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Dear luge friends,

I would like to inform you below about important decisions made by the FIL executive board at its meetings in Munich/GER and Lake Placid/USA as well as resolutions of the 72nd FIL Congress 2024 in Lake Placid/USA:

# For the sports area (artificial track and natural track):

At the proposal of the AT Technical Commission, the following values are set for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 seasons:

Pressure measurement runner/steel, runner, bridge box

bias: 2 Nm

measurement pressure: 7 Nm

maximum value: 1 mm

Pressure measurement steels-bolt/screw-box

bias: 1 Nm

measurement pressure: 3 Nm

maximum value: 1 mm

The 56th FIL European Artificial Track Championships 2025 are awarded to Winterberg/GER in "Race in Race" mode.

The 14th America-Pacific Championships and the 10th Asian Championships are awarded to PyeongChang/KOR in "Race in Race" mode.

The FIL 46th European Junior Artificial Track Championships 2025 will be awarded to Sigulda/LAT in "Race in Race" mode.

The 14th America-Pacific Junior Championships will be awarded to Oberhof/GER in "Race in Race" mode.

The 2024/25 Sport Calendar Artificial Track General Class, Juniors and Youth A (Continental Cup) is confirmed.

Detailed plans for all race series can be found at <a href="https://www.fil-luge.org/de/rennkalender-als-pdf">https://www.fil-luge.org/de/rennkalender-als-pdf</a>

The 25<sup>th</sup> Natural Track World Championships are awarded to Kühtai/AUT (January 17-19, 2025).

In artificial track, the design of the advertising surfaces in size and color must be submitted electronically to the Technical Director (a.sics@fil-luge.org) for review and approval by August 31 of each sport year. If they are submitted on time and the advertising surfaces comply with the rules, they will be approved in writing.

The FIL Presidium and Executive Board have decided not to pay out any
participant subsidies for the General Class Artificial Track in the 2024/25
season, but to support sled and material transportation as follows:

# <u>General class: transportation of sleds from overseas (competitions in Europe)</u> <u>for non-European NFs</u>

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- 4 boxes per NF or 5 boxes per NF with at least 10 participating athletes:
  - max. € 500 per box)
- Those who do not take part in all World Cup races in Europe will only receive 1/2 of the subsidy
- The FIL will cover the transportation costs for all nations that join the DHL collective transport from Europe to Whistler (WCh), PyeongChang, Yanqing and back to Frankfurt/Lake Placid. The assumption of costs is limited to a maximum of 14 boxes per NF and must correspond to the lowest number of participants/NF at the races in Whistler, PyeongChang and Yanqing.

With this measure, we want to motivate all NFs to participate in as many FIL competitions as possible, but especially in the FIL World Championships and the subsequent EBERSPÄCHER World Cups in Asia.

The costs for the carnet and customs clearance must still be borne by the NFs. In addition, all NFs have the option of transporting crates in excess of the 14-crate limit at cost price (probably Euro 2,300/crate).

The Sport Director AT will send all NFs further information soon.

# **Juniors and Youth A class:**

As in the past, participant subsidies are paid in these categories. Artificial track (Junior WCs, Junior World Championships and Continental Cups):

- One (1) sled per discipline is supported with €250 i.e. max.
   €1,000
- Additional €2,000 for participation in all 4 disciplines
   Nations competing in all 4 disciplines will therefore receive an additional €1,000 in funding with immediate effect.

- Transportation of sleds from overseas (Junior World Cup competitions in Europe) for non-European NFs
- o 4 boxes per NF or 5 boxes per NF with at least 10 participating athletes:
  - o max. €500 per box)
    - Those who do not take part in all Junior World Cup races in Europe will only receive 1/2 of the subsidy

As a general rule, all subsidies, including those from the FIL development program, will only be paid out after the end of the season.

The **FIL 72nd Congress in Lake Placid/USA** was attended by delegates from 27 National Federations. We would like to take this opportunity to thank ORDA and USA Luge for their great support and assistance in organizing this congress!

All motions **for amendments to the IRO**, which were previously approved by a 2/3 majority of our expert commissions, were confirmed by the Congress. The IRO motions for artificial track and natural track confirmed by the Congress can be found in **enclosures 1 and 2**.

A detailed explanation and introduction to the various IRO adjustments will be provided in an online meeting by the Sports and Technical Director AT in October. The NFs will receive an invitation in the coming weeks.

We will put the IRO 2024 online on the FIL website as soon as possible. You will receive separate information about this.

A motion by the Technical Commission Artificial Track regarding the introduction of standard dimensions (in stages from the 2026/27 season) was approved by the Congress by a clear majority following discussions (see enclosure 3).

Note: Sleds with the new standard dimensions may be used with immediate effect.

During the Congress, President Einars Fogelis and Secretary General Dwight Bell awarded the FIL Medal of Honor to deserving officials in the sport of luge:

#### Medal of Honor in SILVER:

- Marlene Vierboom /CAN
- Harry Salmon/CAN

I would like to inform you in particular about some of the decisions made at the congress:

1. Amendments to the Statutes:

A package of amendments to the statutes, prepared under the legal direction of Dr. Christian Krähe, was adopted.

Two points in particular are to be emphasized:

- Member federations of the FIL are only entitled to motions and votes if their membership fee has been paid in full.
- The elected members of the Executive Board may not be the president of a member federation.

The complete 2024 statutes can be found here on the FIL website: <a href="https://www.fil-luge.org/cdn/uploads/0-fil-statutes-en-komplett-2024.pdf">https://www.fil-luge.org/cdn/uploads/0-fil-statutes-en-komplett-2024.pdf</a>

# 2. Elections:

Due to the tragic accidental death of our highly esteemed Ethics Authority Dr. Jochen Fritzweiler in July 2023, a new election for this position was necessary.

Karl-Friedrich Schauhoff/GER, the Ethics Authority appointed by the Executive Board on an interim basis, was unanimously confirmed in this function by the Congress. We wish Mr. Schauhoff all the best in this position of responsibility. Derek Prentice/GBR was also unanimously elected as a substitute member of the Control Commission.

# 3. Awarding of FIL Championships through 2028

The FIL Congress awarded the following championship:

# World Championships 2028 Artificial Track: KÖNIGSSEE/GER

The Congress has instructed the Executive Board to award the 2025 Natural Track WCh and the 2025 Junior ECh Natural Track at short notice on the recommendation of the Commission Natural Track and Public Sledding.

The FIL Congress 2025 will take place in Tampere/FIN in mid-June, while the FIL Congress 2026 has been allocated to Berchtesgaden/GER.

#### Further important information:

# • Anti-Doping - Education

We ask for active participation in the monthly ITA webinars 2024.

These will be published on the FIL website under ITA Webinars and ad-

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- The webinars are open to all members of the FIL community not only athletes, but also the wider community.
- Simultaneous translations are available in French, Spanish, Arabic, and Russian.
- We ask the national associations to participate and invite their members you can learn more about anti-doping in a webinar free of charge for your organization.

## • E-License

As already announced, the e-license for the FIL competitions artificial track (general class, juniors, and youth A) and natural track (general class and juniors) will also be available via the existing DokuMe platform in the coming season. Each national federation has been given one (1) access for license management. For legal reasons, either the President, the Secretary General or the NF Representative must register here as the contact person, who then first applies for the "Federation License". In the next step, the licenses can then be renewed or newly applied for. Please note that the ADEL certificate is mandatory for every athlete and is valid for two years. Ask your athlete to keep it up to date at all times.

If you have not already done so, please register as soon as possible <u>here</u>. The required documents (either German or English version)have already been sent to you and are also available for download in DokuMe.

- -License costs: €10 per athlete and sports year
- -License administration costs: €120 per account and year
- -Online registration administration costs: 1 account <u>free of charge</u>, all other accounts € 120 per year

Billing takes place annually via the FIL office.

Registration for FIL licenses for the 2024/25 season is now open.

#### Accounting

As previously announced, The FIL has outsourced its accounting to an external company as of April 1, 2024. With immediate effect, we therefore ask you to send all invoices by e-mail to <a href="mailto:fischer@fil-luge.org">fischer@fil-luge.org</a> or send them to us by post.

# Press Work, Social Media

We are once again asking you and your athletes to actively support with our press work and social media presence. We are happy to publish or share your articles and photos! Please send them to our communications manager Margit Dengler-Paar (press@fil-luge.org). Or plan the projects and measures together with her. We are also happy about collab partnerships on Instagram. If The FIL adds you as a collab partner (only five partners are possible), it would be great if you would "accept" this partnership. All sides benefit massively from this partnership through increased reach!

We are also dependent on your help in updating our athlete portraits on the website and will contact you again separately. We would like to ask you to support us in updating the athletes' biographies and to send us the requested information.

• Finally, we would like to ask you to forward this and other information to all persons within your association for whom it may be relevant.

A good flow of communication is essential for good work, but it is not possible for

us to inform all individuals within the associations. We are reliant on your help here, which we kindly ask you to provide.

We wish you a pleasant and relaxing summer and a good preparation time for the 2024/25 season!

Yours sincerely

Christoph Schweiger

**Executive Director** 

3 enclosures

# Enclosure 1 - IRO changes Artificial Track



Applicant: Executive Board	<b>§:</b> 1 point 3	Motion No.: 1
		ack □ Natural Track

# Old text:

3. Athletes registered by their National Federations (NFs) can participate in all FIL competitions if they have a valid FIL license.

The licenses are filled out by the respective National Federation on behalf of the FIL and are newly signed by the President of the respective NF or by a person authorized by him/her every season.

With the signature of the National Federation's representative, it has to be confirmed that

- a) the athlete is a member of his/her federation or one of its associated clubs,
- b) the athlete is insured for practicing the sport of luge also in foreign countries,
- c) the athlete has a medical certificate that is based on a medical examination conducted during the last 12 month or a subsequent medical examination in the event of a serious injury, and states that from a point of view of sports medicine, he/she is fit for practicing the sport of luge,
- d) the athlete has received such a basic training that one could expect the athlete to be able to master luge tracks used for competitions in a safe way.

The license only becomes valid after the athletes declare in writing that they bindingly acknowledge the statutes and regulations of the FIL, especially the IRO, the Law and Procedure Regulations of the FIL and that they have knowledge of the contents of all regulations. The license must be presented to the sports director who keeps them at the beginning of the first competition of the current season. For FIL Junior and Junior A competitions, the license must be presented to the race director.

# **New Text:**

 Athletes registered by their National Federations (NFs) can participate in all FIL competitions if they have a valid FIL elicense is required in the youth A, junior, and general classes.

The licenses are issued by the FIL and must be applied for anew each season.

To obtain the license, a certificate with the following requirements is necessary:

a) The athlete must complete a basic training that suggests they can safely slide all the designated tracks for competitions.

b) The athlete must have successfully completed two FIL luge training weeks on two different tracks, reaching the age category start height. Confirmation will be provided to the athlete by the relevant FIL coaches.

The FIL may recognize an athlete's participation in lunge training week conducted by NF as equivalent.

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- e) the athlete has a medical certificate that is based on a medical examination conducted during the last 12 month or a subsequent medical examination in the event of a serious injury, and states that from a point of view of sports medicine, he/she is fit for practicing the sport of luge.
- the athlete has received such a basic training that one could expect the athlete to be able to master luge tracks used for competition in a safe way.

The license only becomes valid after the athletes declare in writing that they bindingly acknowledge the statutes and regulations of the FIL, especially the IRO, the Law and Procedure Regulations of the FIL and that they have knowledge of the contents of all regulations. The license must be presented to the sports director who keeps them at the beginning of the first competition of the current season. For FIL Junior and Junior A competitions, the license must be presented to the race director.

# Reason:

Change from paper to electronic license.

What other paragraphs/points would need to be changed accordingly?:

§3 point 8 d)

Applicant: Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 2, 1.2.6	Motion No.:2
		rack □ Natural Track

No old text

# **New Text:**

U23- European Championships

• in every sport's year as "Race in Race" / World Cup (WC)

# Reason:

Already performed



Applicant: Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 2, 1.3	Motion No.: 3
		rack □ Natural Track

## Old text:

1.3 International Competitions

1.3.1 World Cup (WC)

The staging of World Cup races in blocks is allowed (i.e. three World Cup races in two weeks).

1.3.2 Team Relay World Cup (TSWC)

1.3.3 Sprint World Cup (SWC)

1.3.4 Junior World Cup (JWC)

☐ minimum 4 races per season

1.3.5 Youth A Continental Cup (CC)

☐ minimum 3 races per season

1.3.6 Nations Cup (NC)

World Cup and Nations Cup are staged in one event.

1.3.7 Three-Tracks Tournament (Dreibahnen-Tournee DT)

1.3.8 FIL Youth Games (FIL YG)

1.3.9 Other international competitions

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1.3.2 Team Relay World Cup (TSWC)

1.3.3 Sprint World Cup (SWC)

1.3.4 FIL Cup (General Class)

1.3.5 Junior World Cup (JWC)

☐ minimum 4 races per season

1.3.6 Youth A Continental Cup (CC)

☐ minimum 3 races per season

1.3.7 Nations Cup (NC)

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1.3.9 FIL Youth Games (FIL YG)

1.3.10 Other international competitions

#### Reason:

To improve the skills of athletes and bridge the divide between junior and general class, it should be considered introducing a new race series for general class starting from the 2026/2027 season. Exact rules, requirements, and how it affects current race series will be worked out by the sport commission in the coming months.



 Applicant: Sport Commission
 §: 2, 1.3
 Motion No.: 4

 □ Artificial Track □ Natural Track

## Old text:

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1.3.1 World Cup (WC)

The staging of World Cup races in blocks is allowed (i.e. three World Cup races in two weeks).

