

## VIRTUAL TESTING GUIDELINES FOR WISSAHICKON SKATING CLUB (WSC)

### Frequently Asked Questions

- **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 WSC?** No, the video can be recorded at any rink but must adhere to the rules described below.
- **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
  - No Music can be played during the Moves in the Field Test
  - 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 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 30 days of the test session date. For example, tests can be recorded between August 24 and September 24 for a test date of September 24. The video must be turned in by midnight on the Test Date as directed by the Test Chair.
- **What paperwork is required?** ALL TESTS must be signed by the Coach and Witnesses. This Performance Affidavit is part of the required paperwork (signed affidavit, release and consent, current USFS membership, club permission if outside club).
- **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 between moves in a moves in the field 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 between moves in moves in the field 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 moves out of order, less than the required number of patterns in a pattern dance, etc.).
- **How does a Coach submit a Test?** For each registered test, the coach will upload the Video to Google Drive or similar file sharing (YouTube is not permitted) and share the link with the Test Chair. The Performance Affidavit and Release & Consent forms must also be sent to the Test Chair via Google Drive or email.