



# 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>

<b>Standard Test</b>	<b>Excel Competition Event Feb. 15, 2023, and Later</b>	<b>Minimum TES</b>	<b>Minimum PCS</b>	<b>Minimum TSS</b>
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).

<b>Adult Test</b>	<b>Adult Competition Event July 1, 2022, and Later</b>	<b>Minimum TES</b>	<b>Minimum PCS</b>	<b>Minimum TSS</b>
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).

<b>Standard Test</b>	<b>Well-Balanced Competition Event July 1, 2022, through Feb. 14, 2023</b>	<b>Minimum TES</b>	<b>Minimum PCS</b>	<b>Minimum TSS</b>
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>

<b>Standard Test</b>	<b>Excel Competition Event July 1, 2022, through Feb. 14, 2023</b>	<b>Minimum TES</b>	<b>Minimum PCS</b>	<b>Minimum TSS</b>
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.

<b>Standard Test</b>	<b>Competition Event July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022</b>	<b>Minimum TES</b>	<b>Minimum PCS</b>	<b>Minimum TSS</b>
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.

<b>Standard Test</b>	<b>Competition Event Dec. 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022</b>	<b>Minimum TES</b>	<b>Minimum PCS</b>	<b>Minimum TSS</b>
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

<b>Standard Test</b>	<b>Competition Event Dec. 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022</b>	<b>Minimum TES</b>	<b>Minimum PCS</b>	<b>Minimum TSS</b>
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.

<b>Adult Test</b>	<b>Adult Competition Event July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022</b>	<b>Minimum TES</b>	<b>Minimum PCS</b>	<b>Minimum TSS</b>
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](mailto:memberservices@usfigureskating.org) to get the error corrected.