1.3.2 Team Relay World Cup (TSWC)

1.3.3 Sprint World Cup (SWC)

1.3.4 Junior World Cup (JWC)

☐ minimum 4 races per season

1.3.5 Youth A Continental Cup (CC)

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1.3.1 World Cup (WC)

The staging of World Cup races in blocks is allowed (i.e. three World Cup races in two weeks).

1.3.2 Team Relay World Cup (TSWC)

1.3.3 Mixed Singles World Cup (MSWC)

1.3.4 Mixed Doubles World Cup (MDWC)

1.3.5 Sprint World Cup (SWC)

1.3.6 Junior World Cup (JWC)

☐ minimum 4 races per season

1.3.7 Youth A Continental Cup (CC)

☐ minimum 3 races per season

1.3.8 Nations Cup (NC)

World Cup and Nations Cup are staged in one event.

1.3.9 Three-Tracks Tournament (Dreibahnen-Tournee DT)

1.3.10 FIL Youth Games (FIL YG)

1.3.11 Other international competitions

## Reason:

# What other paragraphs/points would need to be changed accordingly?:

§3.1.1

§3.1.1.2

§3.2



Applicant: Sport Commission/Executive Board	<b>§:</b> 2, 2.4	Motion No.: 5
	⊠ Artificial <sup>-</sup>	Track □ Natural Track
Old text:		
No old text		
New Text:		
2.4 To conduct an international FIL race, there must different nations participating in the respective disc genders. This rule does not apply to the team relay	ipline (§3.9).	This rule applies to all
Any FIL championships are not affected by this rule	<b>)</b> .	
Reason:		
What other paragraphs/points would need to be	e changed a	ccordingly?:

Applicant: Sport Commission /Executive Board	<b>§:</b> 3, 1.1.2	Motion No.: 6
	⊠ Artificial Tr	ack □ Natural Track

1.1.2 The Sprint competition (§ 3, 6.2) is obligatory during FIL WCh. (§ 3, 2.6)

# **New Text:**

1.1.2 The Sprint competition (§ 3, 6.2) is obligatory during FIL WCh. (§ 3, 2.6)

The Mixed Singles / Mixed Doubles competition is obligatory during FIL World Championships.

# Reason:

Replacing Sprint

# What other paragraphs/points would need to be changed accordingly?:

§3.6.3 FIL Sprint World Championships, General Class § 12 Title WChs



Applicant: Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 3, 5.2	Motion No.: 7
	⊠ Artificial <sup>-</sup>	Track □ Natural Track

### Old text:

5.2 Composition of seeded groups at FIL Championships and World Cup General Class

12 women

12 men

12 Women's-, Men's doubles

The seeded groups are set up by name.

At the beginning of each season, the seeded groups are set up new.

Athletes who are officially resigned are deleted from the seeded group.

The names of athletes from the seeded groups are to be confirmed by the team captain before each draw.

#### **New Text:**

5.2 Composition of seeded groups at FIL Championships and World Cup General Class

12 women's singles

12 men's singles

12 women's doubles

12 men's doubles

The seeded groups are set up by name.

At the beginning of each season, the seeded groups are set up new.

Athletes who are officially resigned are deleted from the seeded group.

The seeded groups are updated and adjusted after each World Cup for the next World Cup. The seeded groups will be filled up to their full number. In the absence of an athlete, the next ranked athlete moves up. This is possible until the start of the first official training.

The names of participating athletes from the seeded groups are to be confirmed by the team captain until the first official training.

## Reason:

A clear definition is needed due to the varying approaches observed in previous years.

Applicant: Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 3, 5.6	Motion No.: 8
		rack □ Natural Track

No old text

# **New Text:**

§:3;5.6

The FIL can provide instruction and training for judges who wish to acquire the International Judge License or remain active.

# Reason:

In past seasons, we have faced difficulty in finding Jury members and Technical Delegates on short notice, especially for tracks that lack the necessary infrastructure and personnel capacity.



Applicant: Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 3, 6.1.1	Motion No.: 9
		rack □ Natural Track

#### Old text:

The 1st competition run will be as follows:

- Women's singles start number 22 1, 23 last place according to placing in preliminary run
- Men's singles start number 22 1, 23 last place according to placing in preliminary run
- Women's, men's doubles start number 15 1, 16 last place according to placing in preliminary run

#### **New Text:**

The 1st competition run will be as follows:

- Women's singles start number 22 1, 23 last place according to placing in preliminary run
- Men's singles start number 22 1, 23 last place according to placing in preliminary run
- Women's, men's doubles start number 15 1, 16 last place according to placing in preliminary run

#### Singles:

- In the 1st run, the 10th-placed athlete from the preliminary run starts as the first sled, and in subsequent order, so that the 1st-placed athlete from the preliminary run has the starting number 10.
- Starting from number 11, the seeded group follows after the draw (placements 7 12 / 1 6).
- Then, the remaining sleds follow, starting with the 11th-placed athlete from the preliminary run until the end.

#### Doubles:

- In the 1st run, the third-placed doubles team from the preliminary run starts as the first sled, and in subsequent order, so that the 1st-placed team from the preliminary run has the starting number 3.
- Starting from number 4, the seeded group follows after the draw (placements 7 12 / 1 6).
- Then, the remaining sleds follow, starting with the 4th-placed doubles team from the preliminary run until the end.

#### Reason:

Already being performed (e.g. WM Oberhof)



Applicant: Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 3, 6.1.1	Motion No.: 10
		ack   Natural Track

No old text

# **New Text:**

The determination of the seeded groups for the individual disciplines is based on the World Cup point standings from the preceding three World Cups on at least three different tracks in at least two different countries.

# Reason:

Due to the challenging calendar planning, this is intended to prevent the seeding group from being formed solely based on tracks from one country, promoting more fairness. This approach is already implemented accordingly at the Olympics.



Applicant: Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 3, 6.3	Motion No.: 11
		Track □ Natural Track

# Old text: §:3;6.3

U 23 World Championships (U 23 WCh)

The U23 WCh will be staged as "race in race" with the World Championships (§ 2, 1.2.1)

- Athletes who participate in the U23 World Championships must comply with the following age regulations:
  - Maximum age: year of the event -23
  - Minimum age: in accordance with IRO (§ 3, 4.3)
- The participating athletes must be registered for the FIL World Championships in the framework of the authorization to participate (§ 3, 3.1).
- Awarded title: Women/Men and Doubles, if at least three (3) athletes/athlete pairs/teams have reached a result in their respective discipline.
- The title holders and the rankings are determined from the rankings of the FIL-WCh race.
- Separate results list is drawn up for the U 23 World Championship rankings.

# New Text: §:3;6.3

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- Athletes who participate in the U23 World Championships must comply with the following age regulations:
  - Maximum age: year of the event -23
  - Minimum age: in accordance with IRO (§ 3, 4.3)
- The participating athletes must be registered for the FIL World Championships in the framework of the authorization to participate (§ 3, 3.1).
- Awarded title: Women's Singles /Men's Singles and Women's Doubles /Men's Doubles, if at least three (3) athletes/athlete pairs/teams have reached a result in their respective discipline.
- The title holders and the rankings are determined from the rankings of the FIL-WCh race.
- Separate results list is drawn up for the U 23 World Championship rankings.

**Reason:** The reason is that the new text about the U23 European Championship is being added.



Applicant: Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 3, 6.3.2	Motion No.: 12
		ack □ Natural Track

# Old text:

No old Text

# **New Text:**

U23 European Championships (U 23 ECh)

The U23 ECh are staged as "Race in Race" at a World Cup. (§ 2, 1.2.2)

- Athletes who participate in the U23 European Championships must comply with the following age regulations:
  - Maximum age: year of the event -23
  - Minimum age: in accordance with IRO (§ 3, 4.3)
- The participating athletes must be registered for the FIL World Cup in the framework of the authorization to participate (§ 3, 3.2 and § 3, 3.1).
- Awarded title: Women's Singles/Men's Singles and Women's Doubles/Men's Doubles, if at least three (3) athletes/athlete pairs/teams have reached a result in their respective discipline.
- The title holders and the rankings are determined from the rankings of the FIL-ECh race.
- Separate results list is drawn up for the U 23 European Championship rankings.

## Reason:

Already performed on tour

Applicant: Canada	<b>§:</b> 3, 6.5.4	Motion No.: 13
		rack □ Natural Track

# **New Text:**

Should the World Cup field not be filled until the Nations Cup (§3, 6.5.5) begins within a respective discipline then any athlete(s) with a DNF, DSQ, DNS in the Nation's Cup will qualify for the World Cup and will receive the last start number(s) in the World Cup start list. If this applies to more than one athlete, start numbers will be drawn.

# Reason:

Clarifying possible situations which can happen in NC, based on current unclarity.



Applicant: Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 3, 6.5.6	Motion No.: 14
	⊠ Artificial T	rack □ Natural Track

#### Old text:

6.5.6 Start order for World Cup races

1st competition run:

- ☐ Last place to first place from the Qualification or NC
- ☐ Seeded group according to draw

2nd competition run:

☐ According to the results of the 1st competition run, last place to first place.

Starting order World Cup race in case of failure of the Nations Cup

1st competition run:

- ☐ Last place to best place outside to seeded group
- ☐ Athletes without World Cup points according to a draw
- ☐ Seeded group according to draw

2nd competition run:

□ According to the results of the 1st competition run, last place to first place.

#### **New Text:**

6.5.6 Start order for World Cup races

1st competition run:

- ☐ Last place to first place from the Qualification or NC
- □ Seeded group according to draw

2nd competition run:

□ According to the results of the 1st competition run, last place to first place.

Starting order World Cup race in case of failure of the Nations Cup

1st competition run:

- ☐ Last place to best place outside to seeded group
- ☐ Athletes without World Cup points according to a draw
- □ Seeded group according to draw

2nd competition run:

□ According to the results of the 1st competition run, last place to first place.

#### Singles:

- In the 1st run, the 5th-placed athlete from the Nations Cup starts as the first sled, and in subsequent order, so that the 1st-placed athlete from the Nations Cup has the starting number 5.
- Starting from number 6, the seeded group follows after the draw (placements 7 12 / 1 6).
- Then, the remaining sleds follow, starting with the 6th-placed athlete from the Nations Cup until the end.

Start order for the 2nd competition run

• Women's, Men's Singles 20 - 1 according to placing in 1st competition run

#### Doubles:

- In the 1st run, the 3rd-placed doubles team from the Nations Cup starts as the first sled, and in subsequent order, so that the 1st-placed team from the Nations Cup has the starting number 3.
- Starting from number 4, the seeded group follows after the draw (placements 7 12 / 1 6).
- Then, the remaining sleds follow, starting with the 4th-placed doubles team from the Nations Cup until the end.

Start order for the 2nd competition run

• Women's-, Men's Doubles 18 - 1 according to placing in 1st competition run

# Reason:

Due to the weather conditions, this procedure has already been implemented in the last three World Cups of the previous season. It has proven successful for all involved parties. It enhances fairness and provides all athletes with the opportunity to earn their starting positions themselves (through NC). Reducing the number of participants in the second run helps organizers shorten the overall event time, making it more attractive to spectators.

Applicant: Canada / Technical Commission	<b>§:</b> 3, 6.6.3	Motion No.: 15
		ack □ Natural Track

f) No coaches in the starting area/ zone are allowed, except in the case of technical defect:

# **New Text:**

- f) No coaches in the starting area/ zone are allowed, except in In case of a defect of the following:
  - zipper of race shoe
  - visor/ face shield
  - helmet
  - neck strap
  - doubles sleds straps

the respective athlete has the right to ask the start leader under the supervision of the jury at the start for a one minute technical break to remedy the defect. This technical break must be approved by the start leader under supervision of the jury at the start.

# Reason:

It is always a discussion when a "technical defect" happens at the start with the start leaders. There should be a clear description which technical defects are allowed to be fixed. Those technical defects must only cover safety related items/ situations like visor and neck strap or known possible defects where NFs do not have control over like zipper of race bootie.



 Applicant: Sport Commission
 §: 3, 6.7
 Motion No.: 16

 □ Artificial Track □ Natural Track

#### Old text:

6.7 Course of Team Relay Competition

6.7.1 Eligibility to participate

Only one Team Relay team per nation may participate in the competition

(1woman, 1 man, 1 doubles)

Athletes participating in the Team Relay competition must be qualified for the WC / NC or for the FIL championships.

☐ No additional starters are allowed in the Relay competition.

6.7.2 Registration/entries

- The day before the Team Relay competition, all NFs participating have to register their teams by name in writing at the latest by 5:00 p.m. or at most 10 minutes after the last competition of the day is completed, whichever comes later.
- After the registration deadline, a substitution is possible for justified reason, e.g. injury or illness or otherwise an important reason for the prevention exists.
- Athletes who complete their competition on the same day of the Team Relay must be registered in writing with the Sport Coordinator at most 10 minutes after their competition ends.

6.7.3 Time of Team Relay competition

- The Team Relay competition is staged in one run as the event's last discipline.
- Changes of the time when the competition must be staged by the event organizer are determined by the FIL.

