

Competitive Tests

Questions and & Answers

1) What will happen to a skater who achieves a pass mark at a competition but doesn't have the equivalent Field Moves? Will they have a period of time to get them?

Under current competitive test rules there is no compulsion to apply for the test simply because you have achieved the score.

However it is under consideration whether to introduce a cap next season on the number of times you can achieve the score without applying for the test (3?).

There are no caps on the maximum level of Field Moves for the levels within the generic criteria, solo dance criteria or championships, hence a logical strategy would be to take the next level Field Moves test in advance of achieving the scores and passing the competitive test. Hence basically nothing changes with respect to Field Moves, prudent skaters will plan ahead to take any necessary FM tests as part of their strategy for the season.

2) If a singles skater who only has 1 part e.g. Elements or Free at their current level, enters a competition and achieves the pass mark for next level up.

a) Will they be awarded pass for the element/free segment still to be achieved at the lower level or will they have to pass the outstanding part?

They would be credited with the full competitive test and any part of the level below they do not hold, but would have to pay for both the competitive test and the section of the level below they are also being credited with.

b) Not be able to claim the test pass at the next level until the outstanding segment at the level has been completed? See Above.

3) How many times will a skater be allowed to enter a competition, get a pass mark for next level and then not apply for that test? Will NISA be putting a number on this before they have to apply for next level?

Please see the answer to question 1.

4) Will there be a time limit after an event in which a skater will have to apply for the competitive test pass?

As per the current competitive test system once the competition has been approved an announcement will be placed on the website giving skaters a fixed time to apply by (1 month)

5) Will there be new paperwork for the Free Skating tests with current timings on as per Generic Criteria as the document published on NISA website had old timings on?

The timings in the new test manual are correct. You need to remember when taking a test under the generic criteria you are taking the level above that under the Standard Test system i.e. if you skating at level 3 in the Generic Criteria and achieve the scores you are skating the equivalent of level 4 in the Standard Test criteria.

6) Will the cost of the competitive test be the same price as is on the test application paper?

For the new competitive test levels 1-7 the cost of the tests will be the equivalent of the sum of the Elements and Free tests at the same level in the Standard Test System. i.e. a level 3 competitive test will cost the same as the sum of the Level 3 Elements Test plus the Level 3 Free Test. The fees for Levels 8, 9 & 10 remain as per the existing Advanced Novice, Junior and Senior competitive tests.

7) Is the new Competitive Test system still commencing on 1st March 2015?

The competitive tests will be authorised for individual competitions as they occur and will include the recent Bradford Opens.. It was the new Standard Test criteria that is being introduced on the 1st of March. This has now been deferred to the 30th March. There will be a 3 month overlap with the current system where the skater can elect to take the test under either criteria.

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