

SECTION 2

TESTS

PART D – ICE DANCE and SOLO ICE DANCE

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Refer also to Section 2 – TESTS (Part A - General and Pattern Skills Tests)

By-Law 240

1. Tests in ice dance comprise selected pattern dances from Preliminary to Senior Gold level for partnered Pattern Dance (Recreational) Tests, Basic Novice to Senior level for Competitive Dance Tests and Preliminary to Senior for Solo Ice Dance Tests.
2. A candidate for the Pattern Dance (Recreational) Tests may choose any partner, subject to the approval of the Judges. The composition of a couple attempting a test is one woman and one man. However, if necessary, female or male coaches may partner same gender test candidates. A combination of eligible and ineligible persons is permitted.

A dance partnership with a current record of Basic Novice Championship or above, may choose to be judged as a couple from Intermediate Novice Pattern Dance (Recreational) Tests and beyond.

Pattern Dance (Recreational) Tests must be partnered and not solo.

The composition of a couple attempting the Competitive Dance Tests is one woman and one man. Competitive Dance tests can only be performed by a competitive dance partnership registered with Ice Skating Australia. A coach or other person or ineligible person cannot partner a Competitive Dance test candidate.
4. Solo Ice Dance tests will count towards qualification only for Solo Ice Dance events and not for regular partnered Dance events. Refer to the most recent ISU/ISA Solo Ice Dance Competition Guidelines for the steps to be performed in the Pattern Dances.
5. For Competitive Dance tests, a skater/couple must perform the test which reflects their partnership circumstances at the time of submitting the test application
 - a) A skater who has previously been in, but is currently not in, a competitive partnership, must perform the respective Pattern Dance (Recreational) Test or Solo Ice Dance Test for the next level.
 - b) Should a partnership end and one partner make a new competitive partnership, in circumstances where neither partner has the relevant ice dance test for the level intended to compete, the partnership together perform the respective Pattern Dance (Recreational) Tests for levels up to and including Elementary, or, if Basic Novice or higher, performs the Competitive Dance Test as a couple.
 - c) If in a new partnership one skater has the required test, Pattern Dance (Recreational) or Competitive Dance and the other does not, the second partner must perform the respective Pattern Dance (Recreational) test for levels up to and including Elementary. For Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice, Advanced Novice, Junior or Senior, the couple will perform the respective Competitive Dance test together.

6. Persons taking up residence/or intend taking up residence in Australia and seeking to compete in championships, other than as guest skaters, or to represent Australia internationally are required to undertake applicable ISA tests as follows:
- a) If a member of an Ice Dance couple holds Junior or higher test with another partner, and the new partner has competed as a Junior in a Singles/Pair/Ice Dance event in Australia or another ISU Member:
 - i) then the Ice Dance couple will be deemed to have met the prerequisite for the Junior test;
 - ii) then they will only be required to complete the Junior and above test/s together in order to be eligible to compete in Australian Junior Ice Dance Championship;
 - iii) in the case of a new partnership, where one skater already holds Senior Pair/Ice Dance test, the Ice Dance couple will only be required to skate the Senior Competitive Dance Test together.
 - b) On production of documentary evidence of participation in a Junior or Senior Event of another ISU Member, conducted in accordance with ISU Regulations, skaters will be deemed to have passed prerequisites for the championship qualifying test(s) and may attempt the applicable qualifying test(s) for Junior and Senior Championship entry and international competition entry.

By-Law 241

1. The music for each prescribed pattern dance is supplied by the Test Candidate(s).
2. The dances must be performed as specified in the By-Laws for Ice Dance. The general figure skating elements (steps, turns, movements and carriage) contained in the dances must be performed as specified in ISU Rules 500 and 701-708.

By-Law 242

1. Pattern Dance (Recreational) Tests up to and including Elementary are to be performed before any Competitive Dance Tests, with the exception of Competitive Dance fast track.
2. The introductory steps are optional and shall not exceed the introductory phrasing (ISU Rule 703).
3. The number of sequences to be skated for all Pattern Dances must be as specified for each test.
4. The dances in the Pattern Dance (Recreational) Tests may be attempted separately, in any order, in which case a certificate only is awarded to successful candidates, and for each dance a separate test fee is payable. When these dances are attempted separately, a repeat is not permitted. When the test is taken as a whole, the skating order is as specified on the test paper and only one dance may be re-skated at the judges' discretion. Candidates will be credited with any dance(s) passed and the failed dance(s) may be taken separately at a later time. See By-Law 204.
5. The Solo Ice Dance Tests must be taken as a whole with the skating order as specified on the test paper and only one dance may be re-skated at the judges' discretion. Candidates will be credited with any dance(s) passed and the failed dance(s) may be taken separately at a later time. See By-Law 204.

