



# Overview of the PSA Rating System

The PSA Ratings process requires a substantial amount of time and effort from coaches. Below is a brief description of available Ratings. For further information, visit [www.skatepsa.com/ratings](http://www.skatepsa.com/ratings).

## BEGINNING THE RATINGS PROCESS | Basic Accreditation or Foundations of Coaching Certification

The first step in the Ratings System is to take and pass a Basic Accreditation (BA) written exam or successfully complete the Foundations of Coaching Certification (FCC) and accompanying Workbook. The BA exam consists of 100 multiple choice and true/false questions of which 70% must be correct in order to pass. The FCC is a developmental opportunity for experienced and new group lesson coaches.

## THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RATING LEVELS

Once a PSA member has passed the Basic Accreditation written exam or FCC they can choose to continue the rating process by taking verbal exams. These verbal exams are offered at four increasingly difficult levels:

| Registered   | Certified   | Senior  | Master   |
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| <i>Basic Understanding</i>   | <i>Specific Understanding</i>   | <i>Complete Understanding</i>   | <i>Mastery Understanding</i>   |
| The Candidate must demonstrate good, thorough, yet basic knowledge and experience covering the curriculum at this level. | The Candidate must demonstrate a higher knowledge of teaching technique at this level with experience covering the content at this level. | The Candidate must demonstrate superior knowledge with excellent technical skills and confidence in all areas of expertise. | The Candidate must demonstrate exceptional knowledge, teaching skill and experience — the highest level of testing and competency. |

**Sport Science & Medicine** written exams are a component for each rating at all levels. These exams may be taken in any order. All requirements must be successfully completed in order to receive a Rating.

## DISCIPLINE CHOICES

To be Rated in a discipline, a coach must successfully complete all rating requirements for that specific discipline. A coach may be rated in multiple disciplines. The available disciplines are:

- Free Skating
- Group
- Choreography
- Dance
- Figures
- Program Director
- Free Dance
- Skating Skills
- Pairs
- Theatre on Ice  
*(Registered & Certified only)*
- Solo Pattern Dance

## RATINGS ARE PERMANENT

Once a Rating is attained, it is for life. However, in order for the Rating to remain **active**, the coach must continue their education through PSA educational programs. All rated professionals are required to maintain 28 educational credits for every three year period. Credits may be received from a variety of available sources including all PSA educational programs, plus limited credits from U.S. Figure Skating, ISI, ISU, USOC and Skate Canada pre-approved events.

### PSA MISSION STATEMENT:

Dedicated to providing continuing education and accreditation to ice skating professionals in a safe and ethical environment.

