



General Requirements

1. The skater must be easily identifiable in the video, with no interference from other skaters.
2. A maximum of 8 skaters may be on the ice during the session.
3. Restarts or re-skates are **not allowed**. While you can record your test as many times (and on as many days) as you wish, only one video may be submitted.
4. The test must be completed in a single, continuous video recording without any pauses or stops.

Video Guidelines

- The video must be recorded in **horizontal orientation**.
- The skater's entire body must remain clearly visible and in frame throughout the test.

Specific Requirements by Test Type

- **Skating Skills Tests:**
 - You may pause briefly (up to 10 seconds) between moves, but the recording must continue without interruption.
- **Singles, Pairs, Pattern Dance, and Free Dance Tests:**
 - Music must be loud enough to be clearly captured on the video.

Home Club Permission

- If you are not a member of the ISCC Skating Club, you must have your home club send permission for you to test, just as they would for an in-person test.

Additional Notes

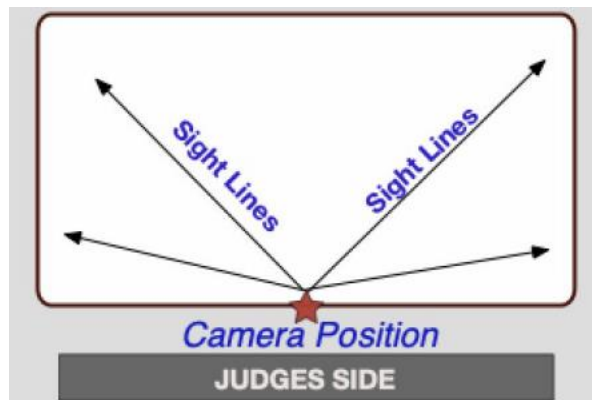
- There will be no judge-in-charge for virtual tests, and these tests are not eligible for trial judge credit.



Shooting Location and Style

The videographer should position themselves at **center ice**, elevated above the boards to ensure all corners of the rink are visible in the recording. Choose a location that minimizes obstructions for a clear view of the skater.

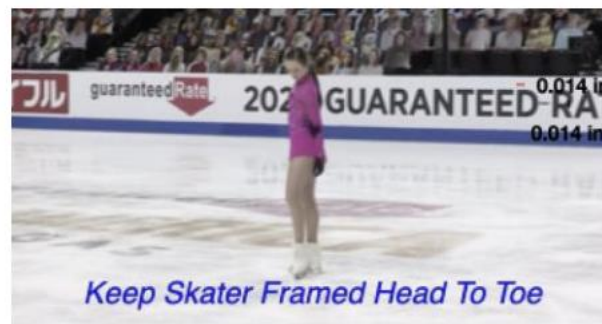
Note: The proctor or coach may also act as the videographer.



Framing and Zoom Guidelines

Ensure the skater fills a significant portion of the screen while remaining in focus.

IMPORTANT: Always keep the skater's entire body, from head to toe, centered in the frame as you follow their movements during the performance.





Camera/Phone Specifications and Setup

1. Equipment:

- a. Professional video cameras or cell phones with high-definition recording capabilities are acceptable.
- b. If using a phone or tablet, film in **landscape mode** (hold the device horizontally).

2. Video Quality:

- a. Preferred resolution is **1080p60**, but the minimum accepted resolution is **720p60**.
- b. Videos recorded at less than 720p will not be accepted.
- c. To adjust video settings:
 - i. **iPhone:** Go to **Settings > Camera > Record Video**.
 - ii. **Android:** Go to **Camera App > Settings (Gear Icon) > Video Size**.

3. Preparation:

- a. Switch your device to **Airplane Mode** to avoid interruptions.
- b. Ensure there is sufficient storage space on your device. At least **2GB** of available space is recommended.
- c. **Clean the camera lens** before starting the recording.

Recording Instructions

1. Stabilization:

- a. Use a tripod or steady mount for your phone, if available.
- b. If filming handheld, the videographer should follow the skater as smoothly as possible.

2. Timestamp:

- a. At the start of the final video, include a visible timestamp. Hold up a phone showing the current date and time in front of the camera.

3. Skater Identification:



- a. The new requirement for virtual testing is effective November 21st, 2024, where skaters will be required to display a placard at the beginning of their video showing the skater's name, test taken, host club, and test date.

4. Test Run:

- a. Record a test video (preferably a full run-through) to get comfortable with the program flow. Review the video to ensure proper framing and quality and adjust as needed for the final recording.

5. Filming Conditions:

- a. Do not film through mesh netting or plexiglass.
- b. Ensure the music is loud enough for officials to hear during replay. Turn up the music volume while recording.
- c. For **Moves in the Field tests**, no music should be played during the performance.

6. Clarity and Noise Control:

- a. Keep the frame clear of other skaters.
- b. Ensure there is no background noise, such as coaches speaking or other music playing, to avoid distractions during judging.

Here is a good YouTube video for Virtual Testing Do's and Don'ts Please watch it before you make a recording:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9zn8mKo0CE>



Video Upload Instructions

Deadline:

- Videos must be uploaded within **30 days** of the recording date.

Upload Link:

- Use the following Google Drive link to upload your video:
[Google Drive Upload Link](#)
- Once uploaded, contact us to confirm your submission.

File Name:

- Rename your video file to include the **skater or team name, level, and discipline**.
 - Example: *FirstName LastName_Level_Event*

Verification Requirements:

- Submissions must include a signed **Performance Affidavit** confirming the video:
 - Was recorded in **one continuous take** without edits, splicing, or alterations.
 - Was filmed from a single angle.
- Any video found to be edited or altered will be disqualified, and no refunds will be issued.

Test Proctor Guidelines

To maintain the integrity of the virtual test environment, a **proctor** is required for the performance.

Proctor Requirements:

- The proctor must be an **impartial person of authority**, such as:



- Rink management
 - Skating school director
 - Local skating official
- The proctor **CANNOT** be:
 - A coach or choreographer who has worked with the skater
 - A training mate or their parent/guardian
 - The skater's parent/guardian

Proctor Responsibilities:

1. Watch the full performance and confirm it was completed on the recorded date and time.
2. Complete the **Performance Affidavit** verifying:
 - a. The video is unedited and recorded in one continuous sitting.
 - b. The submitted performance matches what was observed.
3. Submit the affidavit along with the video.

Recommendation:

While it is not required, USFS recommends that the proctor be a USFS member.

If you have any questions, please contact us for clarification!

Confirmation

After uploading your video, send a confirmation email to the ISCC Skating Club, club@isccskate.com and CC your coach.

Virtual Judging

- Once the video is submitted, it will be made available to the judges for review.
- Judges follow **USFS virtual judging guidelines** and will watch the video only once, scoring as if observing the test in person.
- Judges are required to provide comments and scores using official paper forms.



- Completed test results will be scanned or photographed and sent back following **approved USFS protocols.**

Receiving Test Results

- After the videos are reviewed, results are typically available within **one week.**
- The club test chair will:
 - Email the results in PDF format to the skater's coach.
 - Record the results with the USFSA according to standard procedures.