

## **IFFSC Testing Policy for Basic and Junior Skaters**

Regular Season and Summer Session testing will adhere to the following testing procedure:

Testing will be held up to 5 times a year, 4 times during the regular season and once at the end of summer skating. Test sessions will be scheduled monthly and everyone will have the opportunity to test at that time (testing will **ONLY** be allowed at specified test sessions, if a skater is ill or unable to attend a test session the skater must contact the coach so they can make arrangements to have the skater tested at a later date). Snowplow Sam will not have a regular test session; they will be moved to Basic 1 at the coaches' discretion prior to the December test session. Placement for the Ice Show will be set after the December test session.

### **Testing Outside IFFSC:**

- If a skater receives additional instruction elsewhere and has advanced (tested) to another level of skating, IFFSC will honor this advancement if the skater provides a letter signed by a certified coach where the testing took place and/or the test sheet showing the successfully passed test.
- The skater must have the attached IFFSC Testing Form signed by his/her coach, his/her parent and a member of the IFFSC Board of Directors **prior** to testing outside the IFFSC.

### **IFFSC Testing:**

- Testing will not be done during private lessons.
- During private lessons, a coach may allow skaters to work on skills in other levels if they feel the skater is ready to advance.
- At the advisement of a coach, a skater may test more than one level at a time. (This advisement must come from a coach, not the skater or the parent.)
- While testing, the skater will be given 3 attempts to pass an element. If the element is not completed successfully after the 3rd attempt, the skater will not pass that element. The coach CANNOT allow the skater to go back and practice and retry. Once the skater does not pass an element it cannot be retested until the next test session.
- The coach may not show the skater how to do the element they are testing, it is important that the skater not only knows how to do the element, but what the element is by name.
- During test sessions, the coach will have 2 sheets and will check a pass or retry box. One copy will be kept in the skaters file and the other will be given to the skater so he or she knows what elements they need to work on. The skater will continue to work on passed skills, but will not be required to retest these skills at the next test session.

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## **IFFSC Testing Policy for Basic and Junior Skaters, continued**

### **New Skater Placement/Transfers:**

- Older skaters registering for the first time will be evaluated by the basic coach during the first 2 weeks of skating and placed in the level of their ability.
- If a skater transfers from a club that has the USFSA Basic Skills program, the skater will be placed in their current skating level.
- If a skater transfers from a club that is not a member of the USFSA, the skater will be evaluated by the Basic and/or Junior coach and placed in the correct level of skating.

[The following form can be found at [www.iffsc.org](http://www.iffsc.org).]

### **IFFSC Testing Form**

Any Basic or Junior skater that has the opportunity to receive additional instruction from another club (that will include testing) must have this form filled out and signed **prior** to testing at that club.

It must be signed by the skater's coach, the skater's parent and a member of the IFFSC Board of Directors. Once the skater returns, proof of the passed test must be provided to the test chair (letter from the professional coach that did the testing or a test sheet from that club). If these two items are not presented to the IFFSC Test Chair, the test advancement will not be honored.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (skater's name), will be attending a test session at \_\_\_\_\_ (club name). My USFSA # is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am currently at the \_\_\_\_\_ level. When I return to my home club I will provide the IFFSC Test Chair with a letter or a test sheet from a professional coach as to what testing I have passed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Skater's Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Skater's Coach

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IFFSC Board Member

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