6.7.4 Determination of the "nations ranking" for the Team Relay World Cup

The "Team Relay nations ranking" is determined as follows:

- current World Cup point standings in the singles and doubles disciplines;
- only the best ranked athletes are determined for each NF (1 woman, 1 man, 1 doubles);
- the points of the best placed athletes of each NF are added;
- the total of points is the placing in the "Team Relay nations ranking";
- if a Team Relay competition is held on the 1st World Cup weekend the "Team Relay nations ranking" is calculated on the basis of the overall World Cup point standings of the previous season
- 6.7.5 For determining the "nations ranking" for the Team Relay competition at FIL WCh (General Class) and OWG:
- the ranking in the three individual disciplines (women's/men's (S) and doubles in the current FIL WCh or OWG is valid;
- per NF only the best placed athletes are derived from the results: 1 woman, 1 man, 1 double;
- the points (§ 3, 10.1) of the best placed athletes or the respective NF are added together;
- the total determines the ranking in the Team Relay nations ranking for the FIL WCh / OWG. 6.7.6 Start order World Cup
- At the 1st Team Relay competition the start order follows the "Team Relay nations ranking" (point 6.7.4) in reversed order (last ranked to rank 1).

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- After the 1st Team Relay WC, the start order is the reverse order of the current Team Relay World Cup rankings (last to first place).
- New teams/NFs start at the beginning by draw.
- Order of disciplines per team: women's singles / men's singles / doubles

6.7.7 Start order FIL WCh (General Class) JWCh and OWG

- according to the nations ranking for the Team Relay at FIL WCh and OWG (point 6.7.5.) in reverse order. In the case of a tie, the race ranking in doubles determines the placement in the nations ranking.

6.7.8 Competition schedule

- All three sleds of one team start one after the other from one start height.
- The first sled starts in a >normal< way within 30 seconds; the start gate is already open. Arriving at the finish, the athlete releases the contact to open the start gate by hand at the touch pad. The time is still running.
- The second sled may start as soon as the gate opens.
- The start of the third and last starter is analogous to the start of the second one.
- Starters number 2 and 3 receive two signals (announcements / sound of a horn) indicating where the slider currently is, as an orientation to the time approximately remaining until the

start.

- As soon as the third starter reaches the touch pad, the time stops and the overall time for the relay team is determined.
- Between the first and the second starter as well as between the second and the third starter a split time is kept between the opening of the start gate and the first light barrier in which the reaction time is registered.
- The start interval per team is fixed at approx. 4 minutes.
- If an athlete does not trigger the touch pad with his hand, that Team Relay team is disqualified. 6.7.9 Start order / Start preparation
- The athlete enters the start box and takes the starting position alone with his/her sled.
- Any help by a coach is prohibited (except in the case of a technical defect). It is only permitted to hand the sled over into the start area.

Start process

- The first sled starts "normally" with an open start gate (30'seconds preparation)
- The second and third athlete may only start when the start gate opens, the set of Team Relay lights turns to green, and/or an acoustic signal is heard.
- In the starting position, the athlete's sled or toe-caps may not touch or push open the start gate.
- Guidance: via the Team Relay lights, the position of the sled in the track will be acoustically or visually displayed two times for the athlete competing next.
- The first warning (single signal tone, Team Relay light red) on the 1st or 2nd third of the track, the second warning (double signal tone, Team Relay light changes to red/yellow) and is triggered in the 3rd third of the track.

#### **New Text:**

6.7 Course of Team Relay Competition

6.7.1 Eligibility to participate

Only one Team Relay team per nation may participate in the competition

(1 women's singles, 1 men's singles, 1 women's doubles, 1 men's doubles)

Athletes participating in the Team Relay competition must be qualified for the WC / NC or for the FIL championships.

□ No additional starters are allowed in the Relay competition in the respective discipline 6.7.2 Registration/entries

- The day before the Team Relay competition, all NFs participating have to register their teams by name in writing at the latest by 5:00 p.m. or at most 10 minutes after the last competition of the day is completed, whichever comes later.
- After the registration deadline, a substitution is possible for justified reason, e.g. injury or illness or otherwise an important reason for the prevention exists.
- Athletes who complete their competition on the same day of the Team Relay must be registered in writing with the Sport Coordinator at most 10 minutes after their competition ends.

6.7.3 Time of Team Relay competition

- The Team Relay competition is staged in one run as the event's last discipline.
- Changes of the time when the competition must be staged by the event organizer are determined by the FIL.

6.7.4 Determination of the "nations ranking" for the Team Relay World Cup

The "Team Relay nations ranking" is determined as follows:

- current World Cup point standings in the singles and doubles disciplines;
- only the best ranked athletes are determined for each NF (1 women's singles, 1 men's singles, 1 women's doubles, 1 men's double);
- the points of the best placed athletes of each NF are added;
- the total of points is the placing in the "Team Relay nations ranking";
- if a Team Relay competition is held on the 1st World Cup weekend the "Team Relay nations ranking" is calculated on the basis of the overall World Cup point standings of the previous season.

6.7.5 For determining the "nations ranking" for the Team Relay competition at FIL WCh (General Class) and OWG:

- the ranking in the four individual disciplines (women's/men's singles and doubles in the current FIL WCh or OWG is valid;
- per NF only the best placed athletes are derived from the results: 1 woman, 1 man, 1 women's doubles, 1 men's doubles;
- the points (§ 3, 10.1) of the best placed athletes or the respective NF are added together;
- the total determines the ranking in the Team Relay nations ranking for the FIL WCh / OWG.

6.7.6 Start order World Cup

- At the 1st Team Relay competition the start order follows the "Team Relay nations ranking" (point 6.7.4) in reversed order (last ranked to rank 1).
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- After the 1st Team Relay WC, the start order is the reverse order of the current Team Relay World Cup rankings (last to first place).
- New teams/NFs start at the beginning by draw.
- Order of disciplines per team: women's singles / men's doubles / men's singles / women's doubles 6.7.7 Start order FIL WCh (General Class) JWCh and OWG
- according to the nations ranking for the Team Relay at FIL WCh and OWG (point 6.7.5.) in reverse order. In the case of a tie, the race ranking in doubles determines the placement in the nations ranking.

#### 6.7.8 Competition schedule

- All four sleds of one team start one after the other from one start height.
- The first sled starts with the start gate closed. Upon an audible and visual signal, the gate opens, and the timing begins. Arriving at the finish, the athlete releases the contact to open the start gate by hand at the touch pad. The time is still running.
- The second sled may start as soon as the gate opens.
- The start of the third and fourth starter is analogous to the start of the second one.
- Starters number 2, 3 and 4 receive two signals (announcements / sound of a horn) indicating where the slider currently is, as an orientation to the time approximately remaining until the start.
- As soon as the fourth starter reaches the touch pad, the time stops and the overall time for the relay team is determined.
- Between the first and the second starter as well as between the second and the third starter a split time is kept between the opening of the start gate and the first light barrier in which the reaction time is registered.
- The start interval per team is fixed at approx. 4 minutes.
- If an athlete does not trigger the touch pad with his hand, that Team Relay team is disqualified. 6.7.9 Start order / Start preparation
- The athlete enters the start box and takes the starting position alone with his/her sled.
- Any help by a coach is prohibited (except in the case of a technical defect).

# It is only permitted to hand the sled over into the start area.

#### Start process

- The first sled starts with the start gate closed (reaction start)
- The second, third, and fourth athlete may only start when the start gate opens, the set of Team Relay lights turns to green, and/or an acoustic signal is heard.
- In the starting position, the athlete's sled or toe-caps may not touch or push open the start gate.
- Guidance: via the Team Relay lights, the position of the sled in the track will be acoustically or visually displayed two times for the athlete competing next.
- The first warning (single signal tone, Team Relay light red) on the 1st or 2nd third of the track, the second warning (double signal tone, Team Relay light changes to red/yellow) and is triggered in the 3rd third of the track.

#### Reason:

Adjustment based on decision made last year!



Applicant: Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 3, 6.8	Motion No.: 17
		rack □ Natural Track

## Old text:

No old text

#### **New Text:**

6.7 Course of Mixed Singles / Mixed Doubles Competition

6.7.1 Eligibility to participate

Maximum two Mixed Teams per nation / per discipline may participate in the competition Respectively (1 Men's Single / 1 Women's Single) and (1 Men's Double / 1 Women's Double) Athletes participating in the Mixed Singles / Mixed Doubles competition must be qualified for the WC / NC or for the FIL World Championships.

International teams are possible. The nation-bound composition of the mixed team must be reported to the Sports Director at the first team captains meeting of the respective world cup week.

Two nations which are not able to form their own national team may come together to form an combined international team.

A nation who can form a Mixed Singles / Mixed Doubles team cannot participate in a combined international team in the respective discipline.

No additional starters are allowed in the Mixed Singles / Doubles competition.

#### 6.7.2 Registration/entries

- The day before the Mixed Singles / Doubles competition, all NFs participating have to register their teams by name in writing at the latest by 5:00 p.m. or at most 10 minutes after the last competition of the day is completed, whichever comes later.
- After the registration deadline, a substitution is possible for justified reason, e.g. injury or illness or an important reason for the prevention exists.
- Athletes who complete their competition on the same day of the Mixed Singles / Mixed Doubles competition must be registered in writing with the Sport Director at most 10 minutes after their competition ends.

#### 6.7.3 Start order World Cup / World Championships

The results in the respective disciplines in the respective World Cup / World Championships races will be used to form the rankings. The reverse order of these rankings will be used to determine the start order.

- The points from the top ranked athletes from each nation will be combined to form the ranking for Nation Team 1.
- The points from the second ranked athletes from each nation will be combined to form Nation Team 2 ranking if possible.
- In the case of an International Team, the points from the top athlete from each nation entered in the respective disciplines for that team will be combined to form the ranking for the International Team.

The start order for World Championships will be determined as follows:

- The points from the top ranked athletes of the current seeded list from each nation will be combined to form the ranking for Nation Team 1.
- The points from the second ranked athletes of the current seeded list from each nation will be combined to form Nation Team 2 ranking, if possible.
- In the case of an International Team, the points of the current seeded list from the top athlete from each nation entered in the respective disciplines for that team will be combined to form the ranking for the International Team.
- o If there are more than one team without points, a draw will be conducted.

#### World Cup rankings (last to first place).

- New nations/newly formed international teams start at the beginning by draw.
- Order Mixed Singles: Men's Singles Women's Singles
- Order Mixed Doubles: Men's Doubles Women's Doubles

#### 6.7.4 Competition procedure

- Both sleds of a Mixed Team start from their original starting heights (Men/Men's start, Women/Women's start, Doubles/Doubles start)
- The first sled starts in a >normal< way within 20 / 30 seconds;

  Arriving at the finish, the athlete releases the contact to open the start gate by hand at the touch pad. The clock continues to run.
- The first sled starts with a reaction start. Upon an audible and clearly visible signal, the timing begins. Upon reaching the finish, the athlete manually triggers the touch pad to open the start gate. The clock continues to run. \*
- The second sled may start as soon as the gate opens.
- Starter number 2 receive two signals (announcements / sound of a horn) indicating where the slider currently is, as an orientation to the time approximately remaining until the start.
- As soon as the second starter reaches the touch pad, the time stops and the overall time for the mixed team is determined.
- For the first and the second starter a split time is kept in which the reaction time is registered.
- If an athlete does not trigger the touch pad with their hand, that Mixed Team is disqualified.

#### Start area:

- Coaches are not allowed within the start area.
- Walkie talkies or cell phones which assist athletes are forbidden in the immediate start area
- Except for the start leader and the responsible FIL official/judge no other person is allowed in the start area.

#### False start:

- A visible start line is placed in an area 300mm 500mm measured from the beginning of the start handles.
- A false start occurs if the athlete crosses the marked line prior to the green light. \*
- If an athlete touches the start gate with their foot or runner or causes the start gate to open before the gate is opened, he causes a false start.
- The FIL official/judge who watches and supervises the start process will take note of a false start as the first authority and report it to the race director.
- The start process may be supervised with the help of a video unit. In case of a dispute or a protest, the video will be evaluated in order to identify a false start.

- A false start will result in the disqualification of the Mixed Singles / Mixed Doubles team
- The team will complete the race regardless if a false start is called.

6.7.5 Maximum Measurements Finish touch pad:

- Diameter width: 38.5 cm (measured horizontally),
- Diameter height: 60 cm (measured vertically)
- Distance between track and touch pad: 100 cm +/- 2cm, measured vertically from the ice Surface to the bottom edge of the touch pad.

6.7.8 Determination of the Mixed Singles / Mixed Doubles World Cup ranking: The points achieved in the Mixed Singles / Mixed Doubles competition are added up for the World Cup Ranking for this respective discipline. (IRO §3, point 10.6).

\*planned beginning in the 2025/season

#### Reason:

Alternative for the Sprint discipline.

Due to the lack of technical infrastructure at some tracks, the planned reaction start as part of the new Mixed Event cannot be implemented as scheduled in the upcoming season. The necessary technical upgrades require significant investments that are beyond the current budgeted plans of the track operators and cannot be achieved in the short term.

Following approval by the congress for the Mixed Event, we will engage in targeted dialogues with individual track operators to discuss the technical requirements at an early stage. Our goal is to implement the reaction start in the Mixed Event from the 2025/2026 season onwards.



<b>Applicant:</b> Youth/Development Commission AT	<b>§:</b> 3 6.9.3	Motion No.: 18
	⊠ Artificial Tr	ack □ Natural Track

# Old text:

### § 3 6.9.3 Draw

- Seeded group A: the start order for the 1st competition run is drawn.
- Athletes from the General Class who do not have any JWC points but are currently in the seeded group in the General Class in WC, are drawn in the seeded group A. The seeded group A is increased by this number.

## **New Text:**

## § 3 6.9.3 Draw Start order seeded group A

- The seeded group A (1 12) starts in reverse order place 12 1.
- Athletes from the General Class who do not have any JWC points but are currently in the seeded group in the General Class in WC, are drawn in the seeded group A receive the last start number in the seeded group. The seeded group A is increased by this number. If there are more than one athlete participating from the seeded group of the general class, the start numbers will be drawn.

