

Test Refresh Q&A - Test Credit from IJS Protocol
Professional Skaters Association (PSA) webinar - 11/13/17 (updated 4/27/18)

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1	Test credit from IJS protocol - Added 4/27/18	My skater performed at a competition and met all the minimum score requirements but did an additional jump, which received no credit. Can this program still count for test credit since additional elements are allowed in programs performed at test sessions?	No. If skaters are competing, they must follow competition requirements, even when they hope to use the result for test credit. In order to be able to utilize a result to receive test credit, each executed element must have a panel score > 0; the reason for the element receiving no value is irrelevant.
2	Test credit from IJS protocol	To apply IJS protocol for test credit, only nonqualifying competitions may be used, correct?	Correct. A skater can only 'skate up' one level at a nonqualifying competition; they cannot 'skate up' at a qualifying competition. Only U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned nonqualifying competitions conducted under the IJS may be used to apply for test credit from IJS protocol (effective Nov. 1, 2017) (Rulebook TR 4.00-4.02, p. 262).
3	Test credit from IJS protocol	Does a skater need to receive a certain minimum level on their elements to be able to apply their IJS protocol for test credit?	No. Minimum levels on elements are not required (other than not having any 'no value' elements). That said, elements with higher levels will have higher base values that contribute to achieving the minimum passing technical element score (TES).
4	Test credit from IJS protocol	Is there any restriction on which club enters protocol scores? (Home Club only, or ok for non-home club with home club permission)? What about individual members?	Only the test chair or duly authorized representative of the skater's home club receives and enters the skater's IJS protocol scores for test credit. Individual members may submit documents directly to U.S. Figure Skating headquarters. Rulebook TR 4.01, (p. 262) C. Candidates must submit . . . to the test chair or duly authorized representative of their home club, along with a statement from their coach verifying that the results are correct and unaltered. Individual members may submit documents directly to U.S. Figure Skating headquarters.
5	Test credit from IJS protocol	The proposed rule change at Governing Council indicated the test results would be signed by two competition officials. That requirement appears to be dropped. Now it appears that all documents are provided by the skater, with a paper signed by the coach.	Signatures of the event referee and the technical controller are required. Rulebook TR 4.01 (p. 262) B. Candidates must also obtain an overall copy of the appropriate event segment results with the signature of the event referee and technical controller. The candidate's total score must match the scores on their individual protocol.

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6	Test credit from IJS protocol	What is the 'passing' date that is applied to a skater's test record when receiving test credit from IJS protocol?	The date of the skater's competition event is the date applied to a skater's test record. Candidates have one year from the date they achieved the requirements at a competition to submit their documents for test credit. (Rulebook, TR 4.01 D, p. 262)
7	Test credit from IJS protocol	Where do I find the minimum scores needed to apply for test credit from IJS protocol?	<p>The minimum passing scores are posted as Technical Notifications, located on the U.S. Figure Skating website under the 'Technical Info' tab, on the 'Technical Notifications/Alerts' page: http://www.usfsa.org/story?id=84108</p> <p>Singles - Free Skate tests - minimum scores Technical Notification 199: http://usfsa.org/content/TN%20199%20-%20Singles%20Minimum%20Score.pdf</p> <p>Pairs - Free Skate tests - minimum scores Technical Notification 200: http://www.usfsa.org/content/TN%20200%20Pairs%20Minimum%20Score.pdf</p> <p>Dance - Free Dance tests - minimum scores Technical Notification 205: http://usfsa.org/content/TN%20205%20Free%20Dance%20Minimum%20Score.pdf</p>
8	Test credit from IJS protocol	Can a skater achieve Senior Free Skate test credit from IJS protocol without a double Lutz as long as they meet the minimum passing TES, PCS, TSS and do not have any 'no value' elements?	<p>Yes, to apply for test credit from IJS protocol, specific elements are not required on a skater's protocol. The minimum passing technical element score (TES) is based upon the composite base value of all required elements at each test level per the current ISU Scale of Values document.</p> <p>Skaters with elements that are less difficult for their level (a lower base value), may still be able to compensate by performing their elements with higher quality (GOE) to be able to achieve the minimum passing TES (in addition to meeting the minimum passing PCS and TSS and without having elements of 'no value').</p> <p>It is also possible for skaters to have element(s) on their protocol with greater difficulty than the minimum required for a test (> BV than a 2Lz on a Senior Free Skate IJS protocol, contributing to achieving the minimum passing TES).</p>

