

So you want to use your competition protocol for test credit...what should you do?

The following are steps you should follow in order to “pass” a freestyle test using a competition protocol.

1. Make sure you have all pre-requisite tests completed.

For example: If you wish to test your Novice Free Skate, you have to have successfully passed the Novice Moves in the Field test, and the Intermediate Free Skate test.

2. Enter the competition at the level you wish to test in.

For example: If you wish to test your novice free skate, you must enter the novice free skate event at the competition.

3. You do not need to notify the competition committee in advance that you intend to use the protocol for test credit. In fact, you should NOT do this. You will notify them AFTER you receive your score and protocol.

4. After you receive the protocol you can check your scores and see if you meet the minimum requirements for passing the free skate test. You need to meet the minimum scores in three areas: Element Score, Components Score, and Total Segment Score.

For Example: In order to pass the Intermediate Free Skate test you would need...

Minimum TES (Technical Element Score): 10.20

Minimum PCS (Program Component Score): 18.00

Minimum TSS (Total Segment Score): 28.20

See Technical Notification 199 Handout for minimum free skate score requirements.

- VERY IMPORTANT: In order to pass you have to meet all three minimum scores. In addition, you cannot have any elements in the program that score less than a 0. (In other words, none of the dreaded “dashes”.

5. WHILE YOU ARE THE COMPETITION you need to collect some paper work. You cannot ask for the paperwork after the close of the competition so you'll need to leave some time to collect this. First, ask the competition for a “**Test Credit Packet**”. Start with the registration table, and if they don't have it they will be able to tell you where to look for it. The packet includes:

- a. A copy of the overall event results. This is the results sheet that is posted on the wall after the event. It has the names of all the competitors as well as the names of the technical controller and the event referee.
- b. A copy of your individual protocol

- c. A “test credit skater report” that is generated by the accountant. This report will have your name, your scores, and will state that you achieved a pass on the test.
  - VERY IMPORTANT: Don’t leave the competition without this packet. The rest of the procedure can be done from home later, but once the competition is over you can’t request these materials at a later date.
  - The competition MAY charge a nominal fee for this packet. Some will...some won’t.
  - What will likely happen is that you will request the packet, and then the competition will send a volunteer to the accounting room to create it. This may take a little time. (approximately 30 minutes) However it happens, you should leave the competition with those three pieces of paper.
  
6. Get a written statement from your coach verifying that the documents in the packet are true and valid. We have a pre-printed form that you can have your coach sign. You can get this form from me at the rink, and you can do this once you return home from the competition...no need to chase him/her down while they are working.
  
7. Bring the packet and the coach statement/signature to the club test chair (me). There will be a USFSA fee and administrative fee you will need to pay as well; we will let you know that exact amount in the test form for each test session. It will be in the \$40-\$50 range. I will enter your test with USFSA, and we will keep the packet for our records.
  - If you want to keep a copy of your protocol you should make sure you have made an extra copy—we need one for our records.
  - You have up to a year (365 days) from the date of the event to do this.

That’s it!!!! It’s actually a very simple process and once competitions get going on it regularly it will become routine!

**ONE MORE IMPORTANT PIECE OF INFORMATION:**

As of September 2, 2018 tests will be graded as “Pass”, “Pass with Honors” or “Pass with Distinction”. As of right now you won’t receive anything special for this, but it will be noted on the certificate you receive later.



## Technical Notification 199

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Re: Singles Free Skate Tests – Minimum scores needed to achieve test credit for IJS Protocol in nonqualifying competitions, for standard singles free skate and Adult Gold Free Skate.

Implementation Date: November 1, 2017

In accordance with Rules TR 3.00, TR 4.00, TR 4.01 and TR 4.02, which go into effect November 1, 2017, in order to be eligible to apply for test credit through an IJS protocol, candidates must meet the following minimum scores at a nonqualifying competition:

**Juvenile & Open Juvenile  
Free Skate\* (Girls and Boys):**

Minimum TES: 8.00  
Minimum PCS: 14.00  
Minimum TSS: 22.00

**Intermediate Free Skate (Ladies & Men):**

Minimum TES: 10.20  
Minimum PCS: 18.00  
Minimum TSS: 28.20

**Novice Ladies Free Skate:**

Minimum TES: 14.20  
Minimum PCS: 22.80  
Minimum TSS: 37.00

**Novice Men Free Skate:**

Minimum TES: 14.90  
Minimum PCS: 27.60  
Minimum TES: 42.50

**Junior Ladies Free Skate:**

Minimum TES: 18.30  
Minimum PCS: 28.00  
Minimum TSS: 46.30

**Junior Men's Free Skate:**

Minimum TES: 19.20  
Minimum PCS: 35.00  
Minimum TSS: 54.20

**Senior Ladies Free Skate:**

Minimum TES: 22.30  
Minimum PCS: 32.00  
Minimum TSS: 54.30

**Senior Men's Free Skate:**

Minimum TES: 23.60  
Minimum PCS: 40.00  
Minimum TSS: 63.60

**Adult Gold Free Skate (Ladies and Men)**

Minimum TES: 8.70  
Minimum PCS: 13.50  
Minimum TSS: 22.20

Note that the candidate must meet all three minimum scores for the level they wish to pass, in addition to having each element receive a score of > 0 total points. (A disqualifying "0 value" element will be noted on the protocol with the symbol " - - - " in lieu of a GOE or points awarded.)

\*If an Open Juvenile free skate event is conducted under the IJS, the scores may be used for test credit for IJS Protocol, assuming all score requirements are met.