

**L****TESTS****1 General Provisions**

- 1.1 The classes of tests are;
  - 1.1.1 Skating Skills
  - 1.1.2 Singles
  - 1.1.3 Pairs
  - 1.1.4 Ice Dance
  - 1.1.5 Synchronised Skating
- 1.2 Such tests shall be conducted in accordance with these regulations. Any test not so conducted shall be null and void.
- 1.3 Any reference to a candidate in Section L of these regulations shall have the meaning:
  - 1.3.1 in Skating Skills Tests, a man or a lady constitutes the candidate;
  - 1.3.2 in Singles Skating Tests, a man or lady constitutes the candidate for Singles Elements in Isolation Tests, Singles Free Skating Tests and Singles Star Tests;
  - 1.3.3 in Pairs Skating Tests, the pair consisting of a man and a lady constitutes the candidate for Pairs Elements in Isolation tests, Pairs Free Skating tests and Pairs Star Tests unless one (1) of the members of the candidate has already passed the test;
  - 1.3.4 in Couples Ice Dance Tests, the lady or the man constitutes the candidate in the case of the Pattern Dance Tests, and in the case of the Couples Ice Dance Star tests, the couple consisting of a man and a lady constitutes the candidate, unless one (1) of the members of the candidate has already passed the test;
  - 1.3.5 In Solo Ice Dance Tests, the lady or the man constitutes the candidate in the case of the Pattern Dance Ice Dance Tests, and in the case of Solo Ice Dance Star Tests, the man or the lady constitutes the candidate.

1.3.6 in Synchronised Skating Tests, the team consisting of the individual members of the team constitutes the candidate taking part in the Test unless one (1) or more of the team members of the candidate have already passed the test.

A candidate who has previously passed the test being attempted is not affected by a failure in a subsequent test where he/she is taking part as a partner or team member.

1.4 Only eligible members of SAFSA, who are coached by SAFSA approved coaches, may take part as a candidate or a partner in tests except that remunerated coaches may not take part in any Star Tests.

1.5 Applications to undertake any test shall be made to the Test Secretary of the Provincial Committee concerned at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date desired to undertake such test. The application shall be made on the form obtainable from the Test Secretary (Appendix No. 5) and shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed by the most recent communication of the Council of SAFSA. In the case of Singles, Pairs, Ice Dance and Synchronised Skating Star Tests, the candidate and his or her coach is responsible to, together with the application and prescribed fee, submit the fully completed Program Content Sheet indicating the order of the elements to be performed and in the case of spins, step sequences and spiral sequences the planned level including the planned features as motivation for the planned level of the respective element.

1.6 Withdrawal of candidate:

1.6.1 A candidate who withdraws within fourteen (14) days of the time announced for the test shall be liable for the test fee;

1.6.2 The candidate's name shall be entered on the summary sheet and marked as "not attempted". The test shall be considered as a failed test and may not be attempted again within a period of twenty-six (26) days;

1.6.3 The above shall not apply if a medical certificate is presented showing that illness or accident necessitated the withdrawal. The Referee may waive this rule if an accident occurs during the pre-test warm-up forcing the candidate to withdraw.

1.7 No candidate for any test shall be judged if the candidate's membership fees and/or test fees are in arrears. It shall be

the responsibility of the Test Secretary to determine that the candidate's membership and/or test fees are not in arrears.

- 1.8 It is the responsibility of the candidate to make such arrangements as may be necessary to ensure that the music (if any) required for the purposes of the test shall be played.
- 1.9 The Test Secretary shall, no later than seven (7) days prior to the test date, post a notice within the ice rink where such test shall take place detailing the tests and candidates names that shall be tested on such date.
- 1.10 A Test Referee, who shall be a Senior National Judge as listed by the most recent NJTC communication, must be appointed at every testing event and shall not, where possible, judge/evaluate any tests. The Test Referee, in conjunction with the Test Secretary, shall determine the order in which the tests shall be taken and generally supervise the running of the tests in an orderly and timely manner.
- 1.11 The Test Referee may, where possible and at his/hers discretion, allow more than one (1) candidate to be tested on the ice surface at any time.
- 1.12 No Judge or Evaluator may judge or evaluate more than one (1) candidate at a time.
- 1.13 During a test only the candidate(s) shall be on the ice surface in use for the test and warm-up. The Test Referee may permit other persons on the ice surface at his/hers discretion.
- 1.14 A candidate is not permitted to receive coaching from the time he is called by the Test Referee to skate his performance until its completion. Coaching is permissible between the performance of Pattern Dances or isolated elements. The Test Referee may disqualify a candidate who violates this rule and may bar from the ice rink any person who disregards it.
- 1.15 There shall be no appeal from the ruling of the Evaluator/Judge/Test Referee in tests.
- 1.16 The Test Referee, in conjunction with the Judges, shall cancel any test where the conditions of the ice or music are in their opinion unsatisfactory.
- 1.17 The candidate may skate each item of the test (where applicable with the same partner) in any order the candidate wishes except in the case of the Skating Skills Tests, the Singles and Pairs Skating Elements in Isolation Tests and the Pattern Dance Tests that must be skated in the order listed.

Reskates may, at the discretion of the Judges/Evaluators, be required before or after the candidate undertakes any solo or free portion of the test. The Judges shall mark the performance as reskated, the original mark deleted but not obliterated. The mark for the reskated element shall have the prefix "RS".

- 1.18 The Judge(s)/Evaluator(s) shall inform the candidate, when allowed by these regulations, verbally whether he/her/they require the reskating of a required element(s) / Pattern Dance(s). The candidate shall be allowed two (2) minutes, irrespective of the amount of elements / Pattern Dance, to warm-up the specific element(s) / Pattern Dance(s) that require reskating. Following the two (2) minute warm-up period the Judge(s)/Evaluator(s) shall inform the candidate of the expiry of this warm-up period and the candidate shall then immediately be required to execute this/these element(s) / Pattern Dance(s) for the Judge(s) / Evaluator(s).
- 1.19 A candidate who is successful in a SAFSA test, provided that all parts are successful, shall receive the appropriate diploma from the Provincial Chairman, except in the case of all Gold grade tests in which case the SAFSA President shall award the respective diploma, and may purchase a medal of the appropriate grade of test passed from SAFSA (refer to Section U, part 1). A candidate who has failed in any test, or part thereof, may not again be judged/evaluated for the same test, or part thereof, within a period of twenty-six (26) days after such failure.
- 1.20 Following the completion of a test, whether successful or not, the Judge(s)/Evaluator(s) shall submit the Test Evaluation Sheet to the Test Referee. The Test Referee shall check the Test Evaluation Sheet and shall record the result of the test on the Test Summary Sheet (Appendix No. 6). The Test Referee shall then detach the appropriate lower portion of the Test Evaluation Sheet and hand it over to the candidate. The remaining portion of the Test Evaluation Sheet shall be retained by the host province for a minimum of two (2) years. The Test Summary Sheet, a copy being retained by the host province for a minimum of two (2) years, shall be submitted to the NJTC Secretary and a second copy to the National Secretary at the headquarters of SAFSA within one (1) calendar month and at the cost of the Provincial Committee concerned.
- 1.21 The Singles-, Pairs-, Ice Dancing- and Synchronised Gold Star, Singles- and Pairs- Gold Free Skating and Ice Dancing Gold tests may not be skated on an ice surface with

dimensions less than those specified by the most recent NJTC communication.

