



Virtual Testing Video Requirements

Please refer to the Virtual Testing Video Requirements below for complete details. If a judge does not feel the video is of sufficient quality to evaluate the skater, they must inform the test chair of their concern and withdraw from judging the test.

- Videos must be recorded in landscape mode and must be of the highest quality possible (at least 720p). 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.
- It is important that the skater is framed from head to toe during the entire test.
- The video must be as stable as possible with minimal "jittering" of the camera.
- The video must be taken from the position of the judges stand (as if it was an in-person test session). Videos may not be taken while following the athlete around the ice during the test.
- The video must begin with the virtual test placard. If not using the printed placard, all information must be written fairly large, must be legible, and in dark marker i.e. Sharpie, so as to be viewed easily by the judges. Also, ensure the form is close enough (zoom in) to the camera to be read.
- **The placard must be followed by the date and time of the recording as shown on a mobile phone. Failure to include the placard and the date and time of the recording will result in the video being rejected.**
- Make sure the music is loud enough for the officials to hear when they replay the video during the judging process. If you are recording a skating skills test, make sure the audio is being recorded so the judges will be able to hear the skater's edges.

*Note: Videos from a competition, exhibition, or ice show may NOT be submitted to a virtual test session (rule 4104).

FOR BEST RESULTS READ COMPLETELY BEFORE FILMING AND UPLOADING

This information was compiled by U.S. Figure Skating to ensure consistency and quality with videos being recorded for virtual test sessions.

Camera/Phone Specs/Setup

1. Professional video cameras or cell phones with high-definition recording capability are acceptable.

a. If using a phone or tablet, film in landscape mode (turn the phone horizontally for a wide view).

2. Videos are preferred to be shot in 1080p60 but must be a minimum of 720p60. Videos less than 720p60 will not be accepted for review.

- a. To adjust video settings on an iPhone, go to Settings/Camera/Record Video
- b. To adjust video settings on an Android Phone, go to Camera Apps/Settings Options Icon (Gear Icon)/Video Size

3. Switch to Airplane Mode.

4. Make sure there is enough space available on your phone to record. We recommend at least 2GB of available space.

5. Clean your camera lens before you start recording. Video Format Video files have various formats that are indicated in the file title. This is automatically added when the video is created. MP4 files work best. If you have saved your file in another format, there could be some loss of resolution (blurry). WAV files are often low resolution and will result in an unclear picture. AVI files (often the default on a Mac computer) should be changed to MP4.