

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

In accordance with Rules TR 3.00, 4.01 and 4.02, athletes may receive credit for meeting minimum scores at any competition held under the International Judge System (IJS). The athlete must “skate-up” to the event they are seeking test credit for, in addition to having already passed any prerequisites prior to the competition event.

### Events eligible:

[Singles Free Skate](#): Open Juvenile, Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, Senior and Adult Gold

[Pairs Free Skate](#): Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior

[Free Dance](#): Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior

*Click on the links above to see the required minimum scores for each level and event.*

### FOR ATHLETES

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

**STEP 1:** At the competition, go to the registration/information desk and ask for a “**Test Credit Packet**” which includes the documents listed below. This **MUST** be requested on-site, and will not be available after the competition ends. Take a picture of all documents for safe-keeping. As a courtesy, ask the competition for the packet within one hour of your event ending.

Documents needed / included in the Test Credit Packet:

1. A copy of the overall event results, that lists all of the skaters, in addition to the names of the Technical Controller and Event Referee. This is to prove the skater actually skated in the event.
2. Your individual protocol
3. Your **Test Credit Skater Report**, generated by the accountant. This has your name, your scores and verifies you achieved a passing result. See the next page for an example.

**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 program, [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org)

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 verification from your coach that it is authentic.

**IMPORTANT:** *Before you leave the competition, check your packet and be sure you have ALL three of the correct documents. If you do not, please ask to speak with the Accountant to obtain them.*



## FOR COACHES

In accordance with TR 4.00, in order for an athlete to receive test credit for 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 test 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.)**

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

*I verify that the athlete listed above is eligible to receive Test Credit through 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 considered an ethics violation of U.S. Figure Skating and The Professional Skaters Association.*

Coach's Signature	
Date:	

# IJS Protocol for Test Credit – Fact Sheet

**In order to be eligible to receive Test Credit through a non-qualifying competition, the candidate:**

1. Must have met the prerequisites for that test, as of the date of the competition.
2. Must “skate up” and compete in the level they are wishing to “pass.”
3. If competing in the qualifying system, may not use a competition between the close of entries for Regionals / Sectionals and their last qualifying event.

**Example:** A skater wishes to receive credit for the Intermediate FS test by competing in a non-qualifying competition held December 1<sup>st</sup>. He/she must have passed a) the Intermediate MITF test AND the Juvenile FS test prior, and enter the Intermediate FS portion of the competition.

*If this skater had qualified for the U.S. Championships in Juvenile, he/she would **not** be eligible to use the December 1<sup>st</sup> competition for test credit, since his/her qualifying competitive season as a Juvenile would not have ended yet. (A skater that didn't advance would be eligible.)*

# IJS Protocol for Test Credit – Fact Sheet

**The candidate is eligible, achieved the minimum scores and wants test credit – how does it work?**

- 1. When results are posted, the accountant will generate a list of all skaters in the particular event that achieved the minimum scores.**
- 2. The skater obtains a copy of this list, in addition to:**
  - a) The overall event results with the signature of the Event Referee and the Technical Controller.*
  - b) Their individual protocol sheet.*
  - c) A note from their coach verifying these results are valid.*
- 3. The skater submits these documents to their Test Chair, along with the appropriate fees, within 365 days of the competition.**
- 4. The Test Chair enters the information through the Members Only site, officially “passing” the test, just as they would at a test session.**

# IJS Protocol for Test Credit – Minimum Scores Singles

**In order to receive Test Credit, a candidate must meet ALL minimum scores, in addition to having no “no value” elements on their protocol:**

JUVENILE FREE SKATE			INTERMEDIATE FREE SKATE	
Minimum TES	8.00		Minimum TES	10.20
Minimum PCS	14.06		Minimum PCS	18.00
Minimum TSS	22.06		Minimum TSS	28.20
+ No elements may have received no value, represented by “- - -” on the judges scores.			+ No elements may have received no value, represented by “- - -” on the judges scores.	
NOVICE LADIES FREE SKATE			NOVICE MEN FREE SKATE	
Minimum TES	14.20		Minimum TES	14.90
Minimum PCS	22.80		Minimum PCS	27.60
Minimum TSS	37.00		Minimum TSS	42.50
+ No elements may have received no value, represented by “- - -” on the judges scores.			+ No elements may have received no value, represented by “- - -” on the judges scores.	

Note: Minimum scores to be posted on [www.usfigureskating.org](http://www.usfigureskating.org) officially by Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Pairs & Free Dance coming soon!



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**In order to receive Test Credit, a candidate must meet ALL minimum scores, in addition to having no “no value” elements on their protocol:**

JUNIOR LADIES FREE SKATE			JUNIOR MEN FREE SKATE	
Minimum TES	18.30		Minimum TES	19.20
Minimum PCS	28.00		Minimum PCS	35.00
Minimum TSS	46.30		Minimum TSS	54.20
<i>+ No elements may have received no value, represented by “- - -” on the judges scores.</i>			<i>+ No elements may have received no value, represented by “- - -” on the judges scores.</i>	
SENIOR LADIES FREE SKATE			SENIOR MEN FREE SKATE	
Minimum TES	22.30		Minimum TES	23.60
Minimum PCS	32.00		Minimum PCS	40.00
Minimum TSS	54.30		Minimum TSS	63.60
<i>+ No elements may have received no value, represented by “- - -” on the judges scores.</i>			<i>+ No elements may have received no value, represented by “- - -” on the judges scores.</i>	

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# IJS Protocol for Test Credit – Minimum Scores Singles

**In order to receive Test Credit, a candidate must meet ALL minimum scores, in addition to having no “no value” elements on their protocol:**

ADULT GOLD FREE SKATE (LADIES & MEN)	
Minimum TES	8.70
Minimum PCS	13.50
Minimum TSS	22.20
+ No elements may have received no value, represented by “- - -” on the judges scores.	

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# IJS Protocol for Test Credit – Minimum Scores

Skaters must achieve ALL THREE minimums for their level, in addition to no “no value” elements, represented by “ - - - ” on the protocol where judges’ scores should be. Example –a Novice Ladies’ Free Skate, where the minimums are: TSS = 37.00 TES = 14.2 PCS = 22.8

Total Segment Score	Total Element Score	Program Component Score	Total Deductions
44.52	25.52	21.00	1.0

Result: Test credit NOT achieved.

Total Segment Score	Total Element Score	Program Component Score	Total Deductions
38.00	13.8	26.20	2.0

Result: Test credit NOT achieved.

Total Segment Score	Total Element Score	Program Component Score	Total Deductions
36.90	16.00	22.90	2.0

Result: Test credit NOT achieved.

Total Segment Score	Total Element Score	Program Component Score	Total Deductions
43.05	20.05	24.00	1.0

Result: Congratulations! The skater met ALL three minimum marks and may request test credit for the Novice FS test, assuming that no elements received ‘no value’.