



- **WHO** can become a U.S. Figure Skating test judge?
  - Anyone willing and able to uphold the ethical standards of U.S. Figure Skating can become an official (**this includes coaches and current athletes**). You can start trial judging at 16 and can earn your first appointment at 18 years old. Candidates must be fully compliant to trial judge.
  - Tests are the backbone of our athlete's development, so this is a great way to give back and help your local clubs!
- **WHAT** types of test judges are there?
  - Singles
  - Dance

Earning a singles or dance test appointment qualifies you to also judge the equivalent skating skills test. You will trial judge skating skills test alongside a singles and/or pattern dance and free dance tests. Certification to judge pairs tests is earned separately through a singles/pairs [competition judge appointment](#).

- **HOW** can I become a test judge?
  - Applicants must be [registered members](#) of U.S. Figure Skating in good standing. Fill out the interest form to register as a prospective trial judge [here](#). You will then have to become a compliant official and SkateSafe® certified prior to trial judging.
- **WHERE** can I trial judge or gain the necessary experience for an appointment?
  - Test sessions are conducted both virtually and in-person. While [virtual options](#) are convenient, there are minimum in-person trial judging requirements. Getting trial judging experience in both environments makes a candidate well-rounded and prepared to judge in our hybrid world. U.S. Figure Skating also hosts in-person and virtual schools or seminars for education and promotion a few times per year.
- **WHEN** can I become a test judge?
  - Generally, the more that candidates prioritize their activity, the sooner they receive their first appointment. Candidates need to decide when they have the time and ability to prepare and fulfill the required activity for their desired appointments. Figure skating is hard, and that includes analyzing skating! It's okay if now is not the right time; we welcome candidates to start at any stage in their lives.
- **WHY** should I become a test judge?
  - This is the most important question! Everyone's "why" is a little different, but it is an honor and a privilege to serve as a U.S. Figure Skating official at any level. You get the opportunity to be involved and give back to a sport you love while building long-lasting relationships with a community of your peers who share a similar passion. Whether your role is with your local clubs or as a national official, there is a place for you as a U.S. Figure Skating official.

**Reserve your spot for some of the best seats in the house!**

Email [USFSRecruitment@gmail.com](mailto:USFSRecruitment@gmail.com) with any questions

**Ready to start? Complete the [interest form](#) to get registered.**