1.22 Substitution of a Testing Event with a Championship Result for Singles, Pairs, Ice Dance and Synchronised Skating Star Tests

1.22.1 Single, Pair, Ice Dance and Synchronised Skating candidates may under certain circumstances submit the results achieved at an Interprovincial or Provincial Championship in lieu of taking part in a Singles, Pairs, Ice Dance or Synchronised Skating Star Test event for accreditation as a pass for a particular Star Test;

1.22.2 The submission of the result will only be considered if the candidate:

1.22.2.1 at the time of taking part in the Interprovincial or Provincial Championship meets the minimum requirements to attempt the respective Singles, Pairs, Ice Dance or Synchronised Skating Star Test;

1.22.2.2 in the case of the Singles Skating discipline, competed in the respective section that corresponds to the Star Test Level, namely (a) for the Singles Bronze Star Test the Juvenile section, (b) for the Singles Intersilver Star Test the Pre-novice section, (c) for the Singles Silver Star Test the Novice section, (d) for the Singles Intergold Star Test the Junior section and (e) for the Singles Gold Star Test the Senior section;

1.22.2.3 in the case of the Pairs Skating discipline, competed in the respective section that corresponds to the Star Test Level, namely (a) for the Pairs Bronze Star Test the Pre-Novice section, (b) for the Pairs Silver Star Test the Novice section, (c) for the Pairs Intergold Star Test the Junior section and (d) for the Pairs Gold Star Test the Senior section;

1.22.2.4 in the case of the Ice Dance Skating discipline, competed in the Rhythm or Free Dance Segments of the respective

section that corresponds to the Star Test Level, namely (a) for the Ice Dance Bronze Star Test the Pre-Novice section, (b) for the Ice Dance Intersilver Star Test the Intermediate Novice section, (c) for the Ice Dance Silver Star Test the Advanced Novice section, (d) for the Ice Dance Intergold Star Test the Junior section and (e) for the Ice Dance Gold Star Test the Senior section;

- 1.22.2.5 in the case of the Synchronised Skating discipline, competed in the respective section that corresponds to the Star Test Level, namely (a) for the Synchronised Skating Bronze Star Test the Novice section, (b) for the Synchronised Skating Silver Star Test the Junior section and (c) for the Synchronised Skating Gold Star Test the Senior section; and
- 1.22.2.6 the result being submitted was not achieved more than three (3) months prior to the request;
- 1.22.3 The candidate must submit the official ISU Judging System protocol of his or her result indicating the details of the program and the Total Segment Score achieved as well as the date when the minimum requirements for the respective Star Test level were met;
- 1.22.4 The request that the result be accredited as a Star Test pass must be submitted through the Test Secretary of the Province in which the candidate is a member;
- 1.22.5 Such request and protocol must be submitted to both the National Secretary and the Chairperson of the NTC for consideration and final decision;
- 1.22.6 The Provincial Committee and the National Secretary will be informed by the Chairperson of the NTC of the final decision;
- 1.22.7 The date on the test certificate reflecting the date on which the Star Test was passed shall be the actual date that the competitive programme was performed at the Interprovincial or Provincial Championship concerned; and

- 1.22.8 The provisions of L.1.6.2 shall not apply with respect to the twenty six (26) day waiting period and thus the submission of an Interprovincial or Provincial result for accreditation within the twenty six (26) day waiting period is permitted.
- 1.23 All Tests for any discipline must be performed by the candidate on the ice surface in the physical presence of the evaluation (Judges/Technical members) panels.
- 1.24 No candidate may attempt the same Star Test more than twice during a skating season at a Testing Event.
- 1.25 Candidates who have passed the equivalent Test in other countries are permitted to, through the Test Secretary in the Province in which the candidate is registered, submit a request to the NTC Chairperson to have these Tests accredited for the equivalent Discipline and Test series in the SAFSA structure. It shall be the responsibility of the NTC Chairperson to perform the necessary due diligence in order to ascertain that the candidate has indeed achieved the necessary outcomes and standard envisaged in the SAFSA Test structure for the Discipline and level concerned.
- 1.26 The Province organising the Testing Event is not obliged to offer all the different tests at every Testing Event and has complete freedom to limit the number of candidates attempting tests to fit into the allocated time and Officials available to conduct such tests.

## **2 Skating Skills Tests**

- 2.1 The candidate shall satisfy;
- 2.1.1 both of the two (2) Evaluators appointed for the Level 1, Level 2, Level 3 and Level 4 Tests;
- 2.1.2 two (2) of the three (3) Evaluators appointed for the Level 5, Level 6 and Level 7 Tests.
- 2.2 In all the Skating Skills Tests, a maximum of two (2) exercises may be reskated provided the Evaluator(s) agree the test is otherwise a good test and warrants the reskates.
- 2.3 A candidate may not attempt the next higher Skating Skills Test Level unless the immediately preceding lower Level has been passed.

- 2.4 The details, diagram, test standards and common errors for each exercise can be found in the Skating Skills Test Structure Manual for Judges and Coaches.

### **3 Skating Skills Test Requirements**

#### **3.1 Level 1 Skating Skills Test**

This test consists of five (5) exercises in isolation;

- 3.1.1 Forward and backward crossovers with outside edges exercise in figure 8 pattern
- 3.1.2 Forward and backward edges and Mohawk exercise
- 3.1.3 Spiral and lean/hydroblade exercise
- 3.1.4 Three Turn exercise in figure 8 pattern
- 3.1.5 Choreographic Sequence exercise including five (5) specified Free Skating Movements  
Only the first five (5) elements will be judged by the Judges. Four (4) of the five (5) elements must be passed in the Choreographic Sequence for the exercise to receive a pass evaluation.

The minimum passing requirement shall be that all five (5) of the exercises must be evaluated as satisfactory or better.

#### **3.2 Level 2 Skating Skills Test**

This test consists of six (6) exercises in isolation;

- 3.2.1 Three Turn Open Mohawk exercise in figure 8 pattern
- 3.2.2 Swing Open Mohawk in figure 8 pattern exercise
- 3.2.3 Power pulls, Cross rolls and Change of Edges exercise
- 3.2.4 Spiral Exercise
- 3.2.5 Open Swing Mohawk and Inside Edges exercise
- 3.2.6 Choreographic Sequence exercise including five (5) specified Free Skating Movements  
Only the first five (5) elements will be judged by the Judges. Four (4) of the five (5) elements must be passed in the Choreographic Sequence for the exercise to receive a pass evaluation.

The minimum passing requirement shall be that all five (5) of the exercises must be evaluated as satisfactory or better.

#### **3.3 Level 3 Skating Skills Test**

This test consists of five (5) exercises in isolation;



- 3.3.1 Forward and backward Brackets exercise in figure 8 pattern
- 3.3.2 Twizzle, Toe-Runs and Loop exercise
- 3.3.3 Landing position and Rocker exercise
- 3.3.4 Hydroblading exercise in figure 8 pattern
- 3.3.5 Blues and step sequence exercise.

