

# GBSA Figure Skating Tests

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## Figure skating test structure

The figure test structure includes 10 achievement levels. These align with both World Skate figure groups and those that athletes will use in both GBSA National, Promotional and Championship events. The requirements of each figure level are as follows:

Figure Test Structure	
Level	Criteria
Level 1	1 a/b 2 a/b
Level 2	3 a/b 4 a/b
Level 3	8 a/b 9 a/b
Level 4	10 a/b 11 a/b 14 a
Level 5	13 a 15 a 18 a/b 19 a/b
Level 6	22 a/b 28 a/b 30 a
Level 7	1 group from WS Cadet Figures
Level 8	1 group from WS Youth Figures
Level 9	1 group from WS Junior Figures
Level 10	1 group from WS Senior Figures

During 2024, athletes will be able to apply directly to an appropriate level without having to take all preceding tests in the new structure (***This rule will be reviewed at the end of the 2024 season***). To assist coaches with the transition to the new test levels click [here](#) where a table shows a mapping from the retired structure to the new one.

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## Figure Test Procedure

GBSA figure skating tests will be structured as follows:

- Group (where applicable) and foot draw to be made around 7 days in advance of the confirmed test date by a GBSA Official.
- A five minute warm-up period for both figures and loops in advance of the relevant judged part of the test.
- All figures are to be completed and assessed in line with World Skate official regulations, this includes the number of circuits completed per figure.
- At the judge's discretion, a re-skate of up to two figures will be permitted where the skater has not achieved the pass mark percentage.

Upon completion of the test, the following verbal feedback from the judges will be made available to the athlete and trainer:

- Reasons that the skater did not meet the pass criteria.
- Areas for further improvement for a skater who meets the pass criteria.

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## Figure Test Application Process

Applications for Figure Tests are to be made to the GBSA office and cc the test coordinator at [fftestadmin@gbskateartistic.co.uk](mailto:fftestadmin@gbskateartistic.co.uk) with a copy of your figure test application form. The figure test application can be found [here](#).

## Judging Figure Tests/Criteria

### Introduction

GBSA figure tests will not be judged using the white system. This system works only in competition situations by ranking skaters in order via a score and place marks, compared to previous competitors and the average mark. Instead, tests will be judged using a percentage of correctness.

100% correct would mean that the figure could not be improved in any way (this situation is close to impossible) while 60% correct would mean that 60% of the attributes of the figure were performed correctly and 40% of the figure was incorrectly executed. For details on what a 100% correct figure would look like please view the KB app or Figure VLE courses where all the correct techniques are outlined.

### How tests are judged using the percentage of correctness

When judging the figure, the pass criteria grid should be used (a link to the grid is below), it outlines the four important elements and principles of a figure - Turns/Loops, Tracing, Body Position and Takeoffs. Each element and principle should be considered. For some figures, turns are not included so three elements/principles will be considered. For figures that have more turns such as double threes, the turn principles should be weighed higher.

Once the figure has been executed the judge must determine an overall percentage considering each of the elements/principles (Please note they should **not** give a score for each principle/element, these should be considered in the judge's head to determine one overall figure score). These percentages must be determined using the pass criteria grid. The judge will see if the athlete meets the criteria listed in the grid, if the athlete represents these criteria, then 70% will be given. If the judge feels that these criteria are not met, then the percentage should be decreased depending on how far from the criteria the athlete is. If the judge feels the athlete is performing the figure better than the criteria, then the percentage should be increased.

Once each element/principle has been considered an overall percentage must be determined for the figure, it should then be recorded on the judge's sheet.

This method is similar to that used when determining the component scores in Rollart judging. For example, a Skating Skills score is determined by taking into consideration several factors such as quality, carriage, difficulty, and directional ability. The same principle is used in determining the score for a figure by taking into consideration the turns/loops, tracings, body positions and take-offs.

Once all figures are complete the individual judge's final percentage can be determined, this is done by calculating the overall average of all figures. For example, if there were two figures in a group the first percentage being 70% and the second 60% the overall percentage for that test would be 65%.

Once all figures are complete the judges will determine if the test has been passed. For the test to be passed all judges must have an overall mark greater or equal to the pass percentage outlined below. If one judge does not meet this passing mark, then the test will be determined as a fail.

### Pass Criteria Grid

The pass criteria grid will be used when determining a mark. The full grid can be accessed by following this [link](#). This grid outlines the passing criteria for each test level. The descriptions within this grid outline what a 70% correct figure looks like for each level. The judge will then alter the percentage depending on how close or far from this description the athlete is.

### Pass Percentage

The final percentage must be **more or equal to 70% correct** for the test to be passed. As explained above all judge's final test percentages once averaged must meet this percentage.



## Clarifications

- If the skater touches down on any minor part of the figure a deduction of 5% must be taken from the final figure score.
- If the skater touches down on a major part of the figure, then the final percentage must be reduced by 10%.
- The club holding the test must provide the judges with papers for the test. The judges' papers can be found [here](#). The top section of the paper must also be filled with the athlete's name, figure test etc.
- Once the test has been completed the judge's sheet must be photographed or scanned by the officials and sent to the GBSA office and copied to the test coordinator.
- Test levels 1 – 6 must be assessed with two (2) judges and levels 7 – 10 must be assessed with three (3) judges.
- The test coordinator must ensure the judges attending the assessment are aware of the test levels being completed along with the foot drawn and the group picked (if applicable), this information must be provided around 7 days prior to the test.

**Kind Regards,**

**GBSA Figure and Free Team.**

