |
| Novice Free Skate | Novice Men | 14.70 | <u>22.80</u> | <u>37.50</u> |
| Junior Free Skate | Junior Women | <u>19.50</u> | <u>30.38</u> | <u>49.88</u> |
| Junior Free Skate | Junior Men | <u>19.50</u> | <u>37.13</u> | <u>56.63</u> |
| Senior Free Skate | Senior Women | 25.00 | <u>34.43</u> | <u>59.43</u> |
| Senior Free Skate | Senior Men | 25.00 | <u>42.08</u> | <u>67.08</u> |

| Standard Test | Excel Competition Event July 1, 2022, through Feb. 14, 2023 | Minimum TES | Minimum PCS | Minimum TSS |
|-------------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Juvenile Free Skate | Juvenile Excel or Excel Plus Girls | 8.00 | <u>14.06</u> | <u>22.06</u> |
| Juvenile Free Skate | Juvenile Excel or Excel Plus Boys | 8.00 | <u>14.06</u> | <u>22.06</u> |
| Intermediate Free Skate | Intermediate Excel or Excel Plus Women | 10.20 | <u>15.63</u> | <u>25.83</u> |
| Intermediate Free Skate | Intermediate Excel or Excel Plus Men | 10.20 | <u>15.63</u> | <u>25.83</u> |
| Novice Free Skate | Novice Excel Women | 14.70 | 22.80 | 37.50 |
| Novice Free Skate | Novice Excel Men | 14.70 | 22.80 | 37.50 |
| Junior Free Skate | Junior Excel Women | 18.00 | <u>30.38</u> | <u>48.38</u> |
| Junior Free Skate | Junior Excel Men | 18.00 | <u>30.38</u> | <u>48.38</u> |
| Senior Free Skate | Senior Excel Women | 25.00 | <u>34.43</u> | <u>59.43</u> |
| Senior Free Skate | Senior Excel Men | 25.00 | <u>34.43</u> | <u>59.43</u> |

The following scores are valid for test credit from competitions taking place on July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

As required in Rule 4202 (A) prior to July 1, 2022:

1. The candidate must achieve at least the minimum in all three scores; and
2. Each executed element must have a panel score greater than 0.00.

| Standard Test | Competition Event July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 | Minimum TES | Minimum PCS | Minimum TSS |
|-------------------------|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Juvenile Free Skate | Juvenile or Open Juvenile Girls | 8.00 | 14.00 | 22.00 |
| Juvenile Free Skate | Juvenile or Open Juvenile Boys | 8.00 | 14.00 | 22.00 |
| Intermediate Free Skate | Intermediate Women | 10.20 | 18.00 | 28.20 |
| Intermediate Free Skate | Intermediate Men | 10.20 | 18.00 | 28.20 |
| Novice Free Skate | Novice Women | 14.70 | 22.80 | 37.50 |
| Novice Free Skate | Novice Men | 14.70 | 27.60 | 42.30 |
| Junior Free Skate | Junior Women | 18.00 | 28.00 | 46.00 |
| Junior Free Skate | Junior Men | 18.00 | 35.00 | 53.00 |
| Senior Free Skate | Senior Women | 25.00 | 32.00 | 57.00 |
| Senior Free Skate | Senior Men | 25.00 | 40.00 | 65.00 |

The following scores are valid for test credit from competitions taking place Dec. 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

As required in Rule 4202 (A) prior to July 1, 2022:

1. The candidate must achieve at least the minimum in all three scores; and
2. Each executed element must have a panel score greater than 0.00.

| Standard Test | Competition Event Dec. 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 | Minimum TES | Minimum PCS | Minimum TSS |
|-------------------------|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Juvenile Free Skate | Juvenile Excel or Excel Plus Girls | 8.00 | 14.00 | 22.00 |
| Juvenile Free Skate | Juvenile Excel or Excel Plus Boys | 8.00 | 14.00 | 22.00 |
| Intermediate Free Skate | Intermediate Excel or Excel Plus Women | 10.20 | 15.62 | 25.82 |
| Intermediate Free Skate | Intermediate Excel or Excel Plus Men | 10.20 | 15.62 | 25.82 |
| Novice Free Skate | Novice Excel Women | 14.70 | 22.80 | 37.50 |
| Novice Free Skate | Novice Excel Men | 14.70 | 22.80 | 37.50 |

| Standard Test | Competition Event Dec. 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 | Minimum TES | Minimum PCS | Minimum TSS |
|----------------------|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Junior Free Skate | Junior Excel Women | 18.00 | 28.00 | 46.00 |
| Junior Free Skate | Junior Excel Men | 18.00 | 28.00 | 46.00 |
| Senior Free Skate | Senior Excel Women | 25.00 | 32.00 | 57.00 |
| Senior Free Skate | Senior Excel Men | 25.00 | 32.00 | 57.00 |

The following scores are valid for test credit from competitions taking place on July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

As required in Rule 4202 (A) prior to July 1, 2022:

1. The candidate must achieve at least the minimum in all three scores; and
2. Each executed element must have a panel score greater than 0.00.

| Adult Test | Adult Competition Event July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 | Minimum TES | Minimum PCS | Minimum TSS |
|-------------------------------|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Adult Silver Free Skate | Adult Silver Free Skate | 7.20 | 9.60 | 16.80 |
| Adult Gold Free Skate | Adult Gold Free Skate | 8.70 | 13.50 | 22.20 |
| Adult Intermediate Free Skate | Masters Intermediate-Novice Free Skate | 11.80 | 14.28 | 26.08 |
| Adult Novice Free Skate | Masters Intermediate-Novice Free Skate | 14.60 | 15.00 | 29.60 |
| Adult Junior Free Skate | Masters Junior-Senior Free Skate | 18.20 | 18.00 | 36.20 |
| Adult Senior Free Skate | Masters Junior-Senior Free Skate | 21.40 | 21.00 | 42.40 |

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

In accordance with Rules 4100 and 4200-4202, athletes may receive credit for certain tests by meeting minimum scores at a competition held under the International Judge System (IJS). The athlete must “skate-up” to the event for which they are seeking test credit, in addition to having already passed any prerequisites prior to the competition event.

Furthermore, skaters must request test credit to the local organizing committee prior to the start of their event. This is usually done at on-site registration or online.

Test credit is not granted automatically based on the competition result. Instead, the required documentation and applicable payment must be submitted to the test chair of the skater’s home club. Individual members must enter their results through the Members Only site to receive credit. Skaters have one year from the time they achieved the requirements at a competition to submit their documents for test credit.

Additional information and a [checklist](#) of the required documents can be found on the [Testing Overview page](#) of the [Members Only site](#), which can be accessed through the Skater Journey menu or the Testing menu.

We encourage skaters or their parents/guardians to check their test history between 14 and 30 days after a test has been taken or an IJS protocol test result has been submitted to ensure that the results have been properly entered. Skaters can access their test history from the [Members Only site](#) home page by clicking on their name in the upper right corner, and then clicking on the Skate Test History tab. Clubs have 14 days to enter test results before incurring late fees, but mistakes can happen, so checking test results in a timely fashion will help clubs avoid late fees and will also help skaters avoid challenges entering competitions due to missing information.

If a skater is missing a test, or a record is incorrect, they should contact the test chair of the club where the test was taken. If a test chair discovers an error, they should contact memberservices@usfigureskating.org to get the error corrected.