

**JUDGES MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE GUIDELINES**  
**DANCE TEST JUDGES**  
**Effective Jan. 1, 2024**

**Dance Test Judge Trial Judge Tracks**

Trial judges are not required to have a skating background; however, trial judges who have passed a minimum level of test, achieved certain competitive accomplishments and/or earned a coaching accreditation will qualify for a “fast track” at the accelerated or advanced level.

Track	Advanced Track	Accelerated Track	Standard Track
<b>Skating or Coaching Requirements</b>	Have competed in a novice, junior or senior ice dance event at one of the following competitions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U.S. Ice Dance Final</li> <li>• Sectional figure skating championships</li> </ul> Or Have competed in a championship solo or partnered dance event at a U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships. Or Have competed in a junior or senior combined event at a National Solo Dance Final. Or Have earned a coach accreditation at the senior or masters level for ice dance Or Have the equivalent competitive experience with another ISU member federation.	Have passed, at minimum, one of the following tests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete standard pre-silver pattern dance test (lead or follow, partnered or solo)</li> <li>• Complete adult silver pattern dance test (lead or follow, partnered or solo)</li> </ul> Or Have earned a coach accreditation at level 1 or level 2 for ice dance	None

Trial judges may trial any test regardless of the track in which they are registered.

Those already named to the accelerated or advanced track based on previous criteria will remain in those tracks. Those previously named to the select track will be in the advanced track.

Trial judges who pass higher-level tests, earn a higher-level coach accreditation and/or who compete for the first time in one of the required competition events after beginning to trial judge may apply for promotion to a higher track here:

<https://fs12.formsite.com/USFSAIT/TJPromotion/index>

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#### Pre-Silver Dance Test Judge Appointment – Minimum Requirements

<b>Present Grade</b>	Prospective dance test judge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be registered with headquarters as a prospective judge or hold another appointment to have access to eLearning courses.</li> </ul>		
<b>Judges School</b>	Required within the two years preceding the date of the application. May be virtual or in-person, hosted by U.S. Figure Skating or a club/interclub.		
<b>eLearning</b>	<p>Required courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compliance for Officials</li> <li>Professionalism for Officials</li> <li>Introduction to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion*</li> <li>How to be a Trial Judge for Tests</li> <li>How to Judge Skating Skills, Pattern Dance and Free Dance Tests</li> <li>Turn Identification</li> <li>Skating skills courses for pre-preliminary and preliminary (one course), pre-bronze, bronze and pre-silver*</li> <li>Pattern dance courses for preliminary, pre-bronze, bronze and pre-silver*</li> </ul> <p>Each eLearning course may count toward more than one appointment, if applicable. Courses that include an assessment require a minimum score of 80 percent to count.</p> <p>*Some courses are still being written and produced. Applicants are only required to complete courses that are available prior to their application.</p>		
<b>Trial Judging Activity</b>	<p><b>Advanced Candidates</b></p> <p>The required trial judging activity can be in person or virtual, but at least <b>one in-person</b> trial judging session is required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum <b>10 skating skills</b> tests with at least one each from pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-bronze, bronze and pre-silver</li> <li>Minimum <b>two pattern dance</b> tests from each level (pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-bronze, bronze and pre-silver)</li> <li>Minimum <b>one bronze and one pre-silver free dance</b> test</li> </ul>	<p><b>Accelerated Candidates</b></p> <p>The required trial judging activity can be in person or virtual, but at least <b>two in-person</b> trial judging sessions are required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum <b>15 skating skills</b> tests with at least one each from pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-bronze, bronze and pre-silver</li> <li>Minimum <b>three pattern dance</b> tests from each level (pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-bronze, bronze and pre-silver)</li> <li>Minimum <b>one bronze and one pre-silver free dance</b> test</li> </ul>	<p><b>Standard Candidates</b></p> <p>The required trial judging activity can be in person or virtual, but at least <b>two in-person</b> trial judging sessions are required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum <b>20 skating skills</b> tests with at least one each from pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-bronze, bronze and pre-silver</li> <li>Minimum <b>four pattern dance</b> tests from each level (pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-bronze, bronze and pre-silver)</li> <li>Minimum <b>one bronze and one pre-silver free dance</b> test</li> </ul>
<b>Trial Judging Papers</b>	<p>The majority of pattern dance and free dance tests must be partnered.</p> <p>Applicants are encouraged to trial judge adult tests when the opportunities arise, but adult tests will not count toward the required trial judging.</p> <p>Papers submitted for appointment must be originals. Papers may be scanned and emailed or completed electronically.</p> <p>Papers must include comments, which must be legible.</p>		
<b>Trial Judging Accuracy</b>	<p>75 percent agreement with unanimously judged skating skills, pattern dance and free dance tests</p> <p>70 percent agreement with outcome for skating skills, pattern dance and free dance tests</p> <p>75 percent agreement with any judge for skating skills, pattern dance and free dance tests</p>		
<b>Promotional Exam</b>	<p>Must score at least 80 percent (this requirement cannot be modified)</p> <p>Exam will be emailed by headquarters after application is submitted</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successful completion of a promotional school conducted by the Judges Training Subcommittee may be substituted for trial judging experience.</li> <li>Trial papers and eLearning courses must be dated within the two years preceding the date of the application for promotion.</li> <li>Marks and comments must relate to each other, accurately identify elements and demonstrate knowledge of standards.</li> <li>Test Activity Report from the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only site should be submitted with the application.</li> <li>Applicants cannot have any open professional standards or ethics complaints or violations.</li> <li>Guidelines may be modified by the applicable sectional vice chair or the national vice chair of the Judges Management Subcommittee.</li> </ul>			

