



PREPARING FOR TEST DAY

For some of you this may be your first experience trying a Skate Canada test. The following guidelines and rules may answer a few questions that you may have about test days. If you have additional questions please feel free to contact any of the club coaches, they will be more than happy to help!

TEST ENVELOPES

A test envelope will be given to each skater by his/her coach when that coach feels the skater is ready to try a test. The envelope must be completed and returned with the necessary fees enclosed. It is essential that all information is complete, including the skater's Skate Canada number. Please have your Skate Canada Card with you on test day. The test fee is not kept by the club, but must be submitted to the national Skate Canada office in Ottawa. The administration or hospitality fee is used to cover some of the costs incurred by the club at test day. East Gwillimbury Skating Club is responsible for providing judges and officials their meals and mileage expenses. If on test day you are unable to try a test, Skate Canada requires a medical certificate to prove your inability to skate due to illness or injury. If this is the case your test fee will be refunded. Any other missed test will be recorded as "retry" according to Skate Canada regulations.

DRESS

Your appearance is important on test day. It is preferable to wear a skating dress for dance and free skate tests. You may wear a sweater and/or mitts for warm up, however they must be removed for the test. Your hair should be neat, with long hair secured back into a ponytail, braid or bun. For boys, pants which are neat are best, not jeans. Shirt, turtleneck and/or tightly fitting sweater are preferable.

SKATES

Clean, freshly polished skates with clean neat laces are important to your appearance, especially on test day. No boot covers. Sharp blades are essential. Consult your coach as to when and where to have your skates sharpened.

SCHEDULE OF TESTS

The completed test schedule will be posted on the club bulletin board a minimum of three days prior to test day. The club endeavors to stay on schedule throughout the day. Please consult with your coach and arrive a minimum of 45 minutes prior to your scheduled warm up time. When you come to the arena on test day the skater should check in with their coach. Friends, parents and other observers should watch from the lobby or arena stands.

EVALUATORS AND JUDGES

Please keep in mind that all judges and evaluators for Skate Canada tests are volunteers. They do not receive any payment for the many hours that they spend every week in arenas across the province assisting young skaters in achieving their tests. Most tests are evaluated by a single judge. Test result sheets will be given to each skater's coach and then to the skater to discuss. Copies are sent, along with the test fee, to the national Skate Canada office in Ottawa and a copy is kept on file at the club. Please keep your test sheet for future reference. This is your proof of passed tests which you may need if the information is accidentally lost by Skate Canada.

GOOD LUCK!