



# Test Day Policy



## What is a test day?

CanSkaters, StarSkaters and Competitive Skaters all progress through their respective skating levels by passing tests that are assessed by a qualified coach or judge. Testing is considered an integral part of skater development and is offered throughout the season as part of our regular club programming.

## CanSkate Tests

At the CanSkate level, our coaches test the skaters. The schedule is set at the beginning of the year and it is posted on our website. There are no additional fees charged for a CanSkate test, and skaters wear their normal skating attire and helmets. When a skater passes Stage 6, they are ready to move on as a Junior StarSkater for the next season!! Please note that CanSkaters may also move on as a Junior at the 1/2 season mark (i.e., on January 1<sup>st</sup>), if the Stage 6 test is passed in November or December.

## StarSkate Tests

The Skate Canada StarSkate program offers opportunities for skaters test in four different areas: Interpretive, Dance, Free Skating, and Skating Skills. There are two levels of tests at the StarSkate level for Innisfil Skaters: “Low” tests and “High” tests. Qualified Skate Canada judges assess these tests.

For the actual test day, the Club’s Head Coach confirms the skaters who will be testing and works with the Test Chair to develop a schedule, solicit a judge, and notify the testing skaters. There is a Skate Canada administrative fee charged for each test or partial test tried by a skater. Prior to test day, coaches will give the testing skaters a “test envelope” in which they are to enclose payment. In order to try a test, the test envelopes must be returned to the Test Chair before they skate the test. Skaters should wear appropriate competition attire to test. Only the testing skater is permitted on the ice at the scheduled time. If time permits, once all of the testing is over the ice will be opened for the regular skating session.

## Competitive Tests

All Competitive Dance, Pair and Free Skate tests are considered “High” tests and are tried at Mariposa.

## Eligibility

The Innisfil Skating Club Test Program is open to Full and Partial Members of the Innisfil Skating Club only. Skaters must be members in good standing to try a test and must have the required pre-requisites for testing, to be confirmed by the Test Chair. The Innisfil Skating Club will allow testing of candidates from other clubs provided the provisions for trying a test, as outlined below, are provided through the skater’s home club and Skate Canada - Central Ontario Section.

### **“Low Tests” Days**

The Innisfil Skating Club runs only "Low Test" days. Low tests primarily cater to the Junior and Intermediate level StarSkater. They are offered during the club's regular StarSkate session, either Junior/Intermediate or Senior. The test day schedule is confirmed throughout the season based on both the availability of the judges and the number of skaters ready to test. Membership fees are set with the consideration that some regular skating sessions may be interrupted or cancelled in order to provide Test Days for our members.

#### ***Low Level tests include:***

- Skating Skills: Preliminary, Junior Bronze, Senior Bronze
- Free Skating: Preliminary, Junior Bronze, Senior Bronze (2 parts: Program and Elements)
- Dance: Preliminary (Dutch Waltz, Canasta, Baby Blues)  
Junior Bronze (Swing, Fiesta, Willow)  
Senior Bronze (Ten Fox, Fourteen Step, European Waltz)

### **High Test Days**

"High" test days are not offered at the Innisfil Skating Club. At this level, we are fortunate that our Senior skaters are invited to Mariposa to complete tests that are at the Junior Silver level and higher. Competitive Skaters also test on High Test days at Mariposa. If a Senior level skater requires testing during a Low Test Day, they are scheduled at the end of the Junior/Intermediate session.

#### ***High Level tests include:***

- Skating Skills: Junior Silver, Senior Silver, Gold
- Free Skating: Junior Silver, Senior Silver, Gold (2 parts: Program and Elements)
- Dance: Junior Silver (Foxtrot, Harris Tango, American, Rocker Foxtrot)  
Senior Silver (Paso Doble, Starlight, Blues, Kilian, Cha Cha Congelando)  
Gold (Viennese Waltz, Westminster, Quickstep, Argentine, Silver Samba, Diamond (Ravensburger, Tango Romanantica, Yankee Polka, Rhumba, Austrian Waltz, Golden Waltz)
- Interpretive: Introductory, Bronze, Silver, Gold
- Competitive: Dance, Pair and Free Skate

### **Trying Tests at Outside Clubs**

In accordance with Skate Canada Rules and Regulations regarding the StarSkate program, Sections G and I, A candidate wishing to try a test at other than the Innisfil Skating Club must secure the written consent of the Innisfil Skating Club and Skate Canada – Central Ontario Section prior to taking the test. Such requests must be made through the Test Chair or President. A reason must be provided. If granted, permission would be given for the whole of the winter season. Testing of the same discipline in both clubs is not permitted.

The Innisfil Skating Club does not offer “High Test” days. As such, all qualified members in good standing in both the StarSkate and Competitive programs are eligible to take tests with the Mariposa School of Skating at any time during the year when such testing is offered. The skater is required to provide the Mariposa school of Skating with written confirmation of eligibility, including a statement that the skater is qualified and that the skater is a member in good standing. Such requests must be made through the Test Chair or President.

The Innisfil Skating Club is only active for the winter season. As such, it will file annual blanket permission with Skate Canada – Central Ontario Section for their members to take tests at two pre-approved organizations - the Mariposa School of Skating and SK8 Georgian Bay. Testing of the same discipline in both clubs is not permitted. The skater is required to provide the Mariposa School of Skating or SK8 Georgian Bay with written confirmation of eligibility, including a statement that the skater is qualified and that the skater is a member in good standing. Such requests must be made through the Test Chair or President.

For skaters wishing to try a test at another organization must secure the written consent from the Innisfil Skating Club and Skate Canada – Central Ontario Section prior to taking the test. A reason must be provided. If granted, permission would be given for the whole of the off-season. Testing of the same discipline in more than one club is not permitted. The skater is required to provide the host club with written confirmation of eligibility, including a statement that the skater is qualified and that the skater is a member in good standing with the Innisfil Skating Club. Such requests must be made through the Test Chair or President.

### **Reporting of Tests**

When the test is tried at the Innisfil Skating Club, the skater shall be provided with the original evaluator's/judge's test sheet. One copy of the test summary must be retained by the Innisfil Skating Club Such with the Test Chair or President for a period of at least two years. The results on these sheets shall be used to verify that the results recorded through Skate Canada are accurate. If there is any discrepancy, the skater may be asked to provide a the club with the original evaluator's/judge's test sheet. Skate Canada – Central Ontario Section will be advised of any discrepancies.

When a test is taken at a club or skating school other than the Innisfil Skating Club, the club or skating school holding the test must forward the original evaluator's/judge's sheet to the home club concerned, and notify that club of the number of the summary sheet upon which the marks are entered. This rule applies to all tests, passed or failed. These original evaluator's/judge's sheets shall be used by the Test Chair or President to verify that the results recorded through Skate Canada are accurate and will then be returned to the skater. If there is any discrepancy, Skate Canada – Central Ontario Section will be so advised.

A skater who, since the taking of any previous test, has changed his or her home club should notify the new home club of such change when applying for a test. Full details should be sent to the Executive Director of the Association with the report of the test taken by the home club. As a courtesy, the skater should also notify the previous host club of the change in home club status at the time when the change is made.

When test is taken by a skater from a home club other than the Innisfil Skating Club, the Test Chair or President will ensure that approval by Skate Canada - Central Ontario Section has been provided, and that the home club has confirmed both the skater's eligibility and that the skater is a member in good standing at least two weeks prior to the scheduled test day. The Test Chair will retain the original evaluator's/judge's sheet and forward it to the home club concerned. The Test Chair will also notify that club of the number of the summary sheet upon which the marks were entered. This rule applies to all tests, passed or failed.