

## Everything you always wanted to know about Adult Ice Dance Tests...

**Q:** What are the differences between U.S. Figure Skating Standard, Adult and Masters dances tests?

**A1 - Standard Dance Tests:** Standard dance tests have slightly higher average passing marks than Adult and Masters. And for each dance in the Silver, Pre-Gold and Gold dance tests, the skater is required to perform two patterns of solo after performing the required patterns with a partner. If you are under 21 years of age, you are required to take Standard dance tests.

**A2 - Adult Dance Tests:** If you are 21 years old or older, you have the option of taking Adult dance tests. Adult dance tests have slightly lower average passing marks than their equivalent Standard tests (see the Dance Tests portion of your rulebook for specific Adult dance test average passing marks). No solo performance is required.

**A3 - Masters Dance Tests:** If you are 50 years old or older, you have the option of taking Masters dance tests. Masters dance tests have slightly lower average passing marks than Adult dance tests (see the Dance Tests portion of your rulebook for specific Masters dance test average passing marks). No solo performance is required.

**Q:** Are there any adult competition restrictions attached to any of the above dance tests?

**A:** Regardless of Standard, Adult or Masters dance tests, one may compete at adult competitions so long as the skater has met the test requirements for a specific event (see the rulebook and competition announcements for specific event test eligibilities).

**Q:** Can anyone cross over from Standard to Adult and Masters, and vice versa?

**A:** There are no restrictions other than age eligibility for crossing over to Adult or to Masters; your Standard tests will be recognized up to the point where you cross into Adult or Masters, and your Adult tests will be recognized up to the point where you cross into Masters.

However, the "reverse" crossing from Adult to Standard would require the skater to return to the last Standard test he or she passed and begin testing Standard from that point on; a similar procedure applies to crossing back from Masters to Adult and from Masters to Standard.

**Q:** Can someone who has taken Adult dance tests take Standard free dance tests?

**A:** Yes! Be aware, too, that there is a new Adult free dance test structure available.

**Q:** Can someone who has tested Adult or Masters be partnered with a Standard test ice dancer at adult competitions?

**A:** Yes. Adult competitions are quite inclusive. However, both partners would have to meet the test and other requirements for the specific dance event they intend to enter.

**Q:** Can someone who has tested Adult or Masters dance partner with a Standard test partner at Standard qualifying competitions?

**A:** NO! Both partners must have tested Standard to be eligible to compete at Standard-track qualifying competitions.

**Q:** What is a Solo track dance test?

**A:** Solo track dance tests were created to accommodate the dance enthusiasts who do not have access to a partner for testing and/or competition purposes. By definition, Solo Track is performed without a partner. Average passing marks are the same as their equivalent partnered compulsory dances at Standard, Adult and Masters levels, with the same age restrictions and options.

**Q:** Can I cross over from Solo track to partnered dance tests at my current Solo track test level?

**A:** No. Solo dance is a completely separate test track. Crossover in either direction is not allowed. You will have to go back to the beginning or where you left off at your very last test in either track.

**Q:** Does my Solo track test level qualify me to compete at adult competitions?

**A:** Yes, but only in Solo track events. For partnered dance events, you will need to have passed the appropriate partnered dance test.

**Q:** How far up can I test in Solo track?

**A:** The Solo track ends with the passing of the Gold dances.

**Q:** What about testing my International dances?

**A:** International dance tests are designed to be judged as a partnered team and not individually. Therefore there is no Solo track for International dance tests.