By-Law 243

In the case of a fall, the dance should be continued at the next technically practicable point. See ISU Rule 707 and the current relevant Handbook for Officials Pattern Dances for applicable adjustments to Grade of Execution for interruptions and applicable deductions for Pattern Dances.

By-Law 244

1. There are nine Pattern Dance (Recreational) Tests, five Competitive Dance Tests and seven Solo Ice Dance Tests.
2. The dances will be evaluated using ISU Rule 708 and criteria stipulated in ISA Communications.
3. Unless otherwise stated the following will apply:

Repeat: When the test is attempted as a whole, one dance only may be re-skated at the Judges' discretion. When the whole test is **not** attempted, a repeat is **not** permitted. Judge(s) may request the repeat to be solo.

Pass Mark:**Pattern Dance Tests**

- Each **Specific Key Aspect** must have been achieved in more than half of the required sequences for each dance.
- **Overall Key Aspect for Timing must be at least Reasonable in all required sequences in each dance for a Pass.**
- All other **Overall Key Aspects** must have been evaluated as **Good or Reasonable**. The dance is evaluated as a whole as either a Pass or a Fail.

By-Laws 245 to 249 Reserved**PATTERN DANCE (RECREATIONAL) TESTS****By-Law 250****PRELIMINARY PATTERN DANCE (RECREATIONAL) TEST**

Candidates attempting this test must have passed:

- Preliminary Pattern Skills Test, or
 - Had overseas equivalency granted.
- a) (6) Dutch Waltz - 3 sequences
 - b) (27) Tango Canasta – 3 sequences

By-Law 251**ELEMENTARY PATTERN DANCE (RECREATIONAL) TEST**

Candidates attempting this test must have passed:

- Preliminary Pattern Dance (Recreational) Test (partnered), or
- Had overseas equivalency granted.

Candidates must choose any two of the following pattern dances to be tested at the same test session. One dance only may be re-skated at the Judges' discretion. Judge(s) may request the repeat to be solo.

- a) (5) Swing Dance – 3 sequences
- b) (26) Tango Fiesta - 3 sequences
- c) (31) Rhythm Blues – 3 sequences

By-Law 252**BASIC NOVICE PATTERN DANCE (RECREATIONAL) TEST**

Candidates attempting this test must have passed:

- Elementary Pattern Dance (Recreational) Test (partnered), or
- Had overseas equivalency granted.

Pattern Dances passed in the Basic Novice Competitive Dance Test do not need to be re-skated and will be credited for this test.

- (1) Fourteenstep – 4 sequences
- (2) Foxtrot – 3 sequences
- (7) Willow Waltz – 3 sequences
- (8) European Waltz – 3 sequences

By-Law 253**INTERMEDIATE NOVICE PATTERN DANCE (RECREATIONAL) TEST**

Candidates attempting this test must have passed:

- Basic Novice Pattern Dance (Recreational) Test (partnered), or
- Basic Novice Competitive Dance Test, or
- Junior Singles Technical Test, or
- Had overseas equivalency granted.

Pattern Dances passed in the Intermediate Novice Competitive Dance Test do not need to be re-skated and will be credited for this test.

- (3) Rocker Foxtrot – 4 sequences
- (9) American Waltz – 2 sequences
- (25) Silver Samba – 2 sequences
- (28) Tango – 2 sequences

By-Law 254**ADVANCED NOVICE PATTERN DANCE (RECREATIONAL) TEST**

Candidates attempting this test must have passed:

- Intermediate Novice Pattern Dance (Recreational) Test (partnered), or
- Intermediate Novice Competitive Dance Test, or
- Senior Singles Technical Test, or
- Had overseas equivalency granted.

Pattern Dances passed in the Advanced Novice Competitive Dance Test do not need to be re-skated and will be credited for this test.

