

# FAQ: STAR 1-5

## **Will skaters have to start with STAR 1 assessments when they are capable of starting at the STAR 5 level?**

Skaters new to STAR must begin with STAR 1. If a skater has previously passed a Preliminary or higher assessment, they will be granted an equivalency in that discipline into the appropriate STAR level.

## **Is there an Equivalency Chart?**

The equivalency chart is posted in Appendix A of the STAR 1-5 Resource Guide. Due to the new format and philosophy of the STAR 1-5, coaches may have skaters assessed at levels they have been grandfathered to for developmental reasons.

**NOTE:** Any levels that are assessed below the grandfathering level for that skater can be assessed at no charge. (Please do not submit the grandfathered assessments to Skate Canada.)

## **Where can resources for the revised program and assessments be found online?**

Resources are available on the Info Centre, STAR 1-5 Resource Guide and on the Education and Learning Academy. The STAR 1-5 program and assessment modules are located on Skate Canada's Education and Learning Academy.

## **When assessing, what will the standards be?**

The standards are set nationally. There is a written standard and description for each skill. Every skill for each discipline has been captured on video at standard, below standard and above standard to help guide coaches through the expectations. The Skate Canada Development Video Library has examples of these standards.

## **How will skaters & coaches get a chance to learn from a judge/official's expertise?**

Judges and officials will still be assessing skaters at events/competitions and are available to do monitoring at the Club level. Judges and officials are valuable members of our skater development team.

## **How do the coaches get paid for STAR 1-5 Assessments?**

The coach is assessing during a skater's regular season and lesson. The assessment essentially becomes part of their job description. Coaches will use existing lesson time to assess their skaters. The coach will charge for the time spent with the skater as they would for a regular session.

### **Will the requirements for events change to align with the assessments?**

STAR 1-5 free skate events and assessments have been designed to align with each other. The STAR 2-5 program assessments will be exactly the same as the event criteria.

### **Will the coaches be responsible for the paperwork for setting up the assessments?**

Each Club will decide the process that works best for them. The Assessment Chair, in consultation with the coaching staff, will ultimately be responsible for setting up this process and for ensuring the results are submitted to Skate Canada. Coaches are encouraged to fill out the assessment sheet for their own skater. Information on this can be found in the Assessment Guide.

### **Does the Assessment Chair have to administer, attend each assessment day, book ice and secure evaluators?**

No, STAR 1-5 assessments will be done on regular sessions, and the assessments are done by the skaters' coach. The Assessment (Test) Chair should ensure that the appropriate assessment sheets are printed and available for coaches to use. Please refer to the Assessment Guide.

### **Do we have to submit a summary sheet after every STAR 1-5 Assessment?**

This could mean submitting summary sheets multiple times a week or month. We are suggesting that a summary sheet be left "open" for thirty days. At the end of the thirty days, the summary sheet and all fees collected will then be submitted to Skate Canada National Service Centre via summary sheet or online assessment submission.

### **Who submits the assessment results and payment for a skater doing an assessment at a Club/Skating School other than their home Club/School?**

The host Club of the skater should be submitting the assessment results and Skate Canada fees for the skater. This can be done through the online assessment submission or by submitting a summary sheet to the Skate Canada National Service Centre.

### **Will the safety and flow of the session be affected by coaches conducting assessments?**

No, the session will remain unaffected. The coach will provide an assessment in the same manner as they would teach a regular lesson.

# STAR 1-5 EQUIVALENCY CHART

Current Status	Dance	Freeskate	Skills	Artistic	Next Steps
<u>Preliminary</u>	STAR 3 Dances				
Dutch Waltz	STAR 2A - Dutch Waltz				STAR 4 Dances
Canasta Tango	STAR 2B - Canasta Tango				
Baby Blues	STAR 3A - Baby Blues				
FS Elements		STAR 3 Elements			STAR 4 Elements
FS Program		STAR 3 Program			STAR 4 Program
Skating Skills			STAR 3 Skills		STAR 4 Skills
<u>Jr Bronze</u>					
Swing	STAR 4A - Swing				STAR 6 Dances
Fiesta Tango	STAR 4B - Fiesta Tango				
Willow Waltz	STAR 5A - Willow Waltz				
FS Elements		STAR 5 FS Elements			STAR 6 Elements
FS Program		STAR 5 FS Program			STAR 6 Program
Skating Skills			STAR 5 Skills		STAR 6 Skills
Intro Interpretive				STAR 5 Artistic	STAR 7 Artistic