# Reason:

In § 9 3.6 it is already written that the seeded group A (1-12) starts in reverse order.

§ 3 9.6.3 has not been adapted, this should be done with this amendment.

What other paragraphs/points would need to be changed accordingly?:

**Applicant:** Youth/Development Commission AT | §: 3,

**§:** 3, 6.9.4 **Motion No.:** 19

# Old text:

### § 3 6.9.4 Start order JWCh

1st competition run

- 1-12 seeded group A (by draw)

- 13 – end according to the standing in the preliminary run (first to last)

2nd competition run

Women's Singles:
 Men's Singles:
 Women`s-, Men`s Doubles
 25 - 1 according to placing in the 1st competition run
 25 - 1 according to placing in the 1st competition run
 20 - 1 according to placing in the 1st competition run

#### **New Text:**

## § 3 6.9.4 Start order JWCh

1st competition run

- 1-12 seeded group A (by draw)

- The seeded group A (1 - 12) starts in reverse order places 12 - 1

- 13 – end according to the standing in the preliminary run (first to last)

2nd competition run

Women's singles:
 Men's singles:
 Women's , men's doubles
 25 - 1 according to placing in the 1st competition run
 25 - 1 according to placing in the 1st competition run
 20 - 1 according to placing in the 1st competition run

#### Reason:

In § 9 3.6 it is already written that the seeded group A (1-12) starts in reverse order.

§ 3 9.6.4 has not been adapted, this should be done with this amendment.

# What other paragraphs/points would need to be changed accordingly?:



Applicant: Youth/Development Commission AT	<b>§:</b> 3, 6.9.6	Motion No.: 20
		rack □ Natural Track

§3, 6.9.6 Minimum FIL Requirement for JWCh Eligibility Each athlete must have participated in the current season (before the JWCh) in at least two international competitions of the FIL (§ 2, 1.3) on two different tracks or must participate in the FIL ITW.

# **New Text:**

§3, 6.9.6 Minimum FIL Requirement for JWCh Eligibility
Each athlete must have participated in the current season (before the JWCh) in
at least two international competitions of the FIL (§ 2, 1.3.1 – 1.3.7) on two different tracks or
must participate in the FIL ITW at least one international competition of the FIL (§ 2, 1.3.1 –
1.3.7) and the complete ITP for the JWCh in the current season.

## Reason:

In the last two years, athletes have registered for the JWCh who have not previously participated in an international FIL competition (§ 2, 1.3.1 - 1.3.7).

The JWCh is the second-highest race series of the FIL after the World Championships and it is not acceptable that athletes can participate in a JWCh without having participated in a single race beforehand.

The amendment (§ 2, 1.3.1-1.3.7) should define the races more precisely.

What other paragraphs/points would need to be changed accordingly?:



Applicant: Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 3, 7.2	Motion No.: 21
		rack □ Natural Track

# Old text:

- 7. Cancellations, Competition Schedule
- 7.1 The race director is authorized in agreement with the jury and the permanent technical delegate, to adapt the start order of the race runs to television requirements and weather conditions in order to ensure a sporty fair competition for everybody involved.
- 7.2 The race director can decide to cancel a discipline upon consultation with the permanent technical delegates

#### **New Text:**

- 7. Cancellations, Competition Schedule
- 7.1 The race director is authorized in agreement with the jury and the permanent technical delegate, to adapt the start order of the race runs to television requirements and weather conditions in order to ensure a sporty fair competition for everybody involved.
- 7.2 The race director can decide to cancel a discipline upon consultation with the permanent technical Delegates and the FIL Sports Director.

#### Reason:

SD knows the background to the races and is aware of their importance. Far-reaching decision in the event of cancellation. Continued communication to the press and TV.



 Applicant: Youth/Development Commission AT
 §: 3, 8.
 Motion No.: 22

 □ Artificial Track □ Natural Track

#### Old text:

## §3 8. Authorization to participate in training

An athlete is authorized to participate in training if

- a) he/she fulfills the general athletic demands of the sport and has successfully completed a FIL luge training course. The confirmation is provided by the responsible FIL coach.
- b) The FIL may recognize as equivalent the participation of an athlete in a NF conducted luge course;

If in doubt, an athletics test will be carried out by the responsible FIL coach, of which the athlete must fulfill the minimum requirements.

- c) he/she has not started for another nation during the respective sport year
- d) Has submitted a valid license;
- e) the age class regulations are adhered to
- f) he/she has been registered for the competition in correspondence with the regulations for eligibility under (§ 3, point 3)

Exception: Athletes who do not participate in the competition but start as forerunners

#### **New Text:**

#### §3 8. Authorization to participate in training

An athlete is authorized to participate in training if

- a) he/she fulfills the general athletic demands of the sport and has successfully completed a FIL luge training course. The confirmation is provided by the responsible FIL coach.
- b) The FIL may recognize as equivalent the participation of an athlete in a NF conducted luge course;

If in doubt, an athletics test will be carried out by the responsible FIL coach, of which the athlete must fulfill the minimum requirements.

- a) the athlete has not started for another nation during the respective sport year
- b) the athlete has submitted a valid license;
- c) the age class regulations are adhered to
- d) the athlete has been registered for the competition in correspondence with the regulations for eligibility under (§ 3, point 3)

Exception: Athletes who do not participate in the competition but start as forerunners

#### Reason:

In  $\S 3$  8. numbers a and b should be deleted, these should be newly regulated in  $\S 1$  3. The level of new athletes at FIL competitions (CC and JWC) has fallen in recent years. Furthermore, the safety of the athletes is also in focus.

In order to improve the training of athletes before they are admitted to FIL competitions (CC and JWC), this is to be newly regulated in § 1 3. as the current regulations are no longer up to date and the basic regulations are regulated in § 1 3.

# What other paragraphs/points would need to be changed accordingly?:

§ 13.



<b>Applicant:</b> Youth/Development Commission AT	<b>§:</b> 3, 9.	Motion No.: 23
	⊠ Artificial	Track □ Natural Track

## Old text:

#### §3 9. Authorization to participate in competition

An athlete is authorized to participate in a competition, if

- a) meets the minimum requirement for competition (FIL WCh § 3, 6.1.2), JWCh § 3, 6.9.6),
- b) he/she participated in the training,
- c) he/she achieved a time difference of up to a maximum of 7% from the group's best time in one of his/her official training runs in the respective group during one of their scheduled training sessions.

This rule is only applied for Youth A Class, at the Youth Olympic Games (YOG).

d) he/she has completed safely two training runs,

This rule is valid for all Youth A Competitions.

e) At one event, an athlete may only start in one age group (JWC).

Exception: In the Junior Team Competition, Youth A athletes can also start if the Youth A discipline start height is the same as the competition start height of the team competition.

f) he/she does not participate as an official in this competition.

## **New Text:**

#### §3 9. Authorization to participate in competition

An athlete is authorized to participate in a competition, if

- a) meets the minimum requirement for competition (FIL WCh § 3, 6.1.2), JWCh § 3, 6.9.6),
- b) he/she participated in the training,
- c) he/she achieved a time difference of up to a maximum of 7% from the group's best time in one of his/her official training runs in the respective group during one of their scheduled training sessions.

This rule is only applied for Youth A Class, at the Youth Olympic Games (YOG).

d) he/she has completed safely two training runs,

This rule is valid for all Youth A Competitions. (except for the YOG)

e) At one event, an athlete may only start in one age group (JWC).

Exception: In the Junior Team Competition, Youth A athletes can also start if the Youth A discipline start height is the same as the competition start height of the team competition.

f) he/she does not participate as an official in this competition.

#### Reason:

This amendment should define this more precisely in order to avoid discussions.

# What other paragraphs/points would need to be changed accordingly?:



Applicant: Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 4,1.1.9	Motion No.: 24
	⊠ Artificial Tı	ack □ Natural Track
Old text:		
No old text		
New Text:		
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Reason:		



Applicant: Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 4, 2.2	Motion No.: 25
	⊠ Artificial <sup>-</sup>	Track □ Natural Track

# Old text:

- 2.2 Composition
- 2.2.1 The jury includes the chairperson and two additional members.
- 2.2.2. At all FIL competitions, the 3 members of the jury must belong to different National Federations.
- 2.2.3 At all FIL competitions, the composition of the jury must include a representative from each gender.

# **New Text:**

- 2.2 Composition
- 2.2.1 The jury includes the chairperson and two additional members.
- 2.2.2. At all FIL World Championships (general and junior class), the 3 members of the jury must belong to different National Federations.
- 2.2.3. In the event of a last-minute cancellation, at FIL World Cups, 2 jury members may belong to the same NF.
- 2.2.4. At all FIL competitions, the jury must consist of representatives of different genders.

### Reason:

Reducing costs for race organizer. Difficulties to find jury members on short notice. Adaptation for genders.



Applicant: Technical Commission	<b>§:</b> 4, 3.2.3	Motion No.: 26
		ack □ Natural Track

# Old text:

Section 4

3.2.3 The FIL always provides a full-time technical delegate at all competitions (FIL Championships, WC, JWC (exception CC). The assigned technical delegate may not work for any other National Federation while performing his/her duties during training and competitions.

## **New Text:**

Section 4

3.2.3 The FIL always provides a full-time technical delegate at all competitions (FIL Championships, WC, JWC (exception CC), Should the permanent TD be unable to participate, an appropriate replacement can be appointed. While performing his/her duties during training and competitions he/she may not take on any work on behalf of a national federation. This technical delegate may not work for any other National Federation while performing his/her duties during training and competitions.

## Reason:

Introduction of a rule for replacement TD, recommendation from CAN

What other paragraphs/points would need to be changed accordingly?:

None.



Applicant: Youth/Development Commission AT	<b>§</b> 5 1.2	Motion No.: 27
	∣ ⊠ Artificial	Track ☐ Natural Track

# Old text:

### §5 1.2 The weights including attached accessories are:

Sled	Minimum	Maximum	Basis for calculation
Singles General Class	21 kg	25 kg	23 kg
Singles Juniors, Youth A	21 kg	25 kg	23 kg
Singles Youth B		16 kg	
Singles < Youth B		14 kg	
Doubles General Class	25 kg	30 kg	27 kg
Doubles Juniors, Youth A	25 kg	30 kg	27 kg
Doubles Youth B		24 kg	

- a) Increased weight of the sled (> 23 kg or > 27 kg) must be subtracted from the AW (additional weight) or RC (race clothing).
- b) Missing sled weight (<23 kg or <27 kg respectively) may not be compensated with the AW (additional weight) or the RC (race clothing).
- c) Athletes belonging to the Youth Class B who are starting in the Youth Class A with a 14 kg youth sled (in singles) or with a 16 kg youth B sled and/or a 24 kg youth sled (in doubles) may not adjust the missing weight on the sled through additional weight.

# **New Text:**

# §5 1.2 The weights including attached accessories are:

Sled	Minimum	Maximum	Basis for calculation
Singles General Class	21 kg	25 kg	23 kg
Singles Juniors, Youth A	21 kg	25 kg	23 kg
Singles Youth B		16 kg	
Singles < Youth B		14 kg	
Doubles General Class	25 kg	30 kg	27 kg
Doubles Juniors, Youth A	25 kg	31 kg	30 kg
Doubles Youth B		24 kg	

- a) Increased weight of the sled (> 23 kg or >  $\frac{27}{30}$ kg) must be subtracted from the AW (additional weight) or RC (race clothing).
- b) Missing sled weight (<23 kg or <27-30kg respectively) may not be compensated with the AW (additional weight) or the RC (race clothing).
- c) Athletes belonging to the Youth Class B who are starting in the Youth Class A with a

14 kg youth sled (in singles) or with a 16 kg youth B sled and/or a 24 kg youth sled (in doubles) may not adjust the missing weight on the sled through additional weight.

# Reason:

To ensure that the Kästle sleds can continue to be used in the youth A and junior male categories and that we do not lose any more doubles, the regulation of increased sled weights should continue to apply until 2026 and then be re-evaluated.

# What other paragraphs/points would need to be changed accordingly?:

none



Applicant: Technical Commission	<b>§:</b> 5, 1.2	Motion No.: 28
		ack □ Natural Track

# Old text:

1.2 The weights including attached accessories are:

Sled	Minimum	Maximum	Basis for calculation
Singles Youth B		16 kg	
Singles < Youth B		14 kg	

c) Athletes belonging to the Youth Class B who are starting in the Youth Class A with a 14 kg youth sled (in singles) or with a 16 kg youth B sled and/or a 24 kg youth sled (in doubles) may not adjust the missing weight on the sled through additional weight.

## **New Text:**

1.2 The weights including attached accessories are:

Sled	Minimum	Maximum	Basis for calculation
Singles Youth B		<del>16 kg</del>	
Singles ≤ Youth B		<del>14</del> 16,5 kg	

e) Athletes belonging to the Youth Class B who are starting in the Youth Class A with a

14 kg youth sled (in singles) or with a 16 16,5 kg youth B sled and/or a 24 kg youth sled (in doubles) may not adjust the missing weight on the sled through additional weight.

