

Hawaii FSC Test Fee Revisions 9/19/11

Hawaii FSC News announced in March 2010, “The Board of Directors approved a revised fee schedule for tests at Hawaii FSC, the first increase since the early 1990s. The fees are still below the fees charged at other clubs in our region and the fee structure is much simpler.” The fees for a few of the tests was approved for implementation in two steps. The Test Application revision published on 9/19/11 implemented the second step for those few tests.

Member:



The revised test application form has a US Figure Skating logo in the upper left corner.

Off-Island Judge Expenses

There are two Gold Test judges on Oahu. Whenever a Junior or Senior level Free Skate, Moves in the Field, or Pair test is requested, the club brings in a third Gold Test judge from Maui. Over the past two years, the number of tests taken at each test session has dwindled drastically (especially the number of high tests) yet the club absorbed the additional costs to bring in the required third high test judge. With the loss of revenue, the club cannot continue to do that. With reluctance, the Board of Directors established the policy that, in addition to the regular test fees, the total cost of bringing in the additional judge will be shared among those skaters whose tests require the extra judge.

In recent experience, there usually has been only one skater on a test session whose testing required the additional high test judge. Additionally, there are only one or two skaters in Hawaii FSC who are eligible to take a high test. So the test form assumes that one skater will pay the costs for the additional judge which has been as high as \$325. Should there be more than one skater requiring the additional judge, the Test Chair will divide the \$325 among those skaters and refund the difference. Hopefully, coaches and skaters can coordinate so that there will be more than one high test skater on a test session.

Hawaii FSC (like every other member club of USFSA) follows USFSA policies and practices when arranging for judges for test sessions, competitions, etc.

- Expenses for our local judges are minimal. There is no lodging expense nor per diem expense (skaters provide the meal during the test session). Transportation consists of standard mileage allowance (IRS) for the use of their privately owned vehicles (POV).
- For off-island judges, policy provides reimbursement for:
 - Transportation from their home to their airport (shuttle fees or mileage plus multiple-day parking fees for POV).
 - Air fare
 - Lodging (the club has corporate rates at two hotel chains)
 - Transportation from the Honolulu airport to hotel to rink to hotel to airport.
 - Per Diem - less the one meal at the rink.
 - Transportation from the remote airport to home.

The picture for dance tests is different. Hawaii FSC judges on Oahu may judge up through pre-silver dances. For higher tests, all THREE necessary judges must be brought in – at least two of them from the Mainland. Total expenses in this case are estimated at \$3,000. Our skaters and families will quickly recognize that, for individual skaters, it is cheaper to go to the Mainland for the higher dance tests than it is to bring in the judges. However, five or six such dance skaters may wish to share the \$3000 which would be much cheaper than each going to the Mainland.