

## **Information found in Achievement Program Booklet pgs 7-8**

### **G. Gold Medal Test Centers**

1. Each RSA Section (see map on page 24 of the Achievement Test Section) may hold two artistic and two speed Gold Medal test centers per fiscal year (June 1 through May 31.) Sections may combine to hold joint Gold Medal test centers. The RSA Sectional Chapter(s) will recommend to the national RSA office the sites, dates and times for each Gold Medal test center within their section.
2. Gold Medal tests may only be skated in sites that have a minimum floor size of 70' x 170' of clear skating surface with no pole obstructions.
3. Gold Medal tests must be scheduled between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. and must be conducted so that all tests are run without interruption by lower level tests or competitive skating events. However, speed skating Gold Medal tests may be scheduled separately from the artistic tests for the convenience of the skaters. Skaters must be ready to skate at least one hour prior to their scheduled time.
4. Duties of the Gold Medal test director:
  - a. The test director must notify all RSA member rinks in the Section(s) of the detail of the Gold Medal test center at least 60 days in advance. Correspondence must be addressed to both the operator and coach.
  - b. The approximate time schedule for the skating of each test and must be mailed to both the skater and coach 10 days before the test. If there are many tests, they may be scheduled by groups.
  - c. The test director will be responsible for the selection and necessary arrangements for the RSA test judges. The test director will coordinate judges' transportation and other expenses with the rink operator prior to inviting the test judges. No later than 30 days prior to the test, the test director must provide the RSA National Office with the names and panel number of each of Gold Medal test center judges. The National Office will verify the commissions and current status of each of these judges.
5. Skaters must take a Gold Medal test within their own section; or, if their section is included in a joint Gold Medal test center. Skaters may request a waiver from the RSA National Office to skate a Gold Medal test outside their section. The request for a waiver must include specific reasons why the skater should be allowed to skate the Gold Medal test outside his or her section.
6. The Gold Medal test fee is \$22 per test. In addition to the RSA test fee, the host rink may charge an assessment fee up to \$22 per test above the RSA test fee in order to defray expenses. These test and assessment fees must include ample practice and warm-up time for the Gold Medal test skaters on the day of the tests. Spectator fees for a Gold Medal test, if any, must be approved by the RSA Sectional Chapter.
7. For artistic Gold Medal tests, five RSA test judges with No. 4 commissions in the appropriate category are required to judge each test. At least two of the judges must be from panels outside the section in which the gold medal test center is being conducted.
8. For speed Gold Medal tests, the referee-in-charge must measure the track from pylon to pylon to determine that the track measurements conform to official layouts. Any deviations must be corrected before the tests can be skated