



Philippine Skating Union

The official governing body of figure and speed skating in the Philippines

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PHILIPPINE SKATING UNION SKATING SKILLS TEST

Overview and Eligibility

1. The **PHSU Skating Skills Test** evaluates a skater's ability to execute a series of turns, edges and steps assembled together in a pattern. The elements (turns, edges and steps) correspond to the skater's level and ability. The patterns or diagrams are to be followed accurately with qualitative standards set as part of the testing.
2. Each level includes a corresponding diagram of required patterns. Skaters are expected to demonstrate satisfactory edge quality, speed, flow, extension, quickness and extension.
3. There are different sets of diagrams and patterns for:
 - Pre-Juvenile
 - Juvenile
 - Pre-Novice
 - Basic Novice
 - Intermediate Novice
 - Advanced Novice
 - Junior
 - Senior
4. The Skating Skills Test is a partial requirement of the Philippine Skating Union (PHSU) Level Testing. To qualify for their desired level and competitions, skaters must pass:
 - Element and Program Test
 - Skating Skills Test
5. The PHSU Skating Skills test is required for all Filipino Skaters to qualify for the Philippine National Figure Skating Championships and be eligible for ISU international competitions.
6. The PHSU Skating Skills Test may also be taken independently by any skater who wishes to develop their skills or challenge themselves, regardless of their participation in national testing.

Testing Procedures and Evaluation

1. There will be 3 Judges for the test. Skaters will be given "**Pass or Retake**" mark accordingly.
2. In cases where only two judges are physically present, a video recording of the test will be taken and sent to a third assigned judge for evaluation.
3. Virtual testing or video submissions are permitted **for skaters who** reside outside the Philippines. The following conditions must be met for video testing to be accepted:
 - The video must be taken in a single location of the rink/ training venue.
 - It must clearly show the full execution of all required patterns.
 - The video requires a time stamp
 - No cuts, edits, or splices are allowed- submission must be continuous from start to finish



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2025/2026 Figure Skating Season Guidelines

1. Testing Requirement by Level

National Category

- The PHSU Skating skills test is required for all Filipino skaters.
- **Overseas Filipino skaters** who have taken equivalent skating skills tests in their country of residence may submit an official certificate as proof of compliance.
- All skaters competing in **PHSU / ISU-level categories** must pass the Skating Skills Test for their respective level.
- Skaters in levels **Pre-Novice to Senior** are required to **backtrack two levels** and pass all prior levels before testing at their current level.
- Skaters in the **Juvenile** level are only required to backtrack and pass the **Pre-Juvenile** level.

Open Category

- Skaters who wish to qualify in the PHSU National Figure Skating Championship **Open Category** are required to pass the Pre-Juvenile level test, regardless of the level they are competing in.

2. Fees

- Standard rate: Php 4,000 per Skating Skills Test
- Discounted rate for backtracking tests taken within the 2025/2026 season
 - Php 4,000 for current level
 - Php 2,000 for each backtracked level

3. The PHSU Skating Skills test is required for all Filipino Skaters to qualify for the 2025 Philippine National Figure Skating Championship. ISU sanctioned international competitions occurring before November 2025 will not require the PHSU Skating Skills Test.

4. The backtracking leeway applies only for the year 2025. Starting 2026 all skaters must complete all prior Skating Skills Tests, including the test for their current level, to be eligible for ISU international competitions and qualify for the 2026 National category and upcoming years.

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