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#### Gold Dance Test Judge Appointment – Minimum Requirements

<b>Present Grade</b>	Pre-silver dance test judge		
<b>eLearning</b>	<p>Required courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officials Philosophy</li> <li>• Communication and Feedback</li> <li>• Skating skills courses for silver, pre-gold and gold*</li> <li>• Pattern dance courses for silver, pre-gold and gold*</li> </ul> <p>Each eLearning course may count toward more than one appointment, if applicable. Courses that include an assessment require a minimum score of 80 percent to count.</p> <p>*Some courses are still being written and produced. Applicants are only required to complete courses that are available prior to their application.</p>		
<b>Trial Judging Activity</b>	<p><b>Advanced Candidates</b></p> <p>The required trial judging activity can be in person or virtual, but at least <b>one in-person</b> trial judging session is required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum of <b>six skating skills</b> tests with at least one each from silver, pre-gold and gold</li> <li>• Minimum of <b>two pattern dance</b> tests from each level (silver, pre-gold and gold)</li> <li>• Minimum of <b>one silver, one pre-gold and one gold free dance</b> test</li> </ul>	<p><b>Accelerated Candidates</b></p> <p>The required trial judging activity can be in person or virtual, but at least <b>two in-person</b> trial judging sessions are required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum of <b>nine skating skills</b> tests with at least one each from silver, pre-gold and gold</li> <li>• Minimum of <b>three pattern dance</b> tests from each level (silver, pre-gold and gold)</li> <li>• Minimum of <b>one silver, one pre-gold and one gold free dance</b> test</li> </ul>	<p><b>Standard Candidates</b></p> <p>The required trial judging activity can be in person or virtual, but at least <b>two in-person</b> trial judging sessions are required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum of <b>12 skating skills</b> tests with at least one each from silver, pre-gold and gold</li> <li>• Minimum of <b>four pattern dance</b> tests from each level (silver, pre-gold and gold)</li> <li>• Minimum of <b>one silver, one pre-gold and one gold free dance</b> test</li> </ul>
<b>Trial Judging Papers</b>	<p>The majority of pattern dance and free dance tests must be partnered.</p> <p>Applicants are encouraged to trial judge adult tests when the opportunities arise, but adult tests will not count toward the required trial judging.</p> <p>Papers submitted for appointment must be originals. Papers may be scanned and emailed or completed electronically.</p> <p>Papers must include comments, which must be legible.</p>		
<b>Trial Judging Accuracy</b>	<p>85 percent agreement with unanimously judged skating skills, pattern dance and free dance tests</p> <p>85 percent agreement with outcome for skating skills, pattern dance and free dance tests</p> <p>90 percent agreement with any judge for skating skills, pattern dance and free dance tests</p>		
<b>Test Judging Activity/Accuracy</b>	<p>Judged at a minimum of two different test sessions at pre-silver level</p> <p>85 percent agreement with outcome of tests judged</p>		
<b>Promotional Exam</b>	<p>Must score at least 80 percent (this requirement cannot be modified)</p> <p>Exam will be emailed by headquarters after application is submitted</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful completion of a promotional school conducted by the Judges Training Subcommittee may be substituted for trial judging experience.</li> <li>• Trial papers and eLearning courses must be dated within the two years preceding the date of the application for promotion.</li> <li>• Marks and comments must relate to each other, accurately identify elements and demonstrate knowledge of standards.</li> <li>• Test Activity Report from the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only site should be submitted with the application.</li> <li>• Applicants cannot have any open professional standards or ethics complaints or violations.</li> <li>• Guidelines may be modified by the applicable sectional vice chair or the national vice chair of the Judges Management Subcommittee.</li> <li>• Officials who earn a qualifying dance competition judge appointment will automatically earn a gold dance test judge appointment.</li> </ul>		