- (13) Starlight Waltz – 2 sequences
- (19) Quickstep – 4 sequences
- (24) Cha Cha Congelado – 2 sequences
- (32) Blues – 3 sequences

By-Law 255**JUNIOR PATTERN DANCE (RECREATIONAL) TEST**

Candidates attempting this test must have passed:

- Advanced Novice Pattern Dance (Recreational) Test (partnered), or
 - Advanced Novice Competitive Dance, or
 - Had overseas equivalency granted.
- a) (10) Westminster Waltz – 2 sequences
 - b) (16) Kilian – 6 sequences
 - c) (21) Paso Doble – 3 sequences
 - d) (29) Argentine Tango – 2 sequences

By-Law 256**SENIOR BRONZE PATTERN DANCE (RECREATIONAL) TEST**

Candidates attempting this test must have passed:

- Junior Pattern Dance (Recreational) Test (partnered), or
 - Had overseas equivalency granted.
- a) (4) Tea-Time Foxtrot – 2 sequences
 - b) (11) Viennese Waltz – 3 sequences
 - c) (22) Rhumba – 4 sequences

By-Law 257**SENIOR SILVER PATTERN DANCE (RECREATIONAL) TEST**

Candidates attempting this test must have passed:

- Senior Bronze Pattern Dance (Recreational) Test (partnered), or
 - Had overseas equivalency granted.
- a) (12) Austrian Waltz – 2 sequences
 - b) (30) Tango Romantica – 2 sequences
 - c) (33) Midnight Blues – 2 sequences

By-Law 258**SENIOR GOLD PATTERN DANCE (RECREATIONAL) TEST**

Candidates attempting this test must have passed:

- Senior Silver Pattern Dance (Recreational) Test (partnered), or
 - Had overseas equivalency granted.
- a) (14) Ravensburger Waltz – 2 sequences
 - b) (15) Golden Waltz – 2 sequences
 - c) (18) Yankee Polka – 2 sequences
 - d) (20) Finnstep – 2 sequences

By-Law 259 Reserved

COMPETITIVE DANCE TESTS

By-Law 260

Competitive Couples Only

The following will apply:

Repeat: A maximum of two repeats are permitted for required elements in the Competitive Dance Tests. The element(s) to be repeated must be from the elements already executed, either one element twice or two elements once each. No substitutions of elements are permitted from those already executed.

Pass Mark: A Pass cannot be awarded if more than one element has a GOE of -3 or less or more than two elements have a GOE of -2 or less.

By-Law 261

BASIC NOVICE COMPETITIVE DANCE TEST

Both candidates attempting this test must have passed:

- Elementary Pattern Dance (Recreational) Test (partnered), or
- Had overseas equivalency granted.

Basic Novice Pattern Dance with the current or next season's Pattern Dances in accordance with relevant ISU Communications as communicated by the ISU Technical Committee Ice Dance.

By-Law 262

INTERMEDIATE NOVICE COMPETITIVE DANCE TEST

Both candidates attempting this test must have passed:

- Basic Novice Competitive Dance Test, or
- Basic Novice Pattern Dance (Recreational) Test (partnered), or
- Junior Singles Technical Test, or
- Had overseas equivalency granted.

Intermediate Novice Pattern Dance with the current or next season's Pattern Dances in accordance with relevant ISU Communications as communicated by the ISU Technical Committee Ice Dance.

By-Law 263

ADVANCED NOVICE COMPETITIVE DANCE TEST

Both candidates attempting this test must have passed:

- Intermediate Novice Competitive Dance Test, or
- Intermediate Novice Pattern Dance (Recreational) Test (partnered), or
- Senior Singles Technical Test, or
- Had overseas equivalency granted.

Advanced Novice Pattern Dance with the current or next season's Pattern Dances in accordance with relevant ISU Communications as communicated by the ISU Technical Committee Ice Dance.

By-Law 264**JUNIOR COMPETITIVE DANCE TEST**

Both candidates attempting this test must have passed:

- Advanced Novice Competitive Dance Test, or
- Had overseas equivalency granted.

Junior Rhythm Dance with the current or next season's Pattern Dance Elements, Rhythm and Required Elements in accordance with relevant ISU Communications as communicated by the ISU Technical Committee Ice Dance.

By-Law 265**SENIOR COMPETITIVE DANCE TEST**

Both candidates attempting this test must have passed:

- Junior Competitive Dance Test, or
- Had overseas equivalency granted.