## Reason:

Recommendation from the Youth Commission



Applicant: Technical Commission	<b>§:</b> 5;1.3.4;g	Motion No.: 29
		rack □ Natural Track

## Old text:

- a) The bridge consists of two or more parts for the purpose of alignment. These must be securely fixed by screws or bolts and may not be adjusted or changed during a run.
- b) The weight of the upper-part of the sled (bridges with pod seat) must be connected all the way through on each leg of the bridge with a screw or a bolt.
- c) The mobility of the four bridge legs in the area of the screws or bolts is allowed by using a radial spherical bearing and/or a through-hole. The radial spherical bearing or the through hole must not move or shift horizontally or vertically.
- d) Any use of rubber and springs in this area with the exception of the connection between bridges and seat pod and the rubber insert which covers the bridge leg is prohibited.
- e) The cross-section of the bridge legs must be rectangular and may have a maximum length of 70 mm and a maximum width of 10 mm. All edges in the cross section may be rounded with a maximum radius of 5 mm.
- f) Twisting or contorting the bridge legs is not allowed.
- g) The points c), e), and f), apply to the general class. For junior, youth and senior classes, the regulations apply starting in the 2023-2024 season.

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- g) The points c), e), and f), apply to the general class. For junior, youth and senior classes, the regulations apply starting in the 2023-2024 season.

### Reason:

The point §5.1.3.4.g is no longer valid for IRO 2024.



Applicant: Technical Commission	<b>§:</b> 5;1.3.5;f <b>Motion No.:</b> 30	
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# Old text:

#### Steels:

- a) The steel must be screwed/bolted to the runner by at least 4 screws/bolts.
- b) The steels can be comprised of one or several parts. If the steel comprises several parts, then these parts must be bonded, welded, or riveted form- fittingly and securely together to form one piece.
- c) The steels may be drilled or milled lengthwise, however a margin must remain
- d) The steel may not be cut crosswise.
- e) Guide pins and/or guide rails for stabilizing the steel are not allowed.
- f) In the interest of safety, the outer edges of the blades including the laminate must be rounded or sloped to a radius of at least 5 mm

The end faces of the steels (front side, back sides) are to be rounded or beveled with a radius of at least 3 mm at the spots marked in the diagram.

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#### Reason:



Applicant: Technical Commission	<b>§:</b> 5, 2	Motion No.: 31
		Track □ Natural Track

#### Old text:

## 2. General Regulations on Equipment

- a) All items of race clothing, including helmet and luge shoes, must conform to or be adapted to the body contours of the competitor.
- b) Aerodynamically formed connections between the head and upper body are not permitted.
- c) A neck strap is permitted; however, it may not lead to (or cause) an aerodynamically improved form of the race clothing.
- d) Additional protective equipment (pad(s)) must conform to the competitor's body contour and is permitted to be a maximum of 10 mm in thickness.
- e) Under no circumstances may additional weight be attached to the sled.
- f) Additional weight must be carried on the body on the torso and/or thigh and must not be able to shift freely. It should be attached and distributed in such a manner that bruises or other injuries will not occur.
- g) Additional weight, including fixings and body protection, may not exceed a maximum thickness of 20 mm except
- h) On the back of the competitor where it can be maximum 30 mm thick in an area which is 25 cm wide and centered on the axis of the body.
- i) Each competitor must use proper race clothing in training and competition.

#### **New Text:**

#### 2. General Regulations on Equipment

- a) All items of race clothing, including helmet and luge shoes, must conform to or be adapted to the body contours of the competitor.
- b) Aerodynamically formed connections between the head and upper body are not permitted. Only products that have been approved by the Medical Commission in consultation with the Technical Commission are permitted for body protection between the head and upper body. The guidelines for these products are provided in a separate set of regulations.
- c) A neck strap is permitted; however, it may not lead to (or cause) an aerodynamically improved form of the race clothing.
- d) Additional protective equipment (pad(s)) must conform to the competitor's body contour and is permitted to be a maximum of 10 mm in thickness.
- e) Under no circumstances may additional weight be attached to the sled.
- e) The additional weight worn on the body must be carried in the torso and/or thigh area and must not be able to shift freely. It should be attached and distributed in such a manner that bruises or other injuries will not occur.
- f) Additional weight, including fixings and body protection, may not exceed a maximum thickness of 20 mm except
- g) On the back of the competitor where it can be maximum 30 mm thick in an area which is 25 cm wide and centered on the axis of the body.
- h) Each competitor must use proper race clothing in training and competition.

# Reason:

It is important to work with the Medical Commission to avoid situations where someone may gain an advantage in the end results by using medical pads due to a medical problem.



Applicant: Technical Commission	<b>§:</b> 5, 3.1	Motion No.: 32
		rack □ Natural Track

#### Old text:

#### 3.1 Inspections at the start

- a) For the inspections at the start, the Technical Director must define a separate area, hereinafter referred to as the inspection zone.
- b) In competition runs, the call to check the sled and the athlete will be made to the inspection zone.
- c) After the beginning of the official measurement, the sled must not be removed from the inspection zone. This also pertains if there is a delay in starting.
- d) From the start of the inspection of the sled and race equipment in the inspection zone to the inspections at the finish, the sled must neither be exchanged, nor the blades warmed.
- e) Any sled preparation to improve the gliding process is not allowed once the official inspections at the start begin.

### **New Text:**

#### 3.1 Inspections at the start

- a) For the inspections at the start, the Technical Director must define a separate area, hereinafter referred to as the inspection zone.
- b) In competition runs, the call to check the sled and the athlete will be made to the inspection zone.
- c) The sled may only be brought into the inspection zone by the athlete.
- d) After the beginning of the official measurement, the sled must not be removed from the inspection zone. This also pertains if there is a delay in starting.
- e) From the start of the inspection of the sled and race equipment in the inspection zone to the inspections at the finish, the sled must neither be exchanged, nor the blades warmed.
- f) Any sled preparation to improve the gliding process is not allowed once the official inspections at the start begin.

#### Reason:

In the past we have experienced situations in which athletes are disqualified because the coaches mistakenly bring the wrong sleds into the inspection zone.



Applicant: Technical Commission	<b>§:</b> 5, 3.1.1 <b>Motion No.:</b> 33	

# Old text:

#### 3.1.1 Temperature of the steels

- a) An official temperature check of the steels, using an approved digital device with a measuring accuracy of 1/10 degree, is to be conducted by the official involved with steel measurement between the call to start and start preparation.
- b) Results are to be entered in the official records in 1/10 degrees.
- c) The temperature of the steels will be taken in two freely selectable spots on the running surface per steel.
- d) At the start, a control blade at least 20 cm long, corresponding to the profile of a runner, must be attached in a sun-protected area as a permanent device or placed at least 4 hours before the start of the race and used as the basis for the temperature measurement.

The control steel may not be placed in an exposed area and must be protected from drafts.

- e) The temperature of the control blade is to be taken 30 minutes before the start and is to be repeated every 15 minutes from that time.
- f) The air temperature, the temperature of the control measuring steel, the ice temperature, and the maximum permissible temperature of the steel is to be posted in 1/10 of a degree on a notice board that is visible to everyone.
- g) The temperature of the steels on each athlete's sled may not be greater than 5°C above the control temperature. Should the temperature of the control steel fall below negative 4°C, the steel temperature may continue to be 1°C.
- h) For measuring the temperature at the start and finish, three official identical temperature gauges including sensors are to be made available.
- i) At the start, one gauge is used by the judge for the official measurements, one gauge is available for control measurements.
- j) Official measurement and control measurement should be recognizable as such without any doubt and both gauges are to be marked differently.
- k) The first gauge is used in the start room for the official measuring. Only one (1) sled at a time can be brought up for the official measuring. Each sled will only be measured once appropriately.
- I) The second gauge is used for control measurements.
- m) The third gauge is available at the finish for control measurements.
- n) All gauges may only be used by the judge assigned to it and may not be given to someone else.
- o) The temperature of the steels of the forerunners is also checked. If the temperature is too high he/she may not start if the steels are too warm.

## **New Text:**

- 3.1.1 Temperature of the steels
- a) An official temperature check of the steels, using an approved digital device with a measuring accuracy of 1/10 degree, is to be conducted by the official involved with steel measurement between the call to start and start preparation.
- b) Results are to be entered in the official records in 1/10 degrees.
- c) The temperature of the steels will be taken in two freely selectable spots on the running surface per steel.
- d) At the start, a control blade at least 20 cm long, corresponding to the profile of a runner, must be attached in a sun-protected area as a permanent device or placed at least 4 hours before the start of the race and used as the basis for the temperature measurement.

The control steel may not be placed in an exposed area and must be protected from drafts.

- e) The temperature of the control blade is to be measured 30 minutes before the start and repeated every 15 minutes from that point until the last participant's sled in the race has been measured. After the final participant, no further temperature measurements are required.
- f) The air temperature, the temperature of the control measuring steel, the ice temperature, and the maximum permissible temperature of the steel is to be posted in 1/10 of a degree on a notice board that is visible to everyone.
- g) The temperature of the steels on each athlete's sled may not be greater than 5°C above the control temperature. Should the temperature of the control steel fall below negative 4°C, the steel temperature may continue to be 1°C.
- h) For measuring the temperature at the start and finish, three official identical temperature gauges including sensors are to be made available.
- i) At the start, one gauge is used by the judge for the official measurements, one gauge is available for control measurements. and an additional gauge is provided as a spare if needed.
- j) Official measurement and spare measurement should be recognizable as such without any doubt and both gauges are to be marked differently.
- k) The first gauge is used in the start room for the official measuring. Only one (1) sled at a time can be brought up for the official measuring. Each sled will only be measured once appropriately.
- I) The second gauge is used for control measurements.
- m) The third gauge is available at the finish for control measurements.
- n) All gauges may only be used by the judge assigned to it and may not be given to someone else.
- o) The temperature of the steels of the forerunners is also checked. If the temperature is too high, the athlete is not permitted to start.\*

#### Reason:

In past seasons, we have encountered challenges with the availability of a sufficient number of official judges at FIL competitions, and there has been a shortage of additional personnel to fulfill this role.

\* editorial change to better translate the German text



Applicant: Canada	<b>§:</b> 5, 3.2.1	Motion No.: 34
		rack □ Natural Track

# Old text:

5.3.2 Inspections at the finish

Rule 5.3.2.1 Drawing the athlete to be inspected

 At the finish, every athlete must activate the random generation or draw a ball under the supervision of a jury member or Technical Delegate.

# **New Text:**

5.3.2 Inspections at the finish

Rule 5.3.2.1 Drawing the athlete to be inspected

 At the finish, every athlete must activate the random generation or draw a ball under the supervision of a jury member or Technical Delegate. In the event that an athlete does not make it to the finish the supervising jury member or technical delegate must activate the random generation or draw a ball in their absence.

### Reason:

It's not clear that an athlete that doesn't finish (maybe crashes) must still activate/draw. It's also not clear who can activate the random generation or draw the ball.



Applicant: VP-Marketing

§:7

Advertising

Regulations

☐ Artificial Track ☐ Natural Track

#### Old text:

#### 2. Sizes of Advertising Surfaces

#### 2.1 Race Clothing and other Clothing worn at the Field of Play

- a) Articles of clothing may carry manufacturers' identifications and/or trademarks of other sponsors.
- b) The total surface of the trademarks together on the clothing (except head coverings, gloves and shoes) of one person shall not exceed 800 sq cm.
- c) The complete surface can be divided into thirteen (13) parts at the most.
- d) The complete surface of a single part may not exceed 200 sq cm.
- e) Trademarks of the same sponsor may not appear one above the other or one beside the other.
- f) The use of a manufacturer's specific graphic design even though this design may also be registered will not be counted as advertising spaces.

#### 2.2 Safety Helmet

- a) The safety helmet may display two (2) trademarks of the manufacturer with a maximum size of 15 sq cm, one each side, placed over the ears.
- b) The advertising surface on the front of helmets may only be used by the FIL (70 sq cm).
- c) If the FIL transfers this advertising surface to the National Federations, the branch exclusivity of the FIL main sponsors has to be respected.
- d) It is permitted to wear a national emblem on the helmet (max. 30 sq cm) and also the name of the athlete (maximum twice, height of the writing maximum each 15 mm) at the back of the helmet without obstructing the official FIL advertising.

#### 2.3 Visor

- -Visor straps have to conform to commercially available products.
- -The width of the visor strap is limited to 4 cm.

#### 2.4 Caps, Headbands, and other Headgear

-Caps, headbands, and other headgear may each have one trademark of max. 60 sq cm in the middle of the front side and on both sides one trademark of the manufacturer (max. 15 sq cm per side) and one trademark of another sponsor (max. 15 sq cm per side). The maximum number of markings is 5.

#### 2.5 Start Numbers

- -Advertising inscriptions on start numbers are permitted. These may only be used by the FIL.
- -During FIL Championships and World Cups of the General Class, the start number bibs provided by the FIL have to be worn during the official training.

#### 2.6 Luge Shoe

-The advertising surface on the luge shoes may only be used by the FIL.

#### 2.7 Gloves

- -Gloves may only show one manufacturer's trademark on each glove. The total surface of the commercial marking per glove is limited to 15 sq cm.
- -The marking can be divided into two parts.

#### 2.8 Racing Sled

- -On the entire sled, in addition to the manufacturer's trademark, a maximum of six commercial markings may be displayed: maximum of three trademarks on the bottom of the sled.
- -The size of the advertising surface on the bottom of the sled may not exceed 1000 sq cm. The trademarks can be divided in two parts.

