

JUDGES MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE GUIDELINES
SINGLES TEST JUDGES
Effective Jan. 1, 2024

Singles 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
Skating or Coaching Requirements	Have competed in a novice, junior or senior singles or pairs event at one of the following competitions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sectional singles final • U.S. Pairs Final • Sectional figure skating championships Or Have competed in a junior or senior singles event at the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships. Or Have competed in a championship masters singles or championship pairs event at a U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships. Or Have earned a coach accreditation at the senior or masters level for singles or pairs 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"> • Silver singles • Silver pairs • Adult gold singles • Adult gold pairs Or Have earned a coach accreditation at level 1 or level 2 for singles or pairs	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 Singles Test Judge Appointment – Minimum Requirements

Present Grade	Prospective singles test judge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be registered with headquarters as a prospective judge or hold another appointment to have access to eLearning courses. 		
Judges School	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.		
eLearning	<p>Required courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance for Officials Professionalism for Officials Introduction to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion* How to be a Trial Judge for Tests How to Judge Skating Skills and Singles Tests Turn Identification Jump Identification Skating skills courses for pre-preliminary and preliminary (one course), pre-bronze, bronze and pre-silver* <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>		
Trial Judging Activity	<p>Advanced Candidates</p> <p>The required trial judging activity can be in person or virtual, but at least one in-person trial judging session is required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 10 skating skills tests with at least one each from pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-bronze, bronze and pre-silver Minimum of 10 singles tests with at least one each from pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-bronze, bronze and pre-silver 	<p>Accelerated Candidates</p> <p>The required trial judging activity can be in person or virtual, but at least two in-person trial judging sessions are required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 15 skating skills tests with at least one each from pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-bronze, bronze and pre-silver Minimum of 15 singles tests with at least one each from pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-bronze, bronze and pre-silver 	<p>Standard Candidates</p> <p>The required trial judging activity can be in person or virtual, but at least two in-person trial judging sessions are required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 20 skating skills tests with at least one each from pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-bronze, bronze and pre-silver Minimum of 20 singles tests with at least one each from pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-bronze, bronze and pre-silver
Trial Judging Papers	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.		
Trial Judging Accuracy	75 percent agreement with unanimously judged skating skills and singles tests 70 percent agreement with outcome for skating skills and singles tests 75 percent agreement with any judge for skating skills and singles tests		
Promotional Exam	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"> Successful completion of a promotional school conducted by the Judges Training Subcommittee may be substituted for trial judging experience. Trial papers and eLearning courses must be dated within the two years preceding the date of the application for promotion. Marks and comments must relate to each other, accurately identify elements and demonstrate knowledge of standards. Test Activity Report from the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only site should be submitted with the application. Applicants cannot have any open professional standards or ethics complaints or violations. Guidelines may be modified by the applicable sectional vice chair or the national vice chair of the Judges Management Subcommittee 		

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Gold Singles Test Judge Appointment – Minimum Requirements

Present Grade	Pre-silver singles test judge		
eLearning	<p>Required courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officials Philosophy • Communication and Feedback • Skating skills courses for silver, pre-gold and gold* <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 the courses that are available prior to their application.</p>		
Trial Judging Activity	<p>Advanced Candidates</p> <p>The required trial judging activity can be in person or virtual, but at least one in-person trial judging session is required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of six skating skills tests with at least one each from silver, pre-gold and gold • Minimum of six singles tests with at least one each from silver, pre-gold and gold 	<p>Accelerated Candidates</p> <p>The required trial judging activity can be in person or virtual, but at least two in-person trial judging sessions are required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of nine skating skills tests with at least one each from silver, pre-gold and gold • Minimum of nine singles tests with at least one each from silver, pre-gold and gold 	<p>Standard Candidates</p> <p>The required trial judging activity can be in person or virtual, but at least two in-person trial judging sessions are required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of 12 skating skills tests with at least one each from silver, pre-gold and gold • Minimum of 12 singles tests with at least one each from silver, pre-gold and gold
Trial Judging Papers	<p>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.</p>		
Trial Judging Accuracy	<p>85 percent agreement with unanimously judged skating skills and singles tests 85 percent agreement with outcome for skating skills and singles tests 90 percent agreement with any judge for skating skills and singles tests</p>		
Test Judging Activity/Accuracy	<p>Judged at a minimum of two different test sessions at pre-silver level 85 percent agreement with outcome of tests judged</p>		
Promotional Exam	<p>Must score at least 80 percent (this requirement cannot be modified) Exam will be emailed by headquarters after application is submitted</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful completion of a promotional school conducted by the Judges Training Subcommittee may be substituted for trial judging experience. • Trial papers and eLearning courses must be dated within the two years preceding the date of the application for promotion. • Marks and comments must relate to each other, accurately identify elements and demonstrate knowledge of standards. • Test Activity Report from the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only site should be submitted with the application. • Applicants who meet the requirements for the accelerated or advanced track through the corresponding pairs tests and/or pairs competitions may be granted a gold pairs test judge certification in conjunction with their gold singles test judge appointment. • Applicants cannot have any open professional standards or ethics complaints or violations. • Guidelines may be modified by the applicable sectional vice chair or the national vice chair of the Judges Management Subcommittee. • Officials who earn a qualifying singles/pairs competition judge appointment will automatically earn a gold singles test judge appointment and gold pairs test judge certification. 		