



Technical Notification 295

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Note: This replaces Technical Notification 279. Substantive changes are underlined.

Re: Partnered Free Dance Tests – Minimum scores needed to achieve test credit from an IJS protocol from a nonqualifying competition for partnered free dance tests.

The following scores are valid for test credit from competitions taking place on July 1, 2022, and later.

As required in Rule 4202 (A):

1. The candidate must achieve at least the minimum in all three scores;
2. Each executed element must have a panel score greater than 0.00; and
3. There must not be more than one fall in a partnered free dance. For partnered free dance, the fall count is a maximum count for the program and not per partner. The total number of falls will be determined by checking the fall deduction value on the IJS protocol (see rule 1071).

Partnered Free Dance Test	Partnered Free Dance Competition Event	Minimum TES	Minimum PCS	Minimum TSS
<u>Bronze</u>	Juvenile	14.50	12.53	27.03
<u>Pre-Silver</u>	Intermediate	18.69	15.03	33.72
<u>Silver</u>	Novice	22.24	19.22	41.46
<u>Pre-Gold</u>	Junior	30.93	24.00	54.93
<u>Gold</u>	Senior	35.83	27.00	62.83

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

In accordance with Rules 4100 and 4200-4202, athletes may receive credit for certain tests by meeting minimum scores at a competition held under the International Judge System (IJS). The athlete must “skate-up” to the event for which they are seeking test credit, in addition to having already passed any prerequisites prior to the competition event.

Furthermore, skaters must request test credit to the local organizing committee **prior** to the start of their event. This is usually done at on-site registration or online.

Test credit is not granted automatically based on the competition result. Instead, the required documentation and applicable payment must be submitted to the test chair of the skater’s home club. Individual members must enter their results through the Members Only site to receive credit. Skaters have one year from the time they achieved the requirements at a competition to submit their documents for test credit. **Beginning Nov. 1, 2023, skaters will have 14 days from the time they achieved the requirements at a competition to submit their documents for test credit.**

Additional information and a [checklist](#) of the required documents can be found on the [Testing Overview page](#) of the [Members Only site](#), which can be accessed through the Skater Journey menu or the Testing menu.

We encourage skaters or their parents/guardians to check their test history between 14 and 30 days after a test has been taken or an IJS protocol test result has been submitted to ensure that the results have been properly entered. Skaters can access their test history from the [Members Only site](#) home page by clicking on their name in the upper right corner, and then clicking on the Skate Test History tab. Clubs have 14 days to enter test results before incurring late fees, but mistakes can happen, so checking test results in a timely fashion will help clubs avoid late fees and will also help skaters avoid challenges entering competitions due to missing information.

If a skater is missing a test, or a record is incorrect, they should contact the test chair of the club where the test was taken. If a test chair discovers an error, they should contact memberservices@usfigureskating.org to get the error corrected.