

4104 In lieu of testing with in-person judges, the member club may elect to host virtual testing for any moves in the field, free skate, pairs, pattern dance or free dance tests. Figure tests are not eligible for virtual testing.

A. Virtual testing is organized by the test chair or duly authorized representative of the member club. Tests are evaluated by qualified judges via video (see rule section 4530) and will be subject to all requirements as defined in the rules. Candidates must have met the prerequisites for the test by the date of the test session.

1. Reskating of any element, as described by rules 5040, 6238, 7237, 8241, 8339, and 8388, is not permitted for virtual tests.

2. Virtual tests are subject to the waiting period outlined in rule 4003.

B. Virtual testing may be conducted in one of two ways:

1. In the same manner as standard test sessions, but without judges officiating in person. The tests will be recorded and submitted to the judges for evaluation. The date the tests are recorded is the date of the test session.

2. Candidates may be allowed to submit their own recorded video of the test to the host club test chair. The submission deadline set by the test chair is the date of the test session. Videos must have been taken within 30 days of the submission deadline.

C. Video Requirements

1. A performance affidavit, and release and consent forms must be submitted with the candidate's video.

2. In order to guarantee the integrity of the virtual test environment, candidates must confirm a proctor for their performance.

a. The proctor must be an impartial person of authority (i.e., test chair, rink management, skating school director, board member or local skating official) but may NOT be a coach/choreographer who has worked with the candidate, a training mate who takes from the same coach or is a personal friend of the candidate, or a parent/guardian of the athlete or any training mates.

b. The videographer may also serve as the proctor if they meet the requirements in (a).

c. Proctors must watch the test performance, verify that the full performance was completed on the date and time indicated in the athlete's recording as a single continuous recording, and complete the performance affidavit.

3. 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.

4. A performance affidavit stating that the video is in its original format and has not been altered in any way must be signed by the candidate, the candidate's coach, the videographer, and the test proctor, and must accompany the video submission. If the candidate does not have a coach, the performance affidavit may be submitted without a coach's signature.

5. The video, performance affidavit and applicable payment must be submitted to the test chair hosting the virtual test session.

6. Virtual tests should be recorded with no more than eight other skaters on the ice, and the test candidate should be clearly identifiable. Videos should be free of background music or noise. Moves in the field tests should not have any music playing during the test, but audio must be recorded. Rule 5021 (E) does not apply to virtual tests.

7. The video and supporting documents must be submitted by the deadline set by the test chair.

8. Results of the test submission must be returned to the skater and coach within one week of the test session as defined in subparagraph B of this rule 4104.