

VIRTUAL TESTING GUIDELINES – Wissahickon Skating Club

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What is Virtual Testing? The skater's test is recorded on video, which is then sent by the Test Chair to a judging panel for review. The results are sent back to the Test Chair to give to the Coach.

Who can record the Video? The Coach can ask anyone to record the video or the Coach can do it.

Does the Video have to be recorded at a specific rink? No, the video can be recorded at any rink.

What should the skater wear? Please dress as if you were skating in front of an in-person judging panel with neat/combed hair. We have heard comments from other virtual test sessions that judges appreciated the effort made to dress up for testing.

What are the rules about the Video?

- It is IMPORTANT that the videographer keeps the tester in frame, has the proper angle, and there are no obstructions. The skater must be framed from head to toe during the entire test.
- Maximum of **8** skaters may be on the ice during the test but the judges MUST be able to clearly see the test in progress.
- All Videos must be free of background noise
- Music for Freestyle and Dance Tests must be clearly heard on the Video
- The Video must NOT be edited and the test must be recorded continuously without breaks. If the video is deemed edited, it will be revoked.
- All tests must be DATE & TIME stamped in the beginning and end.
- **The Skater must announce name, test, and date at the start of the video.**

When can a Test be recorded and submitted? Tests can be recorded within **14** days of the test session date.

What paperwork is required? The required paperwork includes Affidavit, Release and Consent, and Permission to Test if outside club member. Note: On the affidavit, the Proctor is a neutral person, it cannot be a relative of the skater or coach.

How should the Video be recorded?

- Videos must be recorded in landscape mode and must be of the highest quality possible (**1080p preferred**, minimum acceptable 720p, nothing less will be accepted).
- It is important that the skater is framed from head to toe during the entire test.
- The video must be of a high enough quality that the judges can clearly make out the skater's expression and feet while the skater is testing.

Please be aware of the following guidelines on Coaching during the Video:

- Skaters may stop briefly during the Skating Skills test, but the stop must be brief (10 seconds or less). The video must continue recording the entire time. If stops between moves become too long, a new video may be required.
- There is to be no coaching of the skater during the performance of their test (with the exception of brief breaks in Skating Skills tests and breaks between partnered and solo portions of a pattern dance test). Violation of this rule may disqualify the video.
- Because there are no re-skates in virtual testing, it is in the skater's best interest to not submit videos with missing elements or other major errors (such as skills out of order, less than the required number of patterns in a pattern dance, etc.).

How does a Coach submit a Test? Please follow directions for sharing videos/paperwork listed on our Entryeze page.