The minimum passing requirement shall be that all five (5) of the exercises must be evaluated as satisfactory or better.

#### **3.4 Level 4 Skating Skills Test**

This test consists of five (5) exercises in isolation;

- 3.4.1 Perimeter Russian Stroking
- 3.4.2 Perimeter Skating - Forward & Backward Three Turns
- 3.4.3 Backward Perimeter Change of Edges
- 3.4.4 Power Change of Edge Pulls
- 3.4.5 Perimeter Skating - Forward Brackets.

The minimum passing requirement shall be that all five (5) of the exercises must be evaluated as satisfactory or better.

#### **3.5 Level 5 Skating Skills Test**

This test consists of five (5) exercises in isolation;

- 3.5.1 Perimeter Skating - Forward Double Three Turns
- 3.5.2 Backward Three Turns / Forward Mohawk Step
- 3.5.3 Perimeter Skating - Backward Double threes
- 3.5.4 Perimeter - Quick Bracket - Three Turn Sequence and Backward Loops
- 3.5.5 Perimeter Skating - Forward and Backward Brackets.

The minimum passing requirement shall be that all five (5) of the exercises must be evaluated as satisfactory or better.

#### **3.6 Level 6 Skating Skills Test**

This test consists of five (5) exercises in isolation;

- 3.6.1 Perimeter Skating - Inside Rockers
- 3.6.2 Hip Twist - Backward Rocker & Choctaw
- 3.6.3 Perimeter Skating - Forward Counters
- 3.6.4 Perimeter Skating - Backward Counters
- 3.6.5 Perimeter Skating - Quick Three Turns and Choctaws.

The minimum passing requirement shall be that all five (5) of the exercises must be evaluated as satisfactory or better.

### 3.7 Level 7 Skating Skills Test

This test consists of five (5) exercises in isolation;

- 3.7.1 Quick Mohawks
- 3.7.2 Perimeter Skating - Flying Choctaws
- 3.7.3 Perimeter Skating - Forward Rockers
- 3.7.4 Perimeter Skating - Backward Rockers
- 3.7.5 Creative Exercises - Footwork Sequence & Field Moves Sequence.

The minimum passing requirement shall be that all five (5) of the exercises must be evaluated as satisfactory or better.

## 4 Singles Star Tests

- 4.1 The Singles Star Tests, with the exception of the Bronze and Intersilver Star Tests, shall consist of two (2) parts, Part A for Men (Boys) and Ladies (Girls) and Part B for Men (Boys) and Ladies (Girls). Part A shall consist of the applicable Short Program and Part B shall consist of the applicable Free Skating Program. The Bronze and Intersilver Star Tests shall consist of the applicable Free Skating Program only.
- 4.2 Male candidates may only attempt the Singles Star Test applicable to Men or Boys and female candidates may only attempt the Singles Star Test applicable to Ladies or Girls.
- 4.3 Those Judges appointed to the Bronze Star Tests must be qualified to judge the Juvenile section at the National Championships. Those Judges appointed to the Intersilver Star Test must be qualified to judge the Pre-novice section at the National Championships. Those Judges appointed to the Silver Star Test must be qualified to judge the Novice section at the National Championships. Those Judges appointed to the Intergold Star Test must be qualified to judge the Junior section at the National Championships and those Judges appointed to the Gold Star Test must be qualified to judge the Senior section at the National Championships.
- 4.4 Warm-up times for the respective tests shall be as follows:

Test Level	No. of candidates	Time
Bronze Star	Not more than 6	5 minutes
Intersilver Star	Not more than 6	5 minutes
Silver Star	Not more than 6	5 minutes
Intergold Star	Not more than 6	6 minutes
Gold Star	Not more than 6	6 minutes

- 4.5 Reskating of programs is only allowed under circumstances beyond the control of the skater and at the discretion of the Test Referee.
- 4.6 Singles Star Tests - Part A
- 4.6.1 These tests shall be judged and conducted in the same manner in which short programs during competitions are judged and conducted with the exception that only closed marking shall be used. The judging panel shall consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) judges. The Judging Panel shall perform the functions of judging (awarding marks for the GOE's) and the Technical Specialist and Technical Controller shall determine the Level of the elements and any deductions. At the discretion of the Test Referee, the assistance of a coach(es) may be included to perform the functions of the Technical Specialist and Assistant Technical Specialists.
- 4.6.2 Once the candidate has skated the program the Referee shall collate the Judges Panel judging sheets, the Technical Panel technical sheets and submit these sheets to the ISUCalc Operator to input the information in the ISUCalc software. The ISUCalc Operator shall provide the Referee with the "Judges' Detail for each Competitor" printout indicating the Elements and their Levels, the GOE's, the Program Components, any deductions and the Total Segment Score for the test. The Referee and Technical Controller must both validate the correctness of the information in the sheet.
- 4.6.3 The Test Referee shall determine whether the Total Element Score for the Segment less any programme deductions achieved by the skater equals or exceeds the minimum final pass mark stipulated in the individual test requirements detailed below and, in writing, indicate whether the test has thus passed or failed.
- 4.7 Singles Star Tests - Part B
- 4.7.1 These tests shall be judged and conducted in the same manner in which free skating programs during competitions are judged and conducted with the exception that only closed marking shall be used. The judging panel shall consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) judges. The judging panel shall perform the functions of judging (awarding marks for the GOE's) and the Technical Specialist and Technical Controller shall determine the Level of the

elements and any deductions. At the discretion of the Test Referee, the assistance of a coach(es) may be included to perform the functions of the Technical Specialist and Assistant Technical Specialists.

- 4.7.2 Once the candidate has skated the program the Referee shall collate the Judges Panel judging sheets, the Technical Panel technical sheets and submit these sheets to the ISUCalc Operator to input the information in the ISUCalc software. The ISUCalc Operator shall provide the Referee with the "Judges' Detail for each Competitor" printout indicating the Elements and their Levels, the GOE's, , any deductions and the Total Segment Score for the test. The Referee and Technical Controller must both validate the correctness of the information in the sheet.
- 4.7.3 The Test Referee shall determine whether the Total Element Score for the Segment less any programme deductions achieved by the skater equals or exceeds the minimum final pass mark stipulated in the individual test requirements detailed below and, in writing, indicate whether the test has thus passed or failed.

## **5 Singles Star Test Requirements**

### **5.1 Singles Bronze Star Test**

- 5.1.1 This test shall consist of the Juvenile Free Skating Program (Boys or Girls) for the current season as stipulated by the most recent NTC communication(s). For details and program requirements regarding the Boys and Girls Free Skating programs, refer to Rules C.13.9 and C.13.10, respectively.
- 5.1.2 The candidate may only attempt this test once he/she has successfully completed the Level 1 Skating Skills Test.
- 5.1.3 The minimum final pass mark shall be:
- 5.1.3.1 for Girls, a Free Skating Program Total Element Score less any programme deductions of at least 7.64 points; and
  - 5.1.3.2 for Boys, a Free Skating Program Total Element Score less any programme deductions of at least 7.64 points.

