

## About ISI Levels and Testing

All skaters who are members of ISI through the RoseGarden Ice Arena belong to the RoseGarden ISI Skating Team. Skaters who are in Future Stars and/or taking private lessons will start ISI testing and competitions. Skaters must pass Delta to be eligible for many of the competitive levels in ISI.

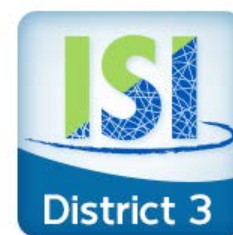
The ISI defines a system of "Tests" which allow a skater to progress through a sequence of logical steps in his or her competitive development. The Tests also establish a benchmarking structure for competitive purposes. All ISI sanctioned competitions group skaters according to levels of Tests passed. This allows skaters of similar abilities to compete against each other.

**Judged Tests:** A more formal test structure is designed for skaters who have advanced past the basics. These tests are judged by ISI Judges that are approved to administer tests for their facility. The results are forwarded to ISI which keeps official records of each skater's test accomplishments.

In each skating discipline, many levels of achievement are defined. See the ISI Handbook for more information on the specifics for each level. Note that a skater's age does not figure into his or her skating level -- only the demonstration of his/her proficiency through the passing of tests (note though that for competitive purposes there are some age limits placed upon skaters at certain levels -- see Competitive Qualification Requirements for more information).



<u>Basic Levels</u>
Pre-Alpha
Alpha
Beta
Delta



<u>Freestyle</u>	<u>Open Freestyle</u>	<u>Dance</u>	<u>Free Dance</u>	<u>Solo Free Dance</u>	<u>Pairs</u>	<u>Couples</u>	<u>Figures</u>
Freestyle 1	Bronze	Dance 1	Free Dance 1	Bronze	Pairs 1	Couples 1	Figures 1
Freestyle 2	Silver	Dance 2	Free Dance 2	Silver	Pairs 2	Couples 2	Figures 2
Freestyle 3	Gold	Dance 3	Free Dance 3	Gold	Pairs 3	Couples 3	Figures 3
Freestyle 4	Platinum	Dance 4	Free Dance 4	Platinum	Pairs 4	Couples 4	Figures 4
Freestyle 5		Dance 5	Free Dance 5	Diamond	Pairs 5	Couples 5	Figures 5
Freestyle 6		Dance 6	Free Dance 6		Pairs 6	Couples 6	Figures 6
Freestyle 7		Dance 7	Free Dance 7		Pairs 7	Couples 7	Figures 7
Freestyle 8		Dance 8	Free Dance 8		Pairs 8	Couples 8	Figures 8
Freestyle 9		Dance 9	Free Dance 9		Pairs 9	Couples 9	Figures 9
Freestyle 10		Dance 10	Free Dance 10		Pairs 10	Couples 10	Figures 10

A summary of ISI Test levels and Test disciplines is shown below:

Skaters must pass through the Delta level in order to pass any of the advanced tests with the exception of Dance. Skaters who can meet the requirements of the Dance tests can test without having passed Pre-Alpha through Delta.

Most competitive levels for additional events (artistic, spotlight, compulsories, etc) are based on your Basic/Freestyle level.

## How are Tests Conducted?

ISI tests are conducted during Future Stars classes for those skaters who are registered and on Freestyle sessions for skaters who have private lessons. As of September 1, 2017, all tests will be \$5.00 per test in addition to the cost of the class and/or ice fees. This fee is charged for ISI for admin and for the cost of the badge that is sent to the rink for any passed test. If the rink has enough tests to have a dedicated test session, additional fees may be charged for ice time.

Pre-Alpha through Level 7 (Freestyle 7, Dance 7, Free Dance 7, Figure 7, Couples 7, and Pairs 7) tests may be taken at your arena. Level 7 tests must be judged by 3 qualified ISI judges. Level 8 and 9 tests must be taken at a District Judging session or can be videotaped and sent to the ISI office for testing if your district does not have a testing program. RoseGarden is part of District 3 and District does offer high level testing. Level 10 tests can be taken at National ISI events only and a video must be submitted to the ISI office prior to the booking of the test to make sure the skater can perform the elements at a passing standard before the test session is set up.

Coaches who are not comfortable testing their own skaters can set up a time with a rink director to have that skater tested or can submit a video to Tiesha to be scored. Skaters who submit videos will be notified of their passing status once the video has been submitted with the test forms. Any coach with a current ISI Coaches membership can administer a test and submit to Tiesha. Test forms are available on [www.skateisi.com](http://www.skateisi.com) under forms and must be submitted for a test to be judged.

## When to Test?

If you feel your skater is ready to test and move up to the next level, please talk with your coach. Coaches will get skaters ready for their next test usually at the end of the competition season. Some skaters will need to move up in the middle of the season if they are progressing quickly. Please remember if your skater competes, that we have to consider the following standards:

- ◆ **Class Standard:** Level proficient enough to move up to the next class level. May have skills that are weaker that still need to be perfected during practice to help continue progression of levels
- ◆ **Test Standard:** The minimum level required to pass the test.
- ◆ **Competition Standard:** Must be able to perform the level to a high standard and during a program (not just in isolation by itself). Once a skater passes a test, they must move up for the competition level as well so skills must be a higher level for those skaters who compete.

## Clothing for Tests

A Test is a pretty formal occasion, but is not a competition. There is no audience to impress. You don't need to wear your fanciest dress or clothing. You should dress neatly though (no sweats!). A nice practice dress is more than adequate for any test. If you need it, a sweater or light gloves are fine.