

TEST DAYS—A brief explanation

What are test days?:

Throughout the season the Club holds Test Days (as printed in the list of important dates at the back of this book) where skaters may try a test in front of an evaluator/judge (who are all volunteers within Skate Canada). The evaluator/judge will decide whether the skater is at a “pass” or “retry” standard. If a skater is in a “retry” position, they will have to try the test at a later test date.

What does Low & High Tests mean?:

Indicates the level of test that is being tried. Below outlines the levels:

- **Low:** Preliminary, Junior Bronze & Senior Bronze Dances, Freeskates & Skills
- **High:** Junior Silver, Senior Silver & Gold Dances, Freeskates & Skills, Diamond Dances, Interpretive and Competitive*** Tests

***Competitive & occasionally Diamond dance Tests are performed on Centralized Test Days held during the season by COS. Consult your coach for dates.

When does a skater try a test?:

First, **the skater must be taking private lessons**, and then the coach will decide when a skater is ready to test. The coach will then let the skater and/or parent know that the skaters' test has been submitted for testing and how much the test will cost (see next page for procedures for trying tests). Skater will be given a test day submission slip.

Test Day Schedules—How is it determined/when is it posted?:

The actual schedule for a Test Day is at the discretion of COS and determined by the availability of judges/evaluators. The schedule is usually posted 1 week before test day. Skaters/parents are responsible for checking bulletin boards for the schedule. Schedules will also be posted on the website. All skaters are to be at the arena 1 hour before their tests **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**.

Who does it affect?:

Test days apply to skaters on the **A to E Sessions**. Test Days are set during regular ice time and are scheduled throughout the year (see schedule on outside back cover of brochure).

What to Expect on the Actual Test Day:

Your skater should be prepared in the following manner on test day:

1. Arrive at the arena **1 hour** before the test.
2. Skater should be in the proper attire i.e. girls in skating dresses & tights with hair done neatly & make-up (optional) & boys in skating pants and dress shirt.
3. Skaters to change in the dressing rooms before their test so that coaches and ice captains may find you.
4. Parents to stay in the dressing room area not in the area where skaters are entering and exiting the ice surface.
5. Following the test the skater will receive a test paper where the results and comments are written.
6. Skaters & parents to wait for their results in the arena lobby where either the test chair or your coach will give you your paper. The distribution of test papers/results is dependent upon when the evaluator has finished processing them and officially signs off on them.
7. Remember to discuss your test with your coach and partner.

Any other questions about test days should be directed to your coach. COACHES are your greatest source of information.

What is the Official Procedure for trying a test?:

The following procedure occurs in order for a skater to try a test:

1. Coaches submit a Test List to the Test Chair 3 weeks prior to Test Day.
2. The test chair reports the test lists into Central Ontario Section Head Office.
3. The test chair prepares a “Coaches Pull List” and posts it in the Coaches Room.
4. PULL OUT DAY is 2 weeks prior to test day. **ONLY COACHES HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO PULL TESTS.** The Coaches will report pulls to Test Chair.
5. The Test Chair reports all pulls into COS Head Office.
6. The final draft of the test list is placed in the Club Office & Coaches Room.
7. Coach will give skater a “Test Day Submission Slip”
8. Skaters/Parents are then permitted to pay for tests right after the Pull Date.

How much are the Test Fees?:

ALL TESTS ARE \$15

With all tests, there is a fee to try the test. Test fees include a charge sent to Skate Canada and a \$5.00 administration fee. **NOTE: Centralized Test fees & costs are determined by COS. The skater will be informed of the test fees & the due date when submitting the test and will be responsible for any additional fees charged to the club by COS.**

TEST FEE PAYMENT POLICY:

Test fees are paid in the Club Office approximately **3** days prior to Test Day* by CASH, CHEQUE, VISA OR DEBIT. If test fees are not submitted by the due date the **name of the skater/parent will be posted on bulletin board.**

If fees are still not submitted prior to skater taking the ice the following will occur:

1. **The skater will not be permitted to try the test**
2. **The test will be recorded as a “retry”**
3. **The skater will still be responsible for the test fee**
4. **Skater will not be eligible to test subsequent test days until fee is paid**

As well, in order to be eligible to try the test the skater must also be in good standing with the Club—i.e. **appropriate membership fees must be paid or the skater will not be able to test.**

REFUND POLICY—refunds will only be given after Pull-Out Day due to medical reasons. Medical note must be submitted within 1 week after the test date—if not received the test will go down as a retry and skater/coach will be responsible for the test fee. No refunds will be given to skaters who do not test due to their own decision or due to other conflicts other than medical.

***Please note if the Club Office is not open, fees may be dropped into the club mailbox (located at the top of the stairs leading to dressing room level).**

TEST DAY ETIQUETTE:

All spectators must show respect for the skaters, coaches & evaluators during test days. There is to be no horseplay in any part of the arena during these times especially in the presence of the judges & while skaters are on the ice. Only officials, judges & coaches will be permitted access to the Office & beyond the judging area.

It is the responsibility of the Coach to monitor the skater's behaviour in the dressing rooms and on the ice. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to monitor/control the skater's behaviour elsewhere in the arena. Etiquette on test days applies whether the event is held at East York or at another Club. Skaters behaving inappropriately at such events would be violating EYSC Rules & Regulations & subject to disciplinary action. There will no be exceptions to these rules!!!