## 5.2 Singles Intersilver Star Test

- 5.2.1 This test shall consist of the Pre-novice Free Skating Program (Boys or Girls) for the current season as stipulated by the most recent NTC communication(s). For details and program requirements regarding the Boys and Girls Free Skating programs, refer to Rules C.13.7 and C.13.8, respectively.
- 5.2.2 The candidate may only attempt this test once he/she has successfully completed the Level 2 Skating Skills Test.
- 5.2.3 The minimum final pass mark shall be:
  - 5.2.3.1 for Girls, a Free Skating Program Total Element Score less any programme deductions of at least 9.58 points; and
  - 5.2.3.2 for Boys, a Free Skating Program Total Element Score less any programme deductions of at least 9.58 points.

## 5.3 Singles Silver Star Test

- 5.3.1 This test shall consist of Part A: Novice Short Program (Boys or Girls) and Part B: Novice Free Skating Program (Boys or Girls) for the current season as stipulated by the most recent NTC communication(s). For details and program requirements regarding the Boys or Girls Short programs and Boys or Girls Free Skating programs, refer to Rules C.8.5, C.8.6, C.13.5 and C.13.6, respectively.
- 5.3.2 The candidate may only attempt this test once he/she has successfully completed the Level 3 Skating Skills Test.
- 5.3.3 The minimum final pass mark for Part A shall be:
  - 5.3.3.1 for Girls, a Short Program Total Element Score less any programme deductions of at least 8.49 points; and
  - 5.3.3.2 for Boys, a Short Program Total Element Score less any programme deductions of at least 10.43 points.
- 5.3.4 The minimum final pass mark for Part B shall be:
  - 5.3.4.1 for Girls, a Free Skating Program Total Element Score less any programme deductions of at least 11.94 points; and

- 5.3.4.2 for Boys, a Free Skating Program Total Element Score less any programme deductions of at least 14.13 points.

#### **5.4 Singles Intergold Star Test**

- 5.4.1 This test shall consist of Part A: Junior Short Program (Men or Ladies) and Part B: Junior Free Skating Program (Men or Ladies) for the current season as stipulated by the most recent NTC communication(s). For details and program requirements regarding the Men and Ladies Short programs and Men and Ladies Free Skating programs, refer to Rules C.8.3, C.8.4, C.13.3 and C.13.4, respectively.
- 5.4.2 The candidate may only attempt this test once he/she has successfully completed the Level 4 Skating Skills Test.
- 5.4.3 The minimum final pass mark for Part A shall be:
- 5.4.3.1 for Ladies, a Short Program Total Segment Element Score less any programme deductions of at least 12.48 points; and
- 5.4.3.2 for Men, a Short Program Total Segment Element Score less any programme deductions of at least 14.05 points.
- 5.4.4 The minimum final pass mark for Part B shall be:
- 5.4.4.1 for Ladies, a Free Skating Program Total Segment Element Score less any programme deductions of at least 19.11 points; and
- 5.4.4.2 for Men, a Free Skating Program Total Segment Element Score less any programme deductions of at least 24.22 points.

#### **5.5 Singles Gold Star Test**

- 5.5.1 This test shall consist of Part A: Senior Short Program (Men or Ladies) and Part B: Senior Free Skating Program (Men or Ladies) for the current season as stipulated by the most recent NTC communication(s). For details and program requirements regarding the Men and Ladies Short programs and Men and Ladies Free Skating programs, refer to Rules C.8.1, C.8.2, C.13.1 and C.13.2, respectively.

- 5.5.2 The candidate may only attempt this test once he/she has successfully completed the Level 5 Skating Skills Test.
- 5.5.3 The minimum final pass mark for Part A shall be:
- 5.5.3.1 for Ladies, a Short Program Total Element Score less any programme deductions of at least 17.66 points; and
- 5.5.3.2 for Men, a Short Program Total Element Score less any programme deductions of at least 19.75 points.
- 5.5.4 The minimum final pass mark for Part B shall be:
- 5.5.4.1 for Ladies, a Free Skating Program Total Element Score less any programme deductions of at least 29.28 points; and
- 5.5.4.2 for Men, a Free Skating Program Total Element Score less any programme deductions of at least 35.24 points.

## 6 Pairs Star Tests

- 6.1 The Pairs Star Tests shall consist of two (2) parts, Part A and Part B. Part A shall consist of the applicable Short Program and Part B shall consist of the applicable Free Skating Program.
- 6.2 Those Judges appointed to the Bronze Star Tests must be qualified to judge the Pre-Novice section at the National Championships. Those Judges appointed to the Silver Star Test must be qualified to judge the Novice section at the National Championships. Those Judges appointed to the Intergold Star Test must be qualified to judge the Junior section at the National Championships and those Judges appointed to the Gold Star Test must be qualified to judge the Senior section at the National Championships.
- 6.3 Warm-up times for the respective tests shall be as follows:

Test Level	No. of pairs	Time
Bronze Star	Not more than 4	5 minutes
Silver Star	Not more than 4	5 minutes
Intergold Star	Not more than 4	6 minutes
Gold Star	Not more than 4	6 minutes

- 6.4 Reskating of programs is only allowed under circumstances beyond the control of the pair and at the discretion of the Test Referee.
- 6.5 Pairs Star Tests - Part A
- 6.5.1 These tests shall be judged and conducted in the same manner in which short programs during competitions are judged and conducted with the exception that only closed marking shall be used. The Judging Panel shall consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) Judges. The Judging Panel shall perform the functions of judging (awarding marks for the GOE's and Program Components) and the Technical Specialist and Technical Controller shall determine the Level of the elements and any deductions. At the discretion of the Test Referee, the assistance of a coach(es) may be included to perform the functions of the Technical Specialist and Assistant Technical Specialists.
- 6.5.2 Once the pair has skated the program the Referee shall collate the Judges Panel judging sheets, the Technical Panel technical sheets and submit these sheets to the ISUCalc Operator to input the information in the ISUCalc software. The ISUCalc Operator shall provide the Referee with the "Judges' Detail for each Competitor" printout indicating the Elements and their Levels, the GOE's, the Program Components, any deductions and the Total Segment Score for the test. The Referee and Technical Controller must both validate the correctness of the information in the sheet.
- 6.5.3 The Test Referee shall determine whether the Total Segment Score achieved by the pair equals or exceeds the minimum final pass mark stipulated in the individual test requirements detailed below and, in writing, indicate whether the test has thus passed or failed.
- 6.6 Pairs Star Tests - Part B
- 6.6.1 These tests shall be judged and conducted in the same manner in which free skating programs during competitions are judged and conducted with the exception that only closed marking shall be used. The Judging Panel shall consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) Judges. The Judging Panel shall perform the functions of judging (awarding marks for the GOE's) and the Technical Specialist and Technical Controller shall determine the Level of the



elements and any deductions. At the discretion of the Test Referee, the assistance of a coach(es) may be included to perform the functions of the Technical Specialist and Assistant Technical Specialists.