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**International Dance Test Judge Appointment – Minimum Requirements**

<b>Present Grade</b>	Gold dance test judge		
<b>eLearning</b>	Required course: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courses for international pattern dances*</li> </ul> Each eLearning course may count toward more than one appointment, if applicable. Courses that include an assessment require a minimum score of 80 percent to count. *Some courses are still being written and produced. Applicants are only required to complete courses that are available prior to their application.		
<b>Trial Judging Activity</b>	<b>Advanced Candidates</b> The required trial judging activity can be in person or virtual. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum of <b>10 international pattern dances</b> with at least three different dances</li> </ul>	<b>Accelerated Candidates</b> The required trial judging activity can be in person or virtual. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum of <b>15 international pattern dances</b> with at least five different dances</li> </ul>	<b>Standard Candidates</b> The required trial judging activity can be in person or virtual. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum of <b>20 international pattern dances</b> with at least eight different dances</li> </ul>
<b>Trial Judging Papers</b>	The majority of tests must be partnered. Applicants are encouraged to trial judge adult tests when the opportunities arise, but adult tests will not count toward the required trial judging. Papers submitted for appointment must be originals. Papers may be scanned and emailed or completed electronically. Papers must include comments, which must be legible.		
<b>Trial Judging Accuracy</b>	85 percent agreement with unanimously judged tests 85 percent agreement with outcome of tests 90 percent agreement with any judge		
<b>Test Judging Activity/Accuracy</b>	Judged at a minimum of two different test sessions at gold level 85 percent agreement with outcome of tests judged		
<b>Promotional Exam</b>	Must score at least 80 percent (this requirement cannot be modified) Exam will be emailed by headquarters after application is submitted		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful completion of a promotional school conducted by the Judges Training Subcommittee may be substituted for trial judging experience.</li> <li>• Trial papers and eLearning courses must be dated within the two years preceding the date of the application for promotion.</li> <li>• Marks and comments must relate to each other, accurately identify elements and demonstrate knowledge of standards.</li> <li>• Test Activity Report from the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only site should be submitted with the application.</li> <li>• Applicants cannot have any open professional standards or ethics complaints or violations.</li> <li>• Guidelines may be modified by the applicable sectional vice chair or the national vice chair of the Judges Management Subcommittee.</li> <li>• Officials who earn a sectional dance competition judge appointment will automatically earn an international dance test judge certification.</li> </ul>		