#### **New Text:**

#### 2. Sizes of Advertising Surfaces

#### 2.1 RACE CLOTHING AND OTHER CLOTHING WORN AT THE FIELD OF PLAY

National Federations (NFs) own the rights regarding advertising on the race clothing and sleds of their athletes. These rights may be exercised within the specifications set by the FIL:

- a) Articles of clothing may carry manufacturers' identifications and/or trademarks of other sponsors.
- b) The total surface of the trademarks together on the clothing (except head coverings, gloves and shoes) of one person shall not exceed 800 sq cm.
- c) The complete surface can be divided into 13 parts at most.
- d) The complete surface of a single part may not exceed 200 sq cm.
- e) Trademarks of the same sponsor may not appear one above the other or one beside the other.
- f) The use of a manufacturer's specific graphic design even though this design may also be registered will not be counted as advertising spaces.
- g) In addition to the designated advertising spaces, the placement of an emblem from a national institution such as the military, police, or a comparable supportive organization for sports on the racing suit and thermal clothing of an athlete is permitted. It is required that the athlete be a member of said institution or supportive organization. The maximum size of the emblem is 30 cm².



Figure: example of advertising on race

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- a) The safety helmet may display two (2) trademarks of the manufacturer with a maximum size of 15 sq cm, one each side, placed over the ears.
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- c) If the FIL transfers this advertising surface to the National Federations, the branch exclusivity of the FIL main sponsors has to be respected.
- d) It is permitted to were, a national emblem or an emblem representing an institution (military, police, etc.) to which the athlete belongs (max. 30 cm² on the back or lower side area of the helmet), as well as the athlete's name (maximum font height of 15 mm), is allowed in the rear area of the helmet without obstructing the official FIL advertising

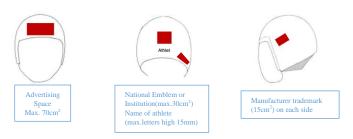


Figure: :example of advertsing on the helmet

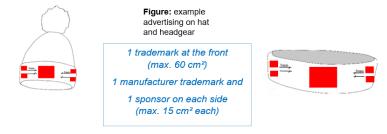
#### 2.3 Visor

- The visor straps provided by the manufacturer must be used in all FIL competitions
- -Visor straps have to conform to commercially available products.
- -The width of the visor strap is limited to 4 cm.
- At least one trademark of the manufacturer sticker (max. 7.5cm²) must be placed on the upper part of the visor.



#### 2.4 Caps, Headbands, and other Headgear

- Caps, headbands, and other headgear may each have one trademark of max. 60 sq cm in the middle of the front side and on both sides one trademark of the manufacturer (max. 15 sq cm per side) and one trademark of another sponsor (max. 15 sq cm per side). The maximum number of markings is 5.
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- -Advertising inscriptions on start numbers are permitted. These may only be used by the FIL.
- -During FIL Championships and World Cups of the General Class, the start number bibs provided by the FIL have to be worn during the official training.

#### 2.6 Luge Shoe

-The trademarks can be divided in two parts. The advertising surface on the luge shoes may only be used by the FIL.

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-Gloves may only show one manufacturer's trademark on each glove. The total surface of the commercial marking per glove is limited to 15 sq cm.

-The marking can be divided into two parts.

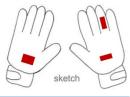


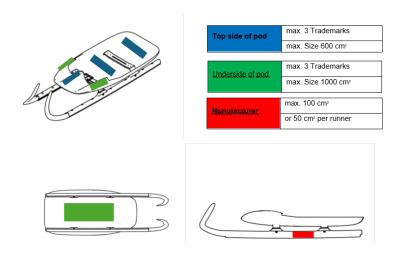
Figure: example for advertising on gloves

Max. 1 trademark of manufacturer on each glove divided into max. 2 parts.

Max. 15 cm² total space per glove

#### 2.8 Racing Sled

- On the entire sled, in addition to the manufacturer's trademark, a maximum of six commercial markings may be displayed: maximum of three trademarks on the bottom underside of the sled. The size of the advertising surface on the bottom of the sled may not exceed 1000 sq cm. (The underside of the pod is defined from the highest point of the pod downwards.)
- -Maximum of three trademarks may be placed on the top side of the pod. The total size of these trademarks must not exceed 600 cm<sup>2</sup>. (The top of the pod is the surface of the top view of the pod.)
- -The manufacturer's trademark may be applied with a maximum size of 100 cm<sup>2</sup>, or two times 50 cm<sup>2</sup> each on the runners.



#### Reason:

In the old text, the sizes and positions of the trademarks and advertising were not clearly written. With these new rule changes, it will be much easier to explain and visually demonstrate with drawings.



Applicant: Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 8;1.1	Motion No.: 36
		Track □ Natural Track

#### Old text:

- 1. International Training Courses
- 1.1 The NF that is holding a FIL World Championship (General Class) or Junior World Championship

must provide an International Training Week before the staging of the championship in the respective season.

- a) At least 6 training days with a minimum of 3 training runs daily have to be offered to all interested National Federations.
- b) All training opportunities must be equally available to all nations
- c) The same number of training runs must be made available to all disciplines.
- d) During the ITW no privileges are granted to athletes of the host nation.
- e) Cancelled training runs must be replaced.
- f) If the organizers do not adhere to this requirement, the Executive Board can reject the next application for an event.

#### **New Text:**

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- d) During the ITW no privileges are granted to athletes of the host nation.
- e) Cancelled training runs must be replaced.
- f) If the organizers do not adhere to this requirement, the Executive Board can reject the next application for an event.
- g) International training courses are scheduled in the annual calendar as follows:
- ITW (International Training Week): Organized and conducted by the respective track or NF
- ITP (International Training Period): Organized and conducted by FIL officials

#### Reason:

Discussions about who's organizing the pre-season training. Clearer definition for all teams is necessary.



Applicant: Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 8, 3.3.1	Motion No.: 37
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#### Old text:

3.3 Rules for World Cup training

3.3.1. Number of training runs

a) At the first World Cup of a season, all athletes are offered an equal number of training runs (at least 5 runs).

b) In addition to these 5 training runs, newcomers\* to a track will receive on the first training day an extra systematic training run.

(\* Newcomers are athletes that have not yet participated in a FIL competition (WC/NC/FIL championships) in the General Class in their discipline on this track. For doubles, this applies if the team in the same composition has never before participated in a doubles competition in the General Class at this track)

c) Athletes, who cannot qualify through the Nations Cup for the WC race, receive 7 training runs at the next WC.

An additional systematic training run for track newcomers is not granted;

- d) All other registered participants for the World Cup will receive 5 training runs on two or three days of training;
- e) Systematic training can be held on the first training day as part of the 5 or 7 runs offered.

#### **New Text:**

3.3 Rules for World Cup training

3.3.1. Number of training runs

- a) All registered athletes receive 5 training runs (including Nations Cup and Seeded Training) over two or three official training days
- b) In addition to these 5 training runs, Track newcomers\* to a track will receive on the first training day an extra systematic training run.
- (\* Newcomers are athletes that have not yet participated in a FIL competition (WC/NC/FIL Championships/FIL-ITP) in the General Class in their discipline on this track. For doubles, this applies if the team in the same composition has never before participated in a doubles competition in the General Class at this track) Athletes in the Seeded Group are entitled to this run.
- c) Athletes, who did not qualify through the Nations Cup for the WC race or did not qualify for the second run in the WC race, will receive an additional training run at the next WC of the ongoing season.
- d) Paid training can be offered after consultation with the Sports Director. This must be integrated into the annual schedule and announced in the event invitation. The paid training is limited to 3 runs per starter.

An additional systematic training run for track newcomers is not granted;

- d) All other registered participants for the World Cup will receive 5 training runs on two or three days of training;
- e) Systematic training can be held on the first training day as part of the 5 or 7 runs offered.

Example of a World Cup week. Can be adapted for different tracks:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Travel day	Pay training	1st official training	2nd official training	Nations Cup, 1 run
	Max. 3 runs	2 runs	2 run	Seeded Gr., 1 run

# Reason:

Getting track times ahead of races has been a challenging situation. This system aims to support the tracks while also shortening the official training days that support TV and marketing efforts. There is ongoing discussion about the number of training runs and the fairness of purchasing training sessions.



Applicant: Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 8;3.3.2	Motion No.: 38
	⊠ ∆rtificial T	rack □ Natural Track

#### Old text:

3.3.2 Miscellaneous

- a) The NFs must register with event organizers using the FIL online registration tool.
- b) Personnel changes must be reported to the FIL Sports director prior to the first training;
- c) The training is conducted in groups of approximately 23 to 28 participants.
- d) The groups train in the start order Men's start Women's start Doubles start;
- e) The track must be prepared before each group (under the responsibility of the technical delegate with the track director).

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- f) Training is scheduled and coordinated by the Sports Director.
- g) The start order for training is determined by the first team captains' meeting.
- h) If athletes should compete in both disciplines men and doubles the team captain must nominate the second training of these athletes in another group.
- i) Should athletes have a break of two days in the planning between the last training run and the first race run, an additional training run must be made available these athletes.
- j) Travel days are allowed for and fixed in the annual schedule.
- k) Event organizers must offer 4 training runs per registered sled free of charge.
- I) All other training runs are offered against payment.

### **New Text:**

3.3.2 Miscellaneous

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- f) Training is scheduled and coordinated by the Sports Director.
- g) The start order for training is determined by the first team captains' meeting.
- g) If athletes should compete in both disciplines men and doubles the team captain must nominate the second training of these athletes in another group.
- h) Should athletes have a break of two days in the planning between the last training run and the first race run, an additional training run must be made available these athletes.
- i) On FIL Travel Days no training will be allowed on the following world cup track. Exceptions can be approved by FIL. FIL Travel days will be documented in the schedule.
- j) Event organizers must offer 4 training runs per registered sled free of charge.
- k) All other training runs are offered against payment.

#### Reason:

Better definition of the current wording



Applicant: Technical Commission	<b>§:</b> 8;4	Motion No.: 39
		l Track □ Natural Track

# Old text:

#### Weigh-In

- 4.1 The body weigh-in (men with shorts and women T-shirts, shorts) takes place under the direction of the judge responsible for the weigh-in before the draw.
  - When weighing women, a female judge must be present.
  - The location and time of the weigh-in are to be announced at the first Team Captain's meeting. Upon confirmation of the events schedule, the FIL Executive Board, based on the proposal of the Technical Commission, will determine at which events a weigh-in will be carried out. (2 3 times per season).
  - For new athletes or for athletes with weight changes, a weigh-in may be done every week at each competition. The result is valid for the following competitions.
  - At the weigh-in, athletes competing in the doubles event must notify the judges on who will be stepping on the scale with the sled during the competition.
  - The weight inspection (§ 5, 3.2.2) can be carried out in all disciplines in long underwear.
- 4.2 A jury member or technical delegate should be present.
- 4.3 At least one heated room is to be provided by the event organizers for the aforementioned weigh- in procedure.
- 4.4 At the draw, all participating NFs receive a list of their athletes from the event organizers on which the following weight information is noted: name, body weight, additional weight, weight of race clothing, and total weight permitted for the race.

#### **New Text:**

#### Weigh-In

- 4.1 The body weigh-in (men and women can be measured in long underwear and socks below the knee (ski socks)) takes place under the direction of the judge responsible for the weigh-in before the draw.
  - When weighing women, a female judge must be present.
  - The location and time of the weigh-in are to be announced at the first Team Captain's meeting. Upon confirmation of the events schedule, the FIL Executive Board, based on the proposal of the Technical Commission, will determine at which events a weigh-in will be carried out. (2 3 times per season).
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- 4.2 A jury member or technical delegate should be present.
- 4.3 At least one heated room is to be provided by the event organizers for the aforementioned weigh- in procedure.

4.4	At the draw, All participating NFs receive a list of their athletes from the event organizers one day before the competition on which the following weight information is noted: name, body weight, additional weight, weight of race clothing, and total weight permitted for the race.
Reas	on:
	e already adhered to this practice with the socks during the finish inspection and like to maintain this approach during the weigh-in procedure for hygiene reasons.



Applicant: Technical Commission	<b>§:</b> 10, 1.2	Motion No.: 40
	⊠ Artificial <sup>-</sup>	Track □ Natural Track
Old text:		
1.2 Call to Start		
☐ The beginning of each heat must be announced over	the loudspeak	cer system along the track
<ul><li>15, 10, 5, 2 and 1 minutes prior to the first starter.</li><li>□ This applies to all training and competition runs of FIL</li></ul>	compositions	
☐ The call to start must take place in the described could	•	
persons present at the track are reliably informed on the		
☐ For competitions runs, the call to the start area follow	•	
the start area.		
The athlete must go to the start area within two (2) minu	•	
☐ Only one (1) person is permitted to assist a competitor competitions and Team Relay competitions.	or in the start r	amp area except at Sprint
competitions and ream ineray competitions.		
New Text:		
1.2 Call to Start		
☐ The beginning of each heat must be announced over 15, 10, 5, 2 and 1 minutes prior to the first starter.	the loudspeak	ker system along the track
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☐ The call to start must take place in the described cour		
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□ Only one (1) person is permitted to assist a competitor	•	
competitions and Team Relay competitions.		
$\hfill\square$ At the start area, no coach may be next to the athlete	. However, a c	coach has access to the
start area at any time (in case of technical issues).		
Reason:		



Applicant: Canada	<b>§:</b> 10, 1.3	Motion No.: 41
		ack □ Natural Track

# Old text:

e) When an interruption occurs during a competition (with the exception of a determined sweeping interval in case of snowfall), fundamentally the starter must give the next athlete two (2) minutes preparation time before the signal "Track is Clear" is given.

# **New Text:**

- e) When an interruption occurs during a competition (with the exception of a determined sweeping interval in case of snowfall), fundamentally the starter must give the next athlete
  - two (2) minutes preparation time before the signal "Track is Clear" is given or
  - the athlete gives a sign to the start leader to be ready for start before the two (2) minutes are up.