- 6.6.2 Once the pair has skated the program the Referee shall collate the Judges Panel judging sheets, the Technical Panel technical sheets and submit these sheets to the ISUCalc Operator to input the information in the ISUCalc software. The ISUCalc Operator shall provide the Referee with the "Judges' Detail for each Competitor" printout indicating the Elements and their Levels, the GOE's, the Program Components, any deductions and the Total Segment Score for the test. The Referee and Technical Controller must both validate the correctness of the information in the sheet.
- 6.6.3 The Test Referee shall determine whether the Total Segment Score achieved by the pair equals or exceeds the minimum final pass mark stipulated in the individual test requirements detailed below and, in writing, indicate whether the test has thus passed or failed.

## **7 Pairs Star Test Requirements**

### **7.1 Pairs Bronze Star Test**

- 7.1.1 This test shall consist of Part A: Pre-Novice Short Program and Part B: Pre-Novice Free Skating Program for the current season as stipulated by the most recent NTC communication(s). For details and program requirements regarding the Short programs and Free Skating programs, refer to Section D, parts 10.3 and 10.4, respectively.
- 7.1.2 The pair may only attempt this test once they have successfully completed the Level 2 Skating Skills Test.
- 7.1.3 The minimum final pass mark for Part A shall be a Short Program Total Segment Score of at least 9.50 points.
- 7.1.4 The minimum final pass mark for Part B shall be a Free Skating Program Total Segment Score of at least 16.70 points.

## **7.2 Pairs Silver Star Test**

- 7.2.1 This test shall consist of Part A: Novice Short Program and Part B: Novice Free Skating Program for the current season as stipulated by the most recent NTC communication(s). For details and program requirements regarding the Short programs and Free Skating programs, refer to Section D, parts 9.4 and 9.5, respectively.
- 7.2.2 The pair may only attempt this test once they have successfully completed the Level 3 Skating Skills Test.
- 7.2.3 The minimum final pass mark for Part A shall be a Short Program Total Segment Score of at least 15.00 points.
- 7.2.4 The minimum final pass mark for Part B shall be a Free Skating Program Total Segment Score of at least 27.80 points.

## **7.3 Pairs Intergold Star Test**

- 7.3.1 This test shall consist of Part A: Junior Short Program and Part B: Junior Free Skating Program for the current season as stipulated by the most recent NTC communication(s). For details and program requirements regarding the Short programs and Free Skating programs, refer to Section D, parts 6.4 and 6.5, respectively.
- 7.3.2 The pair may only attempt this test once they have successfully completed the Level 4 Skating Skills Test.
- 7.3.3 The minimum final pass mark for Part A shall be a Short Program Total Segment Score of at least 23.90 points.
- 7.3.4 The minimum final pass mark for Part B shall be a Free Skating Program Total Segment Score of at least 37.60 points.

## **7.4 Pairs Gold Star Test**

- 7.4.1 This test shall consist of Part A: Senior Short Program and Part B: Senior Free Skating Program for the current season as stipulated by the most recent NTC communication(s). For details and program requirements regarding the Short programs and Free

Skating programs, refer to Section D, parts 5.4 and 5.5, respectively.

- 7.4.2 The pair may only attempt this test once they have successfully completed the Level 5 Skating Skills Test.
- 7.4.3 The minimum final pass mark for Part A shall be a Short Program Total Element Score of at least 17.25 points.
- 7.4.4 The minimum final pass mark for Part B shall be a Free Skating Program Total Element Score of at least 32.70 points.

## **8 Pattern Dance Ice Dance Tests**

- 8.1 In all Pattern Dance Tests the candidate shall perform the Pattern Dance as a solo ice dancer.
- 8.2 In all Pattern Dance Tests the candidate shall perform the steps of the Lady for the respective Pattern Dance.
- 8.3 For all Pattern Dance Tests the number of sequences to be performed shall be the same as in competitions (refer to Part E).
- 8.4 For each Pattern Dance Test, a candidate shall receive one (1) minute warmup without music and thereafter one (1) minute for each Pattern Dance to music, consecutively. Only the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) tune of the ISU or SAFSA approved music may be used for the warmup. No more than four (4) candidates may warmup together.
- 8.5 The candidate shall satisfy;
  - 8.5.1 one (1) of the two (2) Evaluators appointed for the Bronze and Intersilver Pattern Dance Tests;
  - 8.5.2 two (2) of the three (3) Evaluators appointed for the Silver, Intergold and Gold Pattern Dance Tests.
- 8.6 In all Pattern Dance Tests, a maximum of one (1) Pattern Dance may be reskated provided the Evaluator(s) agree the test is otherwise a good test and warrants the reskate.
- 8.7 In all Pattern Dance Tests only the official ISU or SAFSA approved dance rhythms for the respective Pattern Dance may be utilised for the test.

- 8.8 All Pattern Dance Tests shall be evaluated on the following basis:
- 8.8.1 To pass a Pattern Dance Test, all the Pattern Dances listed for the test must be passed at the same testing event.
- 8.8.2 All Pattern Dances shall be evaluated using the following three (3) criteria:
- 8.8.2.1 Technique that shall include the accuracy of the steps, the placements of the steps, the skating skills of the candidate and the style that the candidate displays;
- 8.8.2.2 Timing of the steps to the music;
- 8.8.2.3 Expression of the rhythm and character of the music of the Pattern Dance concerned.
- 8.8.3 All the Pattern Dance criteria for these tests shall be evaluated using the marking scale of negative thirty (-30) to positive thirty (+30) in ten (10) mark increments.
- 8.8.4 In order to pass a Pattern Dance Test, the Total Score for every Pattern Dance must be zero (0) or higher.
- 8.8.5 The Total Score of every Pattern Dance is the sum of the individual scores of the three criteria.
- 8.8.6 The result of each Pattern Dance shall be categorised as follows:

<b>Result Category</b>	<b>Pattern Dance Total Score</b>
Distinction	Between 70 and 90
Honours	Between 40 and 60
Pass	Between 0 and 30
Retry	Below zero

## **9 Pattern Dance Ice Dance Test Requirements**

### **9.1 Bronze Pattern Dance Ice Dance Test**

- 9.1.1 In order to pass this test, the fundamentals of dancing must be demonstrated but need not necessarily be mastered. Correct steps and turns, accurate basic timing, good edges and flow on at least the easy parts of the dances, erect carriage and a reasonably well placed pattern are required. Little expression, some

difficulty with the hard parts of the dances are to be expected.

9.1.2 The candidate shall skate three (3) Pattern Dances in the order listed:

- (i) Fourteenstep;
- (ii) Willow Waltz; and
- (iii) Tango Fiesta.

9.1.3 A candidate may not attempt this Test unless he/she has passed the Level 1 Skating Skills Test.

## **9.2 Intersilver Pattern Dance Ice Dance Test**

9.2.1 In order to pass the test, the candidate must dance the correct steps and turns on strong edges, in good form, in good rhythm and with some degree of expression. It is not expected that all details will be done well, but no consistent major errors should be evident.

9.2.2 The candidate shall skate three (3) Pattern Dances in the order listed:

- (i) Foxtrot;
- (ii) European Waltz; and
- (iii) Tango.

9.2.3 A candidate may not attempt this Test unless he/she has passed the Level 2 Skating Skills Test and the Bronze Pattern Dance Ice Dance Test.

## **9.3 Silver Pattern Dance Ice Dance Test**

9.3.1 In order to pass the test, the candidate must give a performance that is generally good. Knowledge of the steps, ability to keep accurate time to the music, strong true edges, good rhythm, smooth turns, correct carriage and effortless flow are expected. Musical interpretation should be moderately good.

