



Ice Skating Australia Incorporated

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Ice Dance Test Changes 2019

All Skaters, Coaches, Officials and Test Conveners are advised of changes to the ISA Testing system for all Ice Dance levels. Refer to Section 2 of the ISA By-Laws for details. The divisions now reflect the ISU Novice requirements and provide a more practical pathway for both recreational and competitive ice dancers.

New testing should commence as soon as practicable while old tests may be retained until 31/12/2019.

- Old Elementary Pattern Dance tested up to 31/12/2019 stays credited with New Elementary Pattern Dance in the system. Next test will be New Basic Novice Pattern Dance.
- Old Pre-Primary Pattern Dance tested up to 31/12/2019 will be credited with New Basic Novice Pattern Dance. Next test will be New Intermediate Novice Pattern Dance or Competitive Dance Test.
- Old Basic Novice Pattern Dance tested up to 31/12/2019 will be credited with New Intermediate Novice Pattern Dance. Next test will be New Advanced Novice Pattern Dance or Competitive Dance Test.
- Old Advanced Novice Pattern Dance tested up to 31/12/2019 stays credited as New Advanced Novice Pattern Dance. Next test will be Junior Pattern Dance or Competitive Dance Test.

In addition:

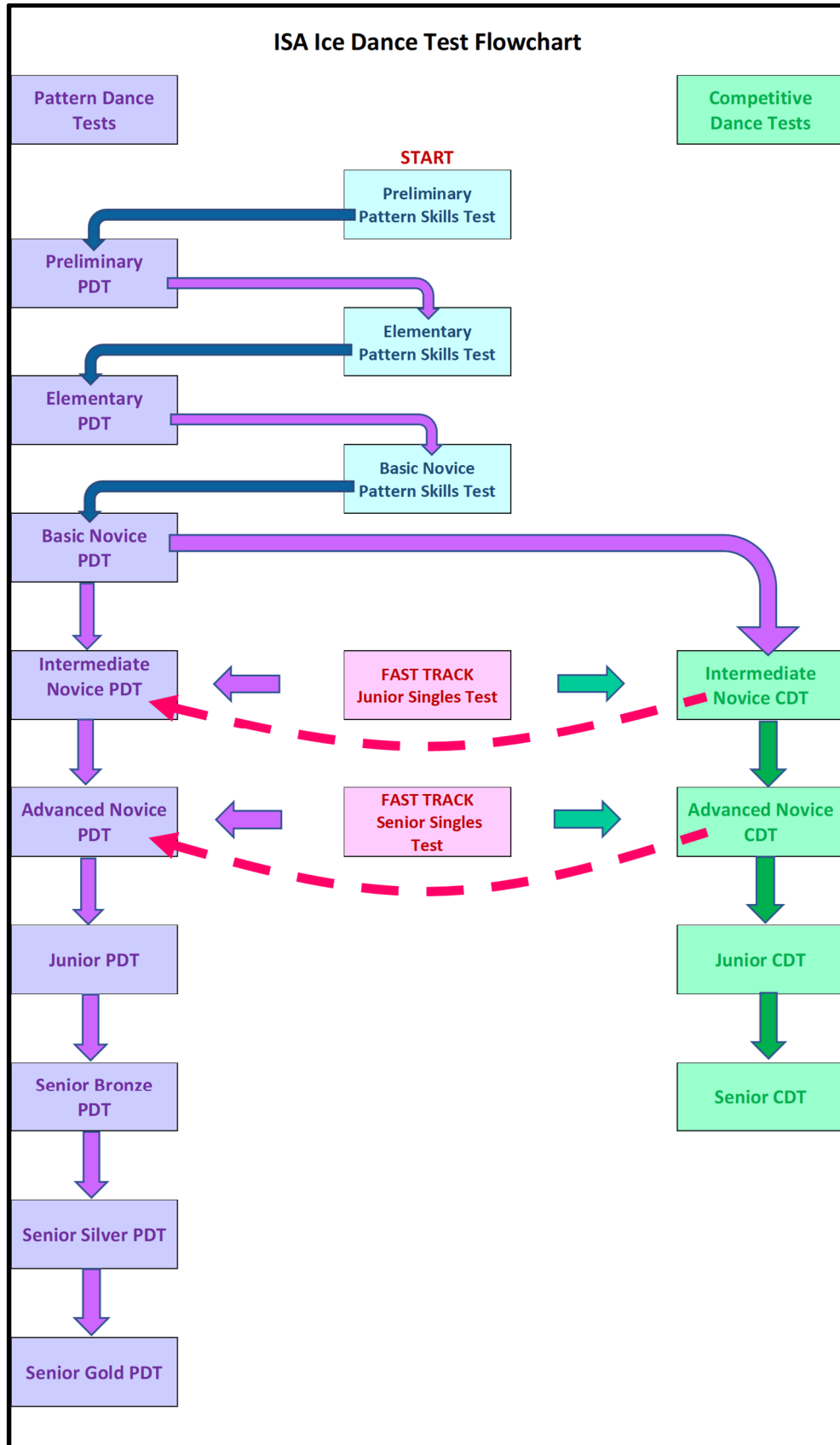
- All skaters that have passed the old Elementary Pattern Dance Test before the 1st January 2020 will be credited as having passed the Elementary Technical Pattern Skills test.
- All skaters that have passed all or part of the old Pre-Primary Pattern Dance test before the 1st January 2020 will be credited as having passed the Basic Novice Technical Pattern Skills test.
- All skaters that have passed the old Basic Novice Pattern Dance Test Singles test before the 1st January 2020 will be credited as having passed the Intermediate Novice Technical Pattern Skills test.
- All skaters that have passed the old Advanced Novice Pattern Dance test before the 1st January 2020 will be credited as having passed the Advanced Novice Technical Pattern Skills test.
- All skaters that have passed the old Junior Pattern Dance or Competitive Short Dance test before the 1st January 2020 will be credited as having passed the Junior Technical Pattern Skills test.
- All skaters that have passed the old Senior Pattern Dance or Competitive Short Dance test before the 1st January 2020 will be credited as having passed the Senior Technical Pattern Skills test.



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ISA Pattern Dance Test Marking Criteria

Evaluation of **Key Aspects specifically described for each Pattern Dance** includes correctness of edges, foot placement and correctness of timing.

Result	Successful		Not successful
Assessment	Good for Level	Reasonable for Level	Poor
Timing	Minimum 90% correct	Minimum 75% correct	Less than 75% correct
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each step/turn is held for the correct number of beats. • The dance is skated with the correct timing to the music. 		
Pattern and Placement	Minimum 90% correct	Minimum 75% correct	Less than 75% correct
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step 1 of each sequence/section is on the first beat of the musical measure (or as published by the ISU). • The repeat sequence(s) start at the same point on the ice. • The ice coverage of the pattern is acceptable for the rink size and test level. • Crossing of the long axis only occurs where permitted by applicable ISU Rules and Communications. 		
Edges	Minimum 90% correct	Minimum 75% correct	Less than 75% correct
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each step/turn is correctly executed and each part of the step/turn is on correct edges. They do not have to be deep. • Execution of steps/turns does not affect accuracy of pattern or placement. 		
Holds	Minimum 90% correct	Minimum 75% correct	Less than 75% correct
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performed as described. • Smooth and correct changes of hold. 		
Evidence of the character of the dance during execution	Strong	Average	Weak
Carriage and Leg Extension	Strong	Average	Weak

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