

VIRTUAL TESTING GUIDELINES FOR JERSEY COAST FIGURE SKATING CLUB

Frequently Asked Questions

1. *What is Virtual Testing?*

The skater's test is recorded on video, which is then sent by the Test Chair to a judging panel for review. The results are sent back to the Test Chair to give to the Coach.

2. *Who can record the Video?*

The Coach can ask anyone to record the video or the Coach can do it.

3. *Does the Video have to be recorded at a specific rink?*

No, the video can be recorded at any rink but must adhere to the rules described below.

4. *What should the skater wear?*

Please dress as if you were skating in front of an in-person judging panel with a neat appearance.

5. *What are the rules about the Video?*

- It is important that the videographer keeps the tester in frame, has the proper angle, and there are no obstructions. The skater must be framed from head to toe during the entire test.
- Maximum of 8 skaters may be on the ice during the test but the judges must be able to clearly see the test in progress.
- All Videos must be free of background noise.
- No Music can be played during the Moves in the Field Test.
- Music for Freestyle and Dance Tests must be clearly heard on the Video.
- The Video must not be edited and the test must be recorded continuously without breaks. If the video is deemed edited, it will be revoked.
- Prior to the candidate starting the test, the videographer will announce the test candidate's name, home club name and test name. A date and time stamp must be shown at the beginning of the video by holding up a mobile device in front of the camera that shows the date and time.

6. *When can a Test be recorded and submitted?*

Tests can be recorded within 30 days of the test session date.

7. *What paperwork is required?*

The Performance Affidavit and Release & Consent forms are required.

8. *How should the Video be recorded?*

- Videos must be recorded in landscape mode and must be of the highest quality possible (1080p preferred, minimum acceptable 720p, nothing less will be accepted).
- It is important that the skater is framed from head to toe during the entire test.

9. Please be aware of the following guidelines on Coaching during the Video:

- Skaters may stop briefly between moves in a moves-in-the-field test, but the stop must be brief (10 seconds or less). The video must continue recording the entire time. If stops between moves become too long, a new video may be required.
- There is to be no coaching of the skater during the performance of their test (with the exception of brief breaks between moves in the field tests and breaks between partnered and solo portions of a pattern dance test). Violation of this rule may disqualify the video.
- Because there are no re-skates in virtual testing, it is in the skater's best interest to not submit videos with missing elements or other major errors (such as moves out of order, less than the required number of patterns in a pattern dance, etc.).

10. *How does a Coach submit a Test?*

For each registered test, the coach will upload the Video to Google Drive as set up by the Test Chair. Paperwork must also be uploaded to the same Google Drive.