9.3.2 The candidate shall skate four (4) Pattern dances in the order listed:

- (i) Rocker Foxtrot;
- (ii) Starlight Waltz;
- (iii) Kilian; and
- (iv) Blues.

- 9.3.3 A candidate may not attempt this Test unless he/she has passed the Intersilver Pattern Dance Ice Dance Test and the Bronze Ice Dancing Test.

#### **9.4 Intergold Pattern Dance Ice Dance Test**

- 9.4.1 In order to pass the test, the candidate must give a performance that is generally very good. Basic timing must be nearly faultless, body motions well timed, flow and musical interpretation very good. No major errors and no consistent error of any kind should be evidenced. The candidate must not only demonstrate knowledge of the steps and ability to keep in time to the music but also an ability to dance with such assurance as to give evidence of the dance expression and the ability to keep to an approximate pattern.

- 9.4.2 The candidate shall skate the following four (4) compulsory dances listed below:

- (i) Tea Time Foxtrot;
- (ii) Vienesse Waltz;
- (iii) Paso Doble; and
- (iv) Argentine Tango.

- 9.4.3 A candidate may not attempt this Test unless he/she has passed the Silver Pattern Dance Ice Dance Test.

#### **9.5 Gold Pattern Dance Ice Dance Test**

- 9.5.1 In order to pass the test, the candidate must give a performance that is excellent in all respects. Basic timing must be faultless, body motions strong and well-timed, flow and musical interpretation excellent. No major errors and no consistent error of any kind should be evidenced. The candidate must not only demonstrate knowledge of the steps and ability to keep in time to the music but also an ability to dance with such assurance as to give evidence of the dance expression and the ability to keep to the set pattern if applicable.

- 9.5.2 The candidate shall skate the following four (4) compulsory dances listed below:

- (i) Ravensburger Waltz;
- (ii) Yankee Polka;
- (iii) Rhumba; and
- (iv) Tango Romantica.

- 9.5.3 A candidate may not attempt this Test unless he/she has passed the Intergold Pattern Dance Ice Dance Test.

## 10 Ice Dance Star Tests

- 10.1 The Gold- and Intergold Ice Dance Star Tests shall consist of two (2) parts, namely the Part A: Rhythm Dance and Part B: Free Dance. The Silver, Intersilver and Bronze Ice Dance Star Tests shall consist of two (2) parts, namely the Part A: Elements in Isolation and Part B: Free Dance.
- 10.2 For the Gold and Intergold Ice Dance Star Tests, Part A: the Rhythm Dance shall consist of the applicable Rhythm Dance for the Senior and Junior sections in the current skating season, respectively.
- 10.3 For the Gold, Intergold, Silver, Intersilver and Bronze Ice Dance Star Test, Part B: Free Dance shall consist of the applicable Free Dance for the Senior, Junior, Advanced Novice, Intermediate Novice and Pre-Novice sections in the current skating season, respectively.
- 10.4 For the Silver, Bronze and Intersilver Ice Dance Star Tests, Part A: Elements in Isolation must be passed before Part B: Free Dance.
- 10.5 In all Couples Ice Dance Star Tests, the candidates shall be judged as a couple and not as individuals. In the Solo Ice Dance Star Tests, the ice dancer shall be judged as an individual.
- 10.6 The candidate(s) shall satisfy two (2) of the three (3) Judges appointed for the Bronze, Intersilver and Silver Part A: Elements in Isolation Star Tests.
- 10.7 Those Judges appointed to the Star Tests must be qualified to judge the respective competitive section for which the Star Test is the entry requirement at the level of the National Championships..
- 10.8 Warm-up times for Part A: Elements in Isolation Tests shall be four (4) minutes
- 10.9 Warm-up times for the respective Rhythm Dance and Free Dance tests, where applicable, shall be as follows:

Test Level	No. of couples/Soloists	Time
Bronze Star	Not more than 5	3 minutes
Silver Star	Not more than 5	5 minutes
Intergold Star	Not more than 5	5 minutes
Gold Star	Not more than 5	5 minutes

10.6 Reskating of the Required Elements of any Rhythm or Free Dance Program is only allowed under circumstances beyond the control of the couple or solo ice dancer and at the discretion of the Test Referee.

#### 10.7 Ice Dance Star Tests - Part A: Elements in Isolation

10.7.1 For the Silver, Intersilver and Bronze Ice Dance Star Tests, the Part A: Elements in Isolation shall consist of the applicable Required Elements of the Free Dance in the current skating season for the section concerned.

10.7.2 The couple or the soloist candidate shall satisfy;

10.7.2.1 one (1) of the two (2) Evaluators appointed for the Bronze and Intersilver Tests;

10.7.2.2 two (2) of the three (3) Evaluators appointed for the Silver Test.

10.7.3 In the Silver, Intersilver and Bronze Ice Dance Star Test Part A: Elements in Isolation a maximum of one (1) Element may be reskated provided the Evaluator(s) agree the test is otherwise a good test and warrants the reskate.

10.7.4 All Part A: Elements in Isolation tests shall be evaluated on the following basis:

10.7.4.1 To pass a Part A: Elements in Isolation Test, all the Elements listed for the test must be passed at the same testing event.

10.7.4.2 All Elements in Isolation shall be evaluated using the International Judging System Grade of Execution (GOE) evaluation methodology in accordance with the most recent ISU and/or SAFSA regulations and ISU and/or NTC Communication(s).

10.7.4.3 In order to pass a Part A: Elements in Isolation Test, all the individual Elements may



not be scored less than a GOE of negative 2 (-2).

#### 10.8 Ice Dance Star Tests – Rhythm and Free Dances

10.8.1 For the Gold and Intergold Ice Dance Star Tests, the Part A shall consist of the applicable Rhythm Dance in the current season and Part B shall consist of the applicable Free Dance in the current season for the section concerned.

10.8.2 For the Silver, Intersilver and Bronze Ice Dance Star Tests, the Part B shall consist of the applicable Free Dance in the current skating season for the section concerned.

10.8.3 The couple or the soloist candidate shall satisfy;

10.8.3.1 one (1) of the two (2) Evaluators appointed for the Bronze and Intersilver Tests;

10.8.3.2 two (2) of the three (3) Evaluators appointed for the Silver Test.

10.8.4 No portion or the whole Rhythm or Free Dance may be re-skated except under circumstances beyond the control of the couple or solo ice dancer and at the discretion of the Test Referee.

10.8.5 The Rhythm and Free Dances shall be conducted in the same manner in which Rhythm and Free Dances are conducted during competitions with the exception that only closed marking shall be used.

10.8.6 All Rhythm and Free Dance tests shall be evaluated on the following basis:

10.8.6.1 They shall be evaluated using the International Judging System Grade of Execution (GOE) evaluation methodology in accordance with the most recent ISU and/or SAFSA regulations and ISU and/or NTC Communication(s) with the exception of the Program Components.

