



HFSA TESTING POLICY

HFSA Testing Roster Policy

Purpose

To ensure fair, unbiased, and developmentally appropriate advancement of skaters through the testing structure, this policy outlines the criteria for placement on the official testing roster.

Eligibility Criteria

A skater may be placed on the testing roster only when the following conditions are met:

- The skater has demonstrated consistent proficiency in all required elements for the testing level.
- The skater has shown readiness through mock tests, lesson evaluations, and/or competition performance.
- The skater has maintained regular attendance in training sessions and has received adequate preparation time.

Coach Approval Requirement

To promote objectivity and avoid conflicts of interest, the following approval process is required:

- Two non-parent coaches must independently agree that the skater is ready to test.
- The coaches must be actively involved in evaluating the skater (whether in a lesson or private ice session) and hold current coaching credentials recognized by the club & governing body.

Enforcement

- Skaters who are placed on the roster without meeting these criteria may be removed from the testing schedule.
- Coaches who bypass this policy may be subject to disciplinary review by HFSA Board.

Placement

- Skaters will be placed on the testing roster by their primary coach once they have met the testing roster policy qualifications.
- Skaters in levels FS1 & above will be tested on the assigned night, dates and times to be determined.
- Only HFSA coaches can sign up a skater for testing.

HFSA Testing Policy: Freestyle 1 through Freestyle 6

- HFSA skaters testing the levels of FS1-FS6 are required to complete all official tests in Hutchinson by a panel of 3 non-parent judges unless granted an exception by Board approval, such as in cases where the testing session is cancelled.
 - To seek Board approval for a testing exception, submit a written request to the Board detailing the reason and any supporting circumstances.
- Skaters will be allowed to warm up at the start of the test session. Each skater will be on the ice individually (when possible) during his/her test period. There will be a \$35 non-refundable fee per skater for the ice time & cost of the test sessions.

- Each test session consists of 2 parts for the skater:
 - Compulsory
 - Skaters will complete the compulsory portion (no music) of the test first. The judges will call out each element in the testing level. The skater will then have 2 attempts to perform each element.
 - Program
 - Upon receiving a passing score on the compulsory test, the skater will perform their program to music in the allotted time for that level. The skater will need to perform each element in their program with a passing score. Each element can be attempted up to 3 times.
 - If the skater completes all elements in their program with the exception of missing only one element, then that missed element may be attempted 2 times after the program ends. A coach will call out this element after the program.
- A skater must pass both the compulsory & program tests to pass the level.
- 2 out of 3 judges must pass the skater.
- If the skater passes the compulsory portion of the test but does not receive a passing score on their program, they do not need to retest the compulsory portion of the test for up to one year. They can then retest their program for a fee of \$20 per test as long as their compulsory completion is still in effect.
- HFSA allows the testing levels of FS5 and up to retest after the test session is complete if time allows. The \$35 testing fee must be paid again, and the skater must retest the entire test. If a skater has already passed the compulsory portion, then only the program portion will need to be tested for a \$20 fee.
- Upon receiving a passing score, an ISI patch will be awarded to the skater.

HFSA Testing Policy: Freestyle 7

- The level of FS 7 must be tested by a panel of 3 Gold certified judges.
- HFSA skaters may test at an ISI competition or another club holding a test session with 3 certified gold judges.

HFSA Testing Policy: Freestyle 8 & 9

- HFSA skaters testing these levels must test at an ISI competition.

HFSA Testing Policy: Freestyle 10

- HFSA Skaters testing this level must test at an ISI National Sanctioned Event (i.e. World's Competition).

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