Senior Rhythm Dance with the current or next season's Pattern Dance Elements, Rhythm and Required Elements in accordance with relevant ISU Communications as communicated by the ISU Technical Committee Ice Dance.

By-Laws 266 to 269 Reserved

SOLO ICE DANCE TESTS**By-Law 270****Pass Mark:****Solo Ice Dance Preliminary to Advanced Novice Tests**

- Each **Specific Key Aspect** must have been achieved in more than half of the required sequences for each dance.
- **Overall Key Aspect for Timing must be at least Reasonable in all required sequences in each dance for a Pass.**
- All other **Overall Key Aspects** must have been evaluated as **Good or Reasonable**. The dance is evaluated as a whole as either a Pass or a Fail.

Solo Ice Dance Junior and Senior Tests

Repeat: A maximum of two repeats are permitted for required elements in the Competitive Dance Tests. The element(s) to be repeated must be from the elements already executed, either one element twice or two elements once each. No substitutions of elements are permitted from those already executed.

Pass Mark: A Pass cannot be awarded if more than one element has a GOE of -3 or less or more than two elements have a GOE of -2 or less.

By-Law 271**PRELIMINARY SOLO ICE DANCE TEST**

Candidates attempting this test must have passed:

- Preliminary Pattern Skills Test, or
 - Had overseas equivalency granted.
- a) (6) Dutch Waltz - 3 sequences
- b) (27) Tango Canasta – 3 sequences

By-Law 272**ELEMENTARY SOLO ICE DANCE TEST**

Candidates attempting this test must have passed at least one of the following tests: -

- Preliminary Solo Ice Dance Test, or
- Preliminary Pattern Dance (Recreational) Test, or
- Elementary Pattern Skills Test, or
- Had overseas equivalency granted.

Candidates must choose any two of the following pattern dances to be tested at the same test session. One dance only may be re-skated at the Judges' discretion.

- a) (5) Swing Dance – 3 sequences
- b) (26) Tango Fiesta - 3 sequences
- c) (31) Rhythm Blues – 3 sequences

By-Law 273**BASIC NOVICE SOLO ICE DANCE TEST**

Candidates attempting this test must have passed at least one of the following tests: -

- Elementary Solo Ice Dance Test, or
- Elementary Pattern Dance (Recreational) Test, or
- Basic Novice Pattern Skills Test, or
- Had overseas equivalency granted.

Three pattern dances from the same group as published by the ISU for Basic Novice Solo Pattern Dance for the current or next season.

By-Law 274**INTERMEDIATE NOVICE SOLO ICE DANCE TEST**

Candidates attempting this test must have passed at least one of the following tests: -

- Basic Novice Solo Ice Dance Test, or
- Basic Novice Pattern Dance (Recreational) Test, or
- Basic Novice Competitive Dance Test, or
- Had overseas equivalency granted.

Two pattern dances from the same group as published by the ISU for Intermediate Novice Solo Pattern Dance for the current or next season.

By-Law 275**ADVANCED NOVICE SOLO ICE DANCE TEST**

Candidates attempting this test must have passed at least one of the following tests: -

- Intermediate Novice Solo Ice Dance Test, or
- Intermediate Novice Pattern Dance (Recreational) Test, or
- Intermediate Novice Competitive Dance Test, or
- Advanced Novice Pattern Skills Test, or
- Had overseas equivalency granted.

Two pattern dances from the same group as published by the ISU for Advanced Novice Solo Pattern Dance for the current or next season.

By-Law 276**JUNIOR SOLO ICE DANCE TEST**

Candidates attempting this test must have passed at least one of the following tests: -

- Advanced Novice Solo Ice Dance Test, or
- Advanced Novice Pattern Dance (Recreational) Test, or
- Advanced Novice Competitive Dance Test, or
- Junior Pattern Skills Test, or
- Had overseas equivalency granted.

Junior Rhythm Dance as published by the ISU for Solo Ice Dance for the current or next season.

By-Law 277**SENIOR SOLO ICE DANCE TEST**

Candidates attempting this test must have passed at least one of the following tests: -

- Junior Solo Ice Dance Test, or
- Junior Pattern Dance (Recreational) Test, or
- Junior Competitive Dance Test, or
- Senior Pattern Skills Test, or
- Had overseas equivalency granted.

Senior Rhythm Dance as published by the ISU for Solo Ice Dance for the current or next season.