10.8.6.2 The following three Program Components, namely (a) Skating Skills, (b) Performance and (c) Interpretation of the Music/Timing shall be evaluated in the following manner:

- 10.8.6.2.1 Each of the three Program Components will be evaluated in a binary fashion (ie, Yes/No) where “Yes” indicates the candidate met the minimum standard for the test concerned for the specific Program Component and “No” indicates the candidate did not meet the minimum standard for the test concerned for the specific Program Component.
- 10.8.6.2.2 The Judges shall indicate the evaluation by means of a mark. A mark of two (2) shall be equivalent to “Yes” and a mark of one (1) shall be equivalent to “No”.
- 10.8.6.2.3 For the Gold, Intergold and Silver Test, in order for the candidate to pass the three Program Components, two (2) of the three (3) Judges must indicate a “Yes” for each Program Component.
- 10.8.6.2.4 For the Intersilver and Bronze Test, in order for the candidate to pass the three Program Components, one (1) of the two (2) Judges must indicate a “Yes” for each Program Component.
- 10.8.6.2.5 In order to pass a Rhythm or Free Dance Test, all three Program Components must be passed.

## **11 Ice Dance Star Test Requirements**

### **11.1 Couples and Solo Ice Dance Bronze Star Test**

- 11.1.1 This test shall consist of Part A: Elements in Isolation and Part B: Free Dance.
- 11.1.2 The couple (as individuals) or solo ice dancer may only attempt this test once he/she has successfully completed the Level 1 Skating Skills Test and the Bronze Pattern Dance Test.

11.1.3 In order to pass the Part A: Elements in Isolation of the Bronze Ice Dance Star Test, refer to rule L.10.7.4.

11.1.4 In order to pass the Part B: Free Dance of the Bronze Ice Dance Star Test:

11.1.4.1 In the case of the accreditation of Championship results (see L.1.22):

11.1.4.1.1 for the Couples Ice Dance, a Free Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 8.90 points and a Free Dance Program Total Component Score of at least 5.00 points; or

11.1.4.1.2 for the Solo Ice Dance, a Free Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 8.95 points and a Free Dance Program Total Component Score of at least 5.00 points.

11.1.4.2 In the case of a Testing Event:

11.1.4.2.1 for the Couples Ice Dance, a Free Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 8.90 points and must meet the requirements of L.10.8.6.2; or

11.1.4.2.2 for the Solo Ice Dance, a Free Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 8.95 points and must meet the requirements of L.10.8.6.2.

## **11.2 Couples and Solo Ice Dance Intersilver Star Test**

11.2.1 This test shall consist of Part A: Elements in Isolation and Part B: Free Dance.

11.2.2 The couple (as individuals) or solo ice dancer may only attempt this test once he/she has successfully completed the Level 2 Skating Skills Test and the Intersilver Pattern Dance Test.

11.2.3 In order to pass the Part A: Elements in Isolation of the Intersilver Ice Dance Star Test, refer to rule L.10.7.4.

11.2.4 In order to pass the Part B: Free Dance of the Intersilver Ice Dance Star Test,

11.2.4.1 In the case of the accreditation of Championship results (see L.1.22):

11.2.4.1.1 for the Couples Ice Dance, a Free Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 13.40 points and a Free Dance Program Total Component Score of at least 7.25 points; or

11.2.4.1.2 for the Solo Ice Dance, a Free Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 17.24 points and a Free Dance Program Total Component Score of at least 7.25 points.

11.2.4.2 In the case of a Testing Event:

11.2.4.2.1 for the Couples Ice Dance, a Free Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 13.40 points and must meet the requirements of L.10.8.6.2; or

11.2.4.2.2 for the Solo Ice Dance, a Free Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 17.24 points and must meet the requirements of L.10.8.6.2.

### **11.3 Couples and Solo Ice Dance Silver Star Test**

11.3.1 This test shall consist of Part A: Elements in Isolation and Part B: Free Dance.

11.3.2 The couple (as individuals) or solo ice dancer may only attempt this test once he/she has successfully completed the Silver Pattern Dance Test.

11.3.3 In order to pass the Part A: Elements in Isolation of the Silver Ice Dance Star Test, refer to rule L.10.7.4.

11.3.4 In order to pass the Part B: Free Dance of the Silver Ice Dance Star Test,

11.3.4.1 In the case of the accreditation of Championship results (see L.1.22):

11.3.4.1.1 for the Couples Ice Dance, a Free Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 19.00 points and a Free Dance Program Total Component Score of at least 13.00 points; or

11.3.4.1.2 for the Solo Ice Dance, a Free Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 21.22 points and a Free Dance Program Total Component Score of at least 13.00 points.

11.3.4.2 In the case of a Testing Event:

11.3.4.2.1 for the Couples Ice Dance, a Free Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 19.00 points and must meet the requirements of L.10.8.6.2; or

11.3.4.2.2 for the Solo Ice Dance, a Free Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 21.22 points and must meet the requirements of L.10.8.6.2.

## **12.4 Couples and Solo Ice Dance Intergold Star Test**

12.4.1 This test shall consist of Part A: Rhythm Dance and Part B: Free Dance.

12.4.2 The couple (as individuals) or solo ice dancer may only attempt this test once he/she has successfully completed the Intergold Pattern Dance Test and the Silver Couples or Solo Ice Dance Part A Star Test.

12.4.3 In order to pass the Part A: Rhythm Dance of the Intergold Ice Dance Star Test,

12.4.3.1 In the case of the accreditation of Championship results (see L.1.22):

12.4.3.1.1 for the Couples Ice Dance, a Rhythm Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 14.50

points and a Rhythm Dance Program Total Component Score of at least 14.40 points; or

12.4.3.1.2 for the Solo Ice Dance, a Rhythm Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 19.32 points and a Rhythm Dance Program Total Component Score of at least 14.40 points.

12.4.3.2 In the case of a Testing Event:

12.4.3.2.1 for the Couples Ice Dance, a Rhythm Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 14.50 points and must meet the requirements of L.10.8.6.2; or

12.4.3.2.2 for the Solo Ice Dance, a Rhythm Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 19.32 points and must meet the requirements of L.10.8.6.2.

12.4.4 In order to pass the Part B: Free Dance of the Intergold Ice Dance Star Test,

12.4.4.1 In the case of the accreditation of Championship results (see L.1.22):

12.4.4.1.1 for the Couples Ice Dance, a Free Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 26.50 points and a Free Dance Program Total Component Score of at least 21.60 points; or

12.4.4.1.2 for the Solo Ice Dance, a Free Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 23.89 points and a Free Dance Program Total Component Score of at least 21.60 points.

12.4.4.2 In the case of a Testing Event:

12.4.4.2.1 for the Couples Ice Dance, a Free Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 26.50

points and must meet the requirements of L.10.8.6.2; or

- 12.4.4.2.2 for the Solo Ice Dance, a Free Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 23.89 points and must meet the requirements of L.10.8.6.2.

### **13.5 Couples and Solo Ice Dance Gold Star Test**

- 13.5.1 This test shall consist of Part A: Rhythm Dance and Part B: Free Dance.

- 13.5.2 The couple (as individuals) or solo ice dancer may only attempt this test once he/she has successfully completed the Gold Pattern Dance Test and the Silver Couples or Solo Ice Dance Part A Star Test.