### Reason:

We had several incidents this last season where athletes did not get proper warning and/ or race officials were not properly educated on how to execute this rule



Applicant: Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 10; 5.4	Motion No.: 42
		ack □ Natural Track

# Old text:

5.4 The official results list is to be signed by the race director and the chairperson of the jury. The names of the jury members, and of the technical delegates are to be listed. The full names of all participants are to be entered on the results list.

# **New Text:**

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# Reason:

Only digital now!

Applicant: Sport Commission	§: 11	Motion No.: 43	
Old text:			
No old text			
New Text:			
2.3.13			
In case the jury is not present during official \by the Race Director, Technical Director, and		g, protests will be handled	
Reason:			
Already performed			



Applicant: Sport Commission/ Executive Board

**§**: 12.1 **Motion No.**: 44

# Old text:

1. Titles for FIL World Championships

The invitation to the race notes the titles to be awarded at the FIL Championships.

These are to be awarded to the winners in the following disciplines:

1.1 Women's Singles with the title:

"World Champion in Women's Singles"

1.2 Men's Singles with the title:

"World Champion in Men's Singles"

1.3 Doubles with the title:

"World Champion in Doubles"

Both competitors receive the same titles and same honors.

1.4 Team-Relay competition with the title:

"Team Relay World Champion"

1.5 Sprint competition, Singles and doubles with the title:

"Sprint World Champion in Women's Singles"

"Sprint World Champion in Men's Singles"

"Sprint World Champion in Doubles"

1.6 U 23: Women's Singles with the title:

"U 23 World Champion in Women's Singles"

U 23: Men's Singles with the title:

"U 23 World Champion in Men's Singles"

U 23: Doubles with the title:

"World Champion in Men's Doubles"

Both competitors receive the same titles and same honors.

1.7 The same titles and honors are used for the Junior World Championships, the title for the Team competition: "Team World Champion"

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"World Champion in Men's Singles"

1.3 Women's Doubles with the title:

"World Champion in Women's Doubles"

Both competitors receive the same titles and same honors.

1.4 Men's Doubles with the title:

"World Champion in Men's Doubles"

Both competitors receive the same titles and same honors.

1.5 Team-Relay competition with the title:

"Team Relay World Champion"

1.6 Mixed Competition with the title:

"Mixed Singles World Champion"

"Mixed Doubles World Champion"

1.7 U 23: Women's Singles with the title:

"U 23 World Champion in Women's Singles"

U 23: Men's Singles with the title:

"U 23 World Champion in Men's Singles"

U 23: Doubles with the title:

"World Champion in Women's Doubles"

"World Champion in Men's Doubles"

Both competitors receive the same titles and same honors.

1.8 The same titles and honors are used for the Junior World Championships, the title for the Team

competition:	"Team	World	Champion"
			O. G.

# Reason:

Just adjusting the terminology for women's doubles and mixed event.

Applicant: Sport Commission/Executive Board	<b>§:</b> 12, 4.2	Motion No.: 45
	⊠ Artificial T	rack □ Natural Track

# Old text:

4.2 Each competitor and official participating in a championship must receive a certificate.

# **New Text:**

4.2 Each competitor and official participating in a championship must receive a certificate.

# Reason:

Has not been done for years

Applicant: Sport Commisson / Executive Board	<b>§:</b> 12, 6	Motion No.: 46
	⊠ Artificial	Track □ Natural Track

# Old text:

6. Pins for Athletes and Officials

It is the obligation of the NF staging FIL Championships to give pins or badges as gifts at no cost to the athletes and officials.

# **New Text:**

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It is the obligation of the NF staging FIL World Championships to give pins or badges as gifts at no cost to the athletes and officials.

# Reason:

No longer with the times



Applicant: Sport Commission / Executive
Board

S: 12, 8.1 Motion No.: 47

⊠ Artificial Track □ Natural Track

#### Old text:

8. Awards Ceremony and Conclusion of the Event

8.1 Procedure

The event organizer must hold the awards ceremony for the champions as well as for the second and third place finishers in each discipline immediately after the competition in the finish area as follows:

- a) At the awards ceremony of all FIL competitions(FIL Championships, WC, TWC, SWC, JWC and (exception CC), flags of the Nations of the champions and the second and third place finishers must be raised.
- b) During the ceremony, the champion's national anthem must be played (exception CC).
- c) If there are less than three ranked athletes in one discipline, this awards ceremony will not be staged.
- d) The staging of the official awards ceremony together with the flower ceremony is allowed.
- e) In the event of a tie for first place, the anthems of the Nation of both competitors will be played in alphabetical order of family names.
- f) In the case of a tie in doubles, the family name of the front man is used.
- g) In the event of a tie, both flags will be raised.
- h) The same procedure may take place at all international competitions.
- i) The medals are presented to the top three finishers by the FIL representative. By the representative's absence, the chairperson of the jury awards them in a festive ceremony.

### **New Text:**

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- g) In the event of a tie, both flags will be raised.
- h) The same procedure may take place at all international competitions.
- i) The medals are presented to the top three finishers by the FIL representative. By the representative's absence, the chairperson of the jury awards them in a festive ceremony.
- j) The announcement of the placed athletes for the award ceremony is made from position 3 to position 1.
- k) The placed athletes are obligated to appear punctually for the award ceremony.

#### Reason:

<b>Applicant:</b> Youth/Development Commission AT		Motion No.: 48	
	Rules YOG		
		ack □ Natural Track	

Old text:

none

**New Text:** 

#### **Supplement 4a**

Olympic Rules - Youth Olympic Games (YOG

### 1. Validity

For the luge competitions during Youth Olympic Winter Games (YOG), the stipulations of the International Luge Regulations (IRO) are valid.

The following additional rules are valid for the YOG:

# **Competition:**

#### 1.1 Competition Runs

• Singles: 2

◆ Doubles: 2

◆ Team Relay: 1

### 1.2 Draw, Start Order

The seeded groups for the individual disciplines are determined on the basis of the Youth A World Cup point standings of the Olympic season as of December 31, according to national federations. Each national federation can nominate its qualified athletes according to the national rankings.

### Draw of the seeded groups singles A, B

(A) 1 - 12 (B) 13 – last start number

## Draw of the seeded groups doubles A, B

#### Start order:

Singles (women and men)

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1<sup>st</sup> run 1 - 12 (A) 13 – last start no. (B)
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2<sup>nd</sup> run 1 - last place (according to placing after 1<sup>st</sup> run)

Doubles (women and men)

2<sup>nd</sup> run 1 - last place (according to placing after 1<sup>st</sup> run)

Team Relay (IRO § 3, 6.7)

- Determination of the nation ranking for the Team Relay competition according to the IRO § 3, 6.7.5
- Mixed teams are not allowed
- After the team relay training, an athlete or pair of athletes can be substituted in case of injury or illness. The time for a replacement entry will be announced on site.

1<sup>st</sup> Heat of the competition (§ 3, 6.7.3)

- Start order, according to the nation ranking for the team relay at JWCh in reverse order (§ 3, 6.7.7)

#### 1.3 Maximum Numbers of Participants per National Federation

- Women's singles2
- Men's singles2
- Women's doubles2
- Men's doubles2

#### 1.4 Education of International Judges

The Organizing Committee (OC) of the Youth Olympic Winter Games is responsible for the education of the judges appointed for the YOG and has to take care of the respective expenses. If necessary, the OC may appoint experienced external judges.

### 1.5 Advertising Regulations

The regulations of the IOC are valid.

### 1.6 Nominations / Entry Fee

According to the regulations of the IOC, the nominations have to be made by the NOC responsible to the OC on the stipulated dates.

The Executive Board of the FIL is to be constantly informed on the nominations by the OC. No entry fee has to be paid.

#### 1.7 Inspections at the Finish

At the YOG, the sled drawn will be marked after the 1st run and checked for compliance with § 5 and § 7 after the last run at the end of each competition day.

#### 1.8 Withdrawal Due to Injury / Sickness

If, during training, an athlete who is nominated for the participation in the singles discipline withdraws due to injury / sickness, then another athlete who belongs to the Olympic team of the NF of the injured person and has completed the minimum number of training runs can be nominated instead.

#### 1.9 Training

The Olympic training is regulated as follows:

- 2 systematic training runs per discipline (if no ITW takes place directly before the YOG)
- at least 6 training runs per discipline over 2 days

Training groups of NFs may be established by the FIL and the OC from the local organizer to standardize the group size.

- 1<sup>st</sup> training day, training by discipline of NFs according to draw (by the jury)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> training day, training by discipline in reverse order of NFs

• 3<sup>rd</sup> training day, training by discipline of NFs according to draw (by the jury)

Training groups, (all nations are drawn individually).

- training run, first to last by NF
- track maintenance,
- training run, last to first by NF
- Doubles athletes who participate in singles training cannot participate in singles training assigned to doubles athletes. They receive no systematic run in doubles.
  - In case only one athlete from a doubles team participates in singles training, the doubles team can take the systematic run in doubles.
- If a time difference of two (2) or more days exists between the last training and the first race runs of any discipline, then at least one (1) additional training run must be offered for the athletes participating in the competition. For the team relay competition, this is calculated per discipline.

#### 1.10 International Training Courses on the Olympic Track

The event organizers of the Olympic luge competitions are obligated to offer one international training weeks for all NFs in the pre-Olympic or Olympic season. In each of these two weeks, at least 4-5 training days with at least 3 training runs per day must be made available. The same number of training runs must be made available to all NF's.

All NFs must be given the same number of training runs. Canceled training runs must be replaced. During these two international training weeks, the athletes of the host nation do not receive any special rights. The FIL executive board will decide on any training restrictions during the Olympic season.

No additional training runs outside of planned and approved FIL training weeks may be completed on "Olympic" tracks prior to the YOGs with the exception of the organizing nation. All training facilities must be equally available to all nations. Agreements between individual national federations regarding training runs on an "Olympic" track outside of FIL-approved training measures are prohibited if they lead to a violation of the "Fair Play" principle or a disadvantage for other athletes or national federations.

If a violation is detected, the athlete will at least lose his/her place in the seeded group at the Olympic Games and may also be subject to additional sanctions by the FIL executive board.

#### 1.11 Test Race

The track must be available to the FIL 1 year prior to the YOG for testing within the framework of a test competition open to all NFs during the same period as at the Games. The FIL Technical Delegates present at the test race must inspect the track regarding its safety and technical facilities. The OC and the organizing NF must be informed in writing of the results of the inspection during the test race. Complaints have to be fully remedied prior to the staging of the OWG.

## 2. Preparation and Staging

## 2.1 The FIL as Highest Body

The FIL is responsible to the IOC for the proper staging of luge competitions.

The FIL is the highest body of these competitions. In order to meet this task, the FIL appoints and sends the following persons at the expense of the OC during the staging of the Olympic luge program:

- the President and the Secretary General (they officially represent the FIL),
- the jury, consisting of the chairperson and two members,
- the technical delegates, consisting of three persons,
- additional international judges

(the number is coordinated between the IOC, the OC, and the FIL)

• two IOC technical delegates who have to provide the permanent contact to the IOC.

For the jury, technical delegates, and IOC technical delegates, walkie-talkies with independent frequencies have to be provided.

#### 2.2 Responsibility of the National Federation

The National Federation in cooperation with the OC of the YOG is responsible for the organization of the Olympic luge competitions.

A permanent and close cooperation between the National Federation, OC and the FIL starting with the preparation work until the completion of the Olympic luge competitions is necessary.

The OC must set up a sports office/department for the luge competitions and appoint a full-time director. The responsible NF must be represented by its President or by another approved appointee with FIL confirmation in a leading position.

#### 2.3 Officials, Judges, Assistants

Each NF hosting Olympic luge competitions should have approximately 15 international judges who should already be working during the pre-Olympic test.

The FIL supports the required education and training. Judges who have important tasks during the YOG (race leader, start and finish leaders, chief of track and their representatives) should gain experience already prior to the YOG during important FIL competitions.

The FIL reserves the right to name and approve key leadership positions such as race director, assistant race director(s), ice experts.

The following officials / judges / assistants are required for the Olympic luge competitions:

- organizing chairperson
- press chief
- race director
- assistant race director
- start leader
- assistants at the start
- starter
- finish leader
- 2 assistants at the finish
- person in charge of weigh in
- recorder for weigh-in
- ice experts
- chief of track
- assistant track chief
- chief of timing
- assistant chief of timing
- 2 persons to check the temperature of the steels
- 2 persons to keep the records of this inspection
- chief of transport
- announcer for the track loudspeaker system
- assistant for the announcer
- translators
- track workers for track building and maintenance
- If the weather conditions are unfavorable, an additional work crew must be provided (snow removal, etc.). Some of these positions may be employed and others are as a volunteer.

#### 2.4 Program / Time Schedule

Taking into account the overall planning of the YOG, the organizers (OC and NF) will propose the detailed Olympic luge program to the FIL on time.

The program schedule is subject to the approval of the FIL executive board. Changes determined by the FIL executive board are binding for the organizers (OC).

#### 2.5 Interpreters

A sufficient number of interpreters fluent in German and English have to be available for the officials.

## 3. <u>Luge Tracks</u>

In general, Olympic luge competitions are staged on combined bobsleigh, luge and skeleton tracks with artificial refrigeration.

The "Regulation for Artificial Luge Tracks" (Supplement 1) is valid.

## 4. Eligibility Rules

For admission to the Olympic Winter Games, the current qualification criteria agreed between the FIL and the IOC apply. In individual and justified cases, the FIL Executive Board can make exceptions.