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9	Test credit from IJS protocol	Is the onus for 'test credit eligibility' on the accountant, test chair or coach?	<p>The responsibility for test credit eligibility is on the skater, coach, and home club's test chair to meet the requirements in rules TR 4.00-4.02 (pp.26-27) and the minimum passing requirements posted as Technical Notifications (#199-Singles Free Skate, #200-Pairs Free Skate, #205-Free Dance). Please also note rules TR 3.01 (p. 262), TR 2.03 (p. 261), and TR 8.04 J (p. 264).</p> <p>The responsibility for accountants (at a U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned nonqualifying competition conducted under the IJS) will be to generate the skater's individual Test Credit Skater Report (from ijsCompanion).</p>
10	Test credit from IJS protocol	So IJS on paper can't be used for score submission?	That is not correct. IJS events conducted using paper produce the same IJS protocol as competitions using electronic input and, thus, can produce the Test Credit Skater Report.
11	Test credit from IJS protocol	Since IJS protocols for test credit can be used up to a year after the competition where the minimum scores were achieved, can the skater wait and use those papers until after they pass the prerequisite moves in the field test?	<p>No. Although candidates do have one year from the time they achieved the requirements at a competition to submit their documents for test credit, (Rulebook, TR 4.01 D, p. 262) the order of tests still applies:</p> <p><i>Standard moves in the field test of the same level (standard, adult or masters passing average) is the prerequisite to a standard free skate test - Rulebook, TR 26.01, p. 273).</i></p> <p>The date of the skater's competition event is the date applied to the skater's test record. The date to apply test credit from IJS protocol must be either on the same date or later than the passing date for the corresponding level moves in the field test.</p>
12	Test credit from IJS protocol	What if a skater takes the test on the at a test session and receives a retry after skating earning the minimum scores at a competition. Can the skater go back and submit her previous IJS competition packet for a pass?	Yes. A subsequent test result of 'Retry' will have no effect on a skater previously achieving the requirements to apply for test credit from their IJS protocol (although this scenario could occur, it would be unlikely that a skater would take a test having previously achieved the requirements to apply their IJS protocol for test credit).

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13	Test credit from IJS protocol	Where does the athlete get the test credit packet?"	<p>This will be available at the competition usually at the registration desk. The skater would ask for this packet, which includes a results sheet (the sheet that lists all the competitors' scores and placements and includes the signature of the referee and technical controller), the skater's individual protocol sheet, and the Test Credit Skater Report. All these forms are generated by the competition accountant. The fourth item is the coach verification form that the coach completes (the coach must give this to the skater and/or test chair; this does not come from the competition).</p> <p>U.S. Figure Skating IJS Protocol for Test Credit: Information Overview (Athletes, Coaches, Test Chairs, Competition Chairs): http://www.usfsa.org/content/IJS%20Protocol%20-%20Checklist%20for%20athletes%20and%20clubs.pdf</p>
14	Test credit from IJS protocol	Will there be a charge to pick up your test packet from the club hosting the competition?	<p>This will be up to the club hosting the competition. Most clubs already charge for results/protocol sheets.</p> <p>U.S. Figure Skating IJS Protocol for Test Credit: Information Overview (Athletes, Coaches, Test Chairs, Competition Chairs): http://www.usfsa.org/content/IJS%20Protocol%20-%20Checklist%20for%20athletes%20and%20clubs.pdf</p>
15	Test credit from IJS protocol	How will the LOC be informed on how to handle the Test Credit Skater Report. Will the LOC be required to insert this information in the announcement?	<p>The accountant of the competition will generate these documents, and the LOC will be responsible for making sure they are available for the athlete. Nothing needs to be in the announcement. A skater does not need to declare they are testing. They only need to pick up the packet if they want to.</p> <p>U.S. Figure Skating IJS Protocol for Test Credit: Information Overview (Athletes, Coaches, Test Chairs, Competition Chairs): http://www.usfsa.org/content/IJS%20Protocol%20-%20Checklist%20for%20athletes%20and%20clubs.pdf</p>