- 13.5.3 In order to pass the Part A: Rhythm Dance of the Gold Ice Dance Star Test,

- 13.5.3.1 In the case of the accreditation of Championship results (see L.1.22):

- 13.5.3.1.1 for the Couples Ice Dance, a Rhythm Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 15.00 points and a Rhythm Dance Program Total Component Score of at least 15.60 points; or

- 13.5.3.1.2 for the Solo Ice Dance, a Rhythm Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 21.85 points and a Rhythm Dance Program Total Component Score of at least 15.60 points.

- 13.5.3.2 In the case of a Testing Event:

- 13.5.3.2.1 for the Couples Ice Dance, a Rhythm Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 15.00 points and must meet the requirements of L.10.8.6.2; or

- 13.5.3.2.2 for the Solo Ice Dance, a Rhythm Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 21.85 points and

must meet the requirements of L.10.8.6.2.

13.5.4 In order to pass the Part B: Free Dance of the Gold Ice Dance Star Test,

13.5.4.1 In the case of the accreditation of Championship results (see L.1.22):

13.5.4.1.1 for the Couples Ice Dance, a Free Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 36.30 points and a Free Dance Program Total Component Score of at least 23.40 points; or

13.5.4.1.2 for the Solo Ice Dance, a Free Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 28.24 points and a Free Dance Program Total Component Score of at least 23.40 points.

13.5.4.2 In the case of a Testing Event:

13.5.4.2.1 for the Couples Ice Dance, a Free Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 36.30 points and must meet the requirements of L.10.8.6.2; or

13.5.4.2.2 for the Solo Ice Dance, a Free Dance Program Total Technical Score of at least 28.24 points and must meet the requirements of L.10.8.6.2.

## **14 Synchronised Star Tests**

14.1 The Synchronised Star Tests shall consist of two (2) parts, Part A and Part B with the exception of the Synchronised Bronze Star Test which shall consist of Part B only. Part A shall consist of the applicable Short Program and Part B shall consist of the applicable Free Skating Program.

14.2 Those Judges appointed to the Bronze Star Test must be qualified to judge the Novice section at the National Championships. Those Judges appointed to the Silver Star Test must be qualified to judge the Junior section at the



National Championships and those Judges appointed to the Gold Star Test must be qualified to judge the Senior section at the National Championships.

- 14.3 Each team is allowed one (1) minute of warm-up without music on the ice surface immediately prior to the performance of the program for testing. The warm-up time shall commence once the team has been called onto the ice.
- 14.4 The candidates shall be judged as a team and not as individuals. Reserves are permitted for purposes of attaining the critical minimum number of team members so that the elements can be performed effectively. If these reserves do not meet the minimum requirements to attempt the test then such reserves shall not be accredited with a pass whether or not the team passes the test or not.
- 14.5 Reskating of programs are only allowed under circumstances beyond the control of the team and at the discretion of the Test Referee.
- 14.6 Synchronised Star Tests - Part A
- 14.6.1 These tests shall be judged and conducted in the same manner in which short programs during competitions are judged and conducted with the exception that only closed marking shall be used. The judging panel shall consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) judges. The Judging Panel shall perform the functions of judging (awarding marks for the GOE's and Program Components) and the Technical Specialist and Technical Controller shall determine the Level of the elements and any deductions. At the discretion of the Test Referee, the assistance of a coach(es) may be included to perform the functions of the Technical Specialist and Assistant Technical Specialists.
- 14.6.2 Once the team has skated the program the Referee shall collate the Judges Panel judging sheets, the Technical Panel technical sheets and submit these sheets to the ISUCalc Operator to input the information in the ISUCalc software. The ISUCalc Operator shall provide the Referee with the "Judges' Detail for each Competitor" printout indicating the Elements and their Levels, the GOE's, the Program Components, any deductions and the Total Segment Score for the test. The Referee and Technical Controller must both validate the correctness of the information in the sheet.

- 14.6.3 The Test Referee shall determine whether the Total Element Score for the Segment less any programme deductions achieved by the team equals or exceeds the minimum final pass mark stipulated in the individual test requirements detailed below and, in writing, indicate whether the test has thus passed or failed.

#### 14.7 Synchronised Star Tests - Part B

- 14.7.1 These tests shall be judged and conducted in the same manner in which free skating programs during competitions are judged and conducted with the exception that only closed marking shall be used. The judging panel shall consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) judges. The Judging Panel shall perform the functions of judging (awarding marks for the GOE's and Program Components) and the Technical Specialist and Technical Controller shall determine the Level of the elements and any deductions. At the discretion of the Test Referee, the assistance of a coach(es) may be included to perform the functions of the Technical Specialist and Assistant Technical Specialists.
- 14.7.2 Once the team has skated the program the Referee shall collate the Judges Panel judging sheets, the Technical Panel technical sheets and submit these sheets to the ISUCalc Operator to input the information in the ISUCalc software. The ISUCalc Operator shall provide the Referee with the "Judges' Detail for each Competitor" printout indicating the Elements and their Levels, the GOE's, the Program Components, any deductions and the Total Segment Score for the test. The Referee and Technical Controller must both validate the correctness of the information in the sheet.
- 14.7.3 The Test Referee shall determine whether the Total Element Score for the Segment less any programme deductions achieved by the team equals or exceeds the minimum final pass mark stipulated in the individual test requirements detailed below and, in writing, indicate whether the test has thus passed or failed.

## 15 Synchronised Star Test Requirements

### 15.1 Synchronised Bronze Star Test

- 15.1.1 This test shall consist of the Novice or Mixed Age Free Skating Program for the current season as stipulated

by the most recent NTC communication(s). For details and program requirements regarding the Free Skating program, refer to Rule F.9.5.

- 15.1.2 Members of a team may only attempt this test once each team member has successfully completed the Level 2 Skating Skills Test.
- 15.1.3 The minimum final pass mark shall be a Free Skating Program Total Element Score less any programme deductions of at least 8.80 points.

## **15.2 Synchronised Silver Star Test**

- 15.2.1 This test shall consist of Part A: Junior Short Program and Part B: Junior Free Skating Program for the current season as stipulated by the most recent NTC communication(s). For details and program requirements regarding the Short programs and Free Skating programs, refer to Rules F.8.4 and F.8.6, respectively.
- 15.2.2 Members of a team may only attempt this test once each team member has successfully completed the Level 4 Skating Skills Test.
- 15.2.3 The minimum final pass mark shall be a Short Program Total Element Score less any programme deductions of at least 6.9 points.
- 15.2.4 The minimum final pass mark shall be a Free Skating Program Total Element Score less any programme deductions of at least 13.00 points.

## **15.3 Synchronised Gold Star Test**

- 15.3.1 This test shall consist of Part A: Senior Short Program and Part B: Senior Free Skating Program for the current season as stipulated by the most recent NTC communication(s). For details and program requirements regarding the Short programs and Free Skating programs, refer to Rules F.7.4 and F.7.6, respectively.
- 15.3.2 Members of a team may only attempt this test once each team member has successfully completed the Level 5 Skating Skills Test.

- 15.3.3 The minimum final pass mark shall be a Short Program Total Element Score less any programme deductions of at least 8.40 points.
- 15.3.4 The minimum final pass mark shall be a Free Skating Program Total Element Score less any programme deductions of at least 16.50 points.