



USFS Testing Changes

1) General

As of July 1, 2023, USFS will be renaming test types and test levels and are adding new tracks for solo and partnered pattern dance. This was approved at Governing Council in 2022.

Free Skate tests will now be Singles tests and Moves in the Field tests will now be Skating Skills tests.

2) Test level name changes

- a. Will affect Singles, Skating Skills, Pairs, Solo Free Dance, and Partnered Free Dance.
- b. The test level name changes are as follows:
 - i. Pre-Juvenile becomes Pre-Bronze
 - ii. Juvenile becomes Bronze
 - iii. Intermediate becomes Pre-Silver
 - iv. Novice becomes Silver
 - v. Junior becomes Pre-Gold
 - vi. Senior becomes Gold
- c. You will notice in the software that we are concatenating the new and the old name to assist in the transition.

3) Solo Pattern Dance and Partnered Pattern Dance tests may be taken as LEAD (fka man's steps) or as FOLLOW (fka woman's steps)

- a. We will be updating our current Solo and Partnered Pattern Dance sections in the test session configuration as "FOLLOW" (those of you who have test sessions currently configured and have skaters registered in these categories will need to ask the skater which steps they are taking and move them to the new section if they want to take the test as "LEAD")
- b. We will be creating new solo and partnered pattern dance sections as "LEAD"
- c. All the tracks will still be valid – Standard, Adult 21+, Adult 50+ and we are adding Skate United as a track.

4) We will be splitting out the adult tests from the Standard Singles and Skating Skills categories into their own

- a. Will allow for better identification
- b. Adding the Adult Intermediate through Adult Senior Singles tests to that category
- c. There will be 2 tracks
 - i. Adult 21+
 - ii. Adult 50+



- 5) **We will be adding a Standard and a Skate United track to all of the standard Singles, Solo Free Dance, Skating Skills, and Partnered Free Dance test categories so skaters will need to select one or the other. Skate United does not apply to the adult categories.**

Be aware of new changes that take effect July 1 that were passed or communicated at Governing Council this year:

- 1) Virtual test videos must be filmed within 14 days of the video submission deadline for a virtual test
- 2) Skaters must clearly identify themselves in all virtual tests – including partnered pattern and free dance – just having someone else say the name is not acceptable anymore and there must be a digital timestamp from a phone/device that has the day and month along with the time visible at the beginning of the test
- 3) Test fees to USFS were raised to 8.00 per test – make sure you plan for the increase in fees