



# Virtual Testing Basics

St. Moritz Ice Skating Club (SMISC)

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Test sessions are offered and registered via EntryEeze. The prospective tester does an initial registration in EntryEeze. By registering in EntryEeze the Test Chair is alerted and will email the tester further instructions for uploading the test video(s) and forms to the SMISC Google Drive.

Tests are videoed and submitted with two forms available on our website. All requested information on the forms must be filled out completely (no blank spaces). The forms are:

1. Performance Affidavit is signed by the Athlete, the Coach, the Videographer and a Proctor attesting to the fact that the video submitted is unedited
2. Name and Likeness Consent and Release

**Video must include entire test executed like an in-person test and continuously recorded.** Skaters may consult their coach and get a sip of water during Skating Skills (SS), but it must be on the video.

**The video must be unedited (including intro & date/time stamp);** if a video is found to be edited, the test will be invalidated. NO REFUNDS. Please take a moment to focus on the written placard (display) and time/date stamp. (Thank you)

Tests may be recorded during Freestyle or other session, but should not be done on very busy sessions. U.S. Figure Skating states that **no more than 8 people** should be on the ice while testing. However, the ice does not have to be cleared for the skater alone. Testing skaters should dress in a way that makes them easy to identify against a moving background of other skaters – a colorful vest or dress or sash or some other identifier is helpful. Also, alert others that you are recording a test so that they can be alert to and avoid interfering with the testing skater or videographer.

A guide to filming is available on our website under Testing. You must confirm that you have read it when completing the Google Form. Some important points are:

- **A written placard must be shown at the beginning of the virtual test. The placard must include the skater's name, the test being taken, the host club, and the date of the test session. The test session date is the final date that a test video is due and not (necessarily) the recording date. It is strongly recommended that the skater also verbally state their name and the test they are taking.**
- **MONTH, DAY & TIME must be shown on a separate mobile (electronic) device at the beginning of the video**
- **Video must be recorded within 14 days of the test submission deadline\***
- **The recording is filmed in landscape (horizontal) orientation at high resolution. Videos must be at a minimum of 720p (aka 720p60) resolution. Anything submitted at a lower level will be automatically rejected.**
- **Video should be zoomed in on the skater while maintaining skater's feet & head in frame at all times.**
- **Audio must be recorded; there is no specific penalty assessed if there is background music or noise during a Skating Skills (SS) test; however, noise should be minimal whenever possible.**
- **Other skaters should not be running their programs while filming virtual SS tests**

**The \*submission deadline is the Test Date.** Results are delivered within 7 days after the submission deadline (or skaters/coaches will be notified if there is a delay). Contingent tests may take longer for results.

Proctors are non-involved third parties. USFS recommends that they be USFS members, but this is not required. The proctor must be an impartial person of authority (i.e., rink management, skating school director or local skating official) but may NOT be a coach/choreographer who has worked with the athlete, a training mate or a parent/guardian (of the athlete or any training mates).

The Test Chair or a judge that is not assigned to judge the submitted tests may be proctors.

Videographers do not need to be impartial 3rd parties unless they are also acting as Proctor. The skater's coach may also be the videographer.

**Again: The video must be one continuous shot without stopping, with the skater in the frame at all times, even getting a sip of water between skills on SS test. Edited videos will invalidate the test. No Refunds.**