## Reason:

Rules are also to be drawn up for the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) based on the Olympic rules for the General Class, Supplement 4.

So that clear specifications are also regulated for the YOG.

These should also be introduced as a supplement to the IRO.

## What other paragraphs/points would need to be changed accordingly?:

none

 §: Supplement 4, section 4	Motion No.: 49
	□ Natural Track

## New Text:

For athletes ranked lower than the top 30 men's singles, 30 women's singles, 18 men's doubles or 18 women's doubles at the close of the pre-Olympic season in the World Cup Ranking List (General Class) there is an additional qualification requirement of mandatory participation at the last scheduled International Training Week, typically in the fall of the Olympic season, prior to the Olympic Games on the selected Olympic track.

## Reason:

This is a key safety regulation that has been practiced for the last several Olympic cycles.



Applicant: Technical Commission	<b>§:</b> 5; pt.1.3.3 <b>Motion No.:</b> 50
	b)

#### Old text:

Standard doubles runner

- a) The original runners must be used.
- b) The runner form may not be changed on the outside with the exception of repairs and evening out the radius.
- c) The runner horns may be individually adapted from the interface section "insertion groove for runner horns" in compliance with the dimensions valid in the 2022 IRO § 5 Pt. 1.3.3. Self-produced runner horns may also be used.

## New Text:

Standard doubles runner

interface section "insertion groove for runner horns"

- a) The original runners must be used.
- b) The runner form may not be changed on the outside with the exception of repairs and evening out the radius of the bow by adding material. No material may be removed from the original form of the runners.
- c) The runner horns may be individually adapted from the interface section "insertion groove for runner horns" in compliance with the dimensions valid in the 2022 IRO § 5 Pt. 1.3.3. Self-produced runner horns may also be used. starting no closer than 350 mm from the middle of the front runner bridge box to the front of the runner, in compliance with the dimensions valid in the 2024 IRO § 5 Pt. 1.3.3.

## Reason:

The purpose of adapting this rule is to clearly define and explain to NFs what is allowed to be modified.



Applicant: Technical Commission§:5;1.3.4Motion No.: 51Supplement 5⋈ Artificial Track □ Natural Track

## Old text:

Standard doubles bridges

- a) The original bridges must be used.
- b) The distance between the runners must measure 395 to 450 mm.
- c) The front and back bridge mounting bracket can be changed individually.
- d) The connection between bridges and runners may not be changed. However, various hardness's with the same measurements (rubber inserts that cover the bridge foot) can be used.

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Standard doubles bridges

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## Reason:

The reason is that V2 bridges were initially made from carbon and were wider. After they were made from metal, I observed many teams facing challenges when fitting the new steels because the width is now less than 395 mm.

# Enclosure 2 - IRO changes Natural Track



Applicant: Executive Board	<b>§:</b> 1 point 1.3 <b>Motion No.:</b> 1
	☐ Artificial Track ☒ Natural Track

## **Old text:**

1.3 Athletes registered by their National Federations (NFs) can participate in all FIL competitions if they have a valid licence. The licences are filled out by the respective NF on behalf of the FIL and are newly signed by the President of the respective NF or by a person authorized by him/her every season. With the signature of the National Federation's representative, it is to be confirmed that the athlete:

- is a member of his/her federation or one of its associated clubs,
- is insured for practicing the sport of luge also in foreign countries,
- possesses a medical certificate that is based on a medical examination conducted during the preceding 12 months and a subsequent medical examination in the event of a serious injury, which states that from a point of view of sports medicine, he/she is fit for participating in the sport of luge, and
- has received sufficient training so as one could expect the athlete to be able to safely navigate luge tracks during competitions and official training.

The licence only becomes valid after the athlete declares in writing that they bindingly acknowledge the statutes and regulations of the FIL, especially the IRO, the Law and Procedure Regulations of the FIL and that they have knowledge of the contents of all regulations. The licence must be submitted to the chairperson of the jury prior to each competition

## **New Text:**

1.3 Athletes registered by their National Federations (NFs) can participate in all FIL competitions if they have a valid e-licence. A FIL e-license is required in the juniors 1, juniors 2 and general classes.

The licences are filled out by the respective NF on behalf of the FIL and are newly signed by the President of the respective NF or by a person authorized by

him/her every season. With the signature of the National Federation's representative, it is to be confirmed that the athlete

is a member of his/her federation or one of its associated clubs.

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possesses a medical certificate that is based on a medical examination conducted during the preceding 12 months and a subsequent medica

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cence must be submitted to the chairperson of the jury prior to each competitio

## Reason:

Change from paper to electronic license.

## What other paragraphs/points would need to be changed accordingly?:

§3 point 4 Authorization to Participate in Training

Applicant: Commission	<b>§:</b> 2, 1.1 <b>Motion No.:</b> 2
	☐ Artificial Track ☒ Natural Track

1.1 Luge competitions in Olympic Winter Games

# **New Text:**

1.1 Luge competitions in Olympic Winter Games

# Reason:

Remove point 1.1 as not relevant for natural track sport

# What other paragraphs/points would need to be changed accordingly?:

Old section 1.2 becomes 1.1, all others move up by one.



Applicant: Commission	<b>§:</b> 2, 1.2	Motion No.:3
	☐ Artificial T	rack ⊠ Natural Track

# Old text:

# 1.2. **FIL Championships**

World Championships (WCh)	in odd numbered years
Junior World Championships (JWC)	in even numbered years
U23 World Championships	"Race in Race" / at FIL World Chamionship
Continental Championships	in even numbered years
<ul> <li>European Championship (ECh)</li> </ul>	
American Pacific Championships	
(APCh)	
<ul> <li>Asia Championships (ACh)</li> </ul>	
North American Championships	annually
Continental Championships for juniors	in odd numbered years

# **New Text:**

# 1.2. **FIL Championships**

World Championships (WCh)	in odd numbered years
Junior World Championships (JWC)	in even numbered years
U23 World and European Championships	"Race in Race" / at FIL World Chamionships
Continental Championships	in even numbered years
• European Championship (ECh)	
American Pacific Championships	
(APCh)	
<ul> <li>Asia Championships (ACh)</li> </ul>	
North American Championships	annually
Continental Championships for juniors	in odd numbered years

## Reason:

Not yet included in the IRO but is being carried out.

## What other paragraphs/points would need to be changed accordingly?:

Insert §3, point 2.5 as last paragraph

U23 Championships

- The U23 Championships will be held as a "Race in Race" with the FIL Championships (§ 2, 1.2).
- Athletes participating in the U23 Championships must comply with the following age requirements:
- o Maximum age: year of the event 23
- o Minimum age: according to IRO § 3, No. 3.2
- The participating athletes must be registered for the FIL Championships as part of the admission process (§ 3, item 4).
- Awarding of titles: men's/women's singles and doubles as well as team competition, if at least three (3) athletes/pairs of athletes have achieved a result in the respective discipline at the FIL Championships.
- The FIL Championships ranking will be used to determine the winners and placed athletes.
- A separate results list will be compiled for the U23 classification.

Applicant: Commission	<b>§</b> : 4	Motion No.: 4
	☐ Artificial Tr	ack ⊠ Natural Track

none

# **New Text:**

Insert §4 between points 6 and 7

Forerunners must present a sled/equipment that complies with international or national standards, as well as a national or international sports license or a confirmation from their NF confirming that all criteria have been met. They may not be listed as participants in the race, with the exception of athletes who have already been eliminated.

## Reason:

This is not currently specified in the IRO.

# What other paragraphs/points would need to be changed accordingly?:

New text becomes point 7, old point 7. becomes point 8.



Applicant: Commission	<b>§:</b> 7	Motion No.: 5
	☐ Artificia	ıl Track ⊠ Natural Track

## 2.2 Safety Helmets

Athletes' safety helmets may display two (2) trademarks of the manufacturer with a maximum size of 15 sq cm, one each side, placed over the ears. The advertising surface on the front of helmets may only be used by the FIL (70 sq cm). A national emblem (max. 30 sq cm) and the name of the athlete (maximum twice and the height of the lettering is limited to a maximum of 15 mm) are permitted on the helmet when they are not obstructing the official FIL advertising.

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#### Reason:

Alignment with the IRO artificial track.



Applicant: Commission	<b>§:</b> 10	Motion No.: 6
	☐ Artificial Track ⊠	Natural Track

none

# **New Text:**

Camera runs:

A camera run may be authorized under the responsibility of the film crew and in consultation with the sport director, the TD, and the race director.

## Reason:

Not currently regulated in the IRO, but necessary for safety and liability reasons.

# What other paragraphs/points would need to be changed accordingly?:

To be inserted under point 2, sliding rules and procedures as point 2.1.9.



Applicant: Commission	§: Supplement 2 Motion No.: 7
	☐ Artificial Track ⊠ Natural Track

## Old text:

- 5.4 The FIL Proctor has to send this record to the FIL official responsible for the International Judges.
- 6.1 The examination is given in written and oral form.

  The examination documents are available from the FIL official responsible for the International Judges.
- 7.3 The names of FIL International Judges are entered in the FIL Directory of International Officials according to their names and National Federation.

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- 5.4 The FIL Proctor has to send this record to the FIL official responsible for the International Judges to the FIL office.
- 6.1 The examination is given in written and oral form.

  The examination documents are available at the FIL office from the FIL official responsible for the International Judges.
- 7.3 The names of FIL International Judges are entered in the FIL Directory of International Officials according to their names and National Federation A list of international judges is kept at the FIL office.

## Reason:

There is no judges department!

Applicant: Commission	§: Supplement 3 Motion No.: 8
	☐ Artificial Track ⊠ Natural Track

## 2.3. Olympic Winter Games

Agreements regarding the broadcasting rights of the Olympic Winter Games are the responsibility of the IOC.

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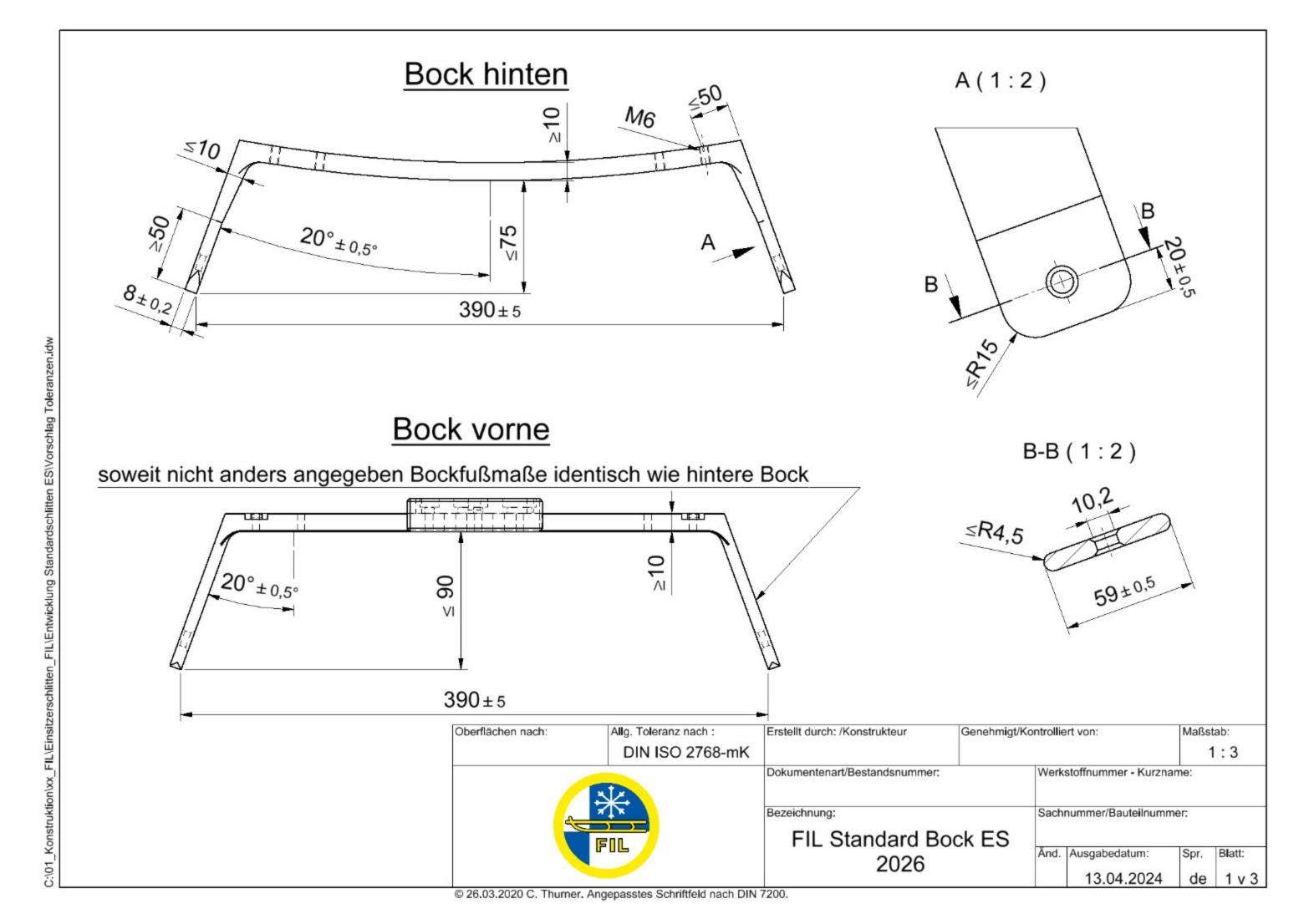
## Reason:

Deleted point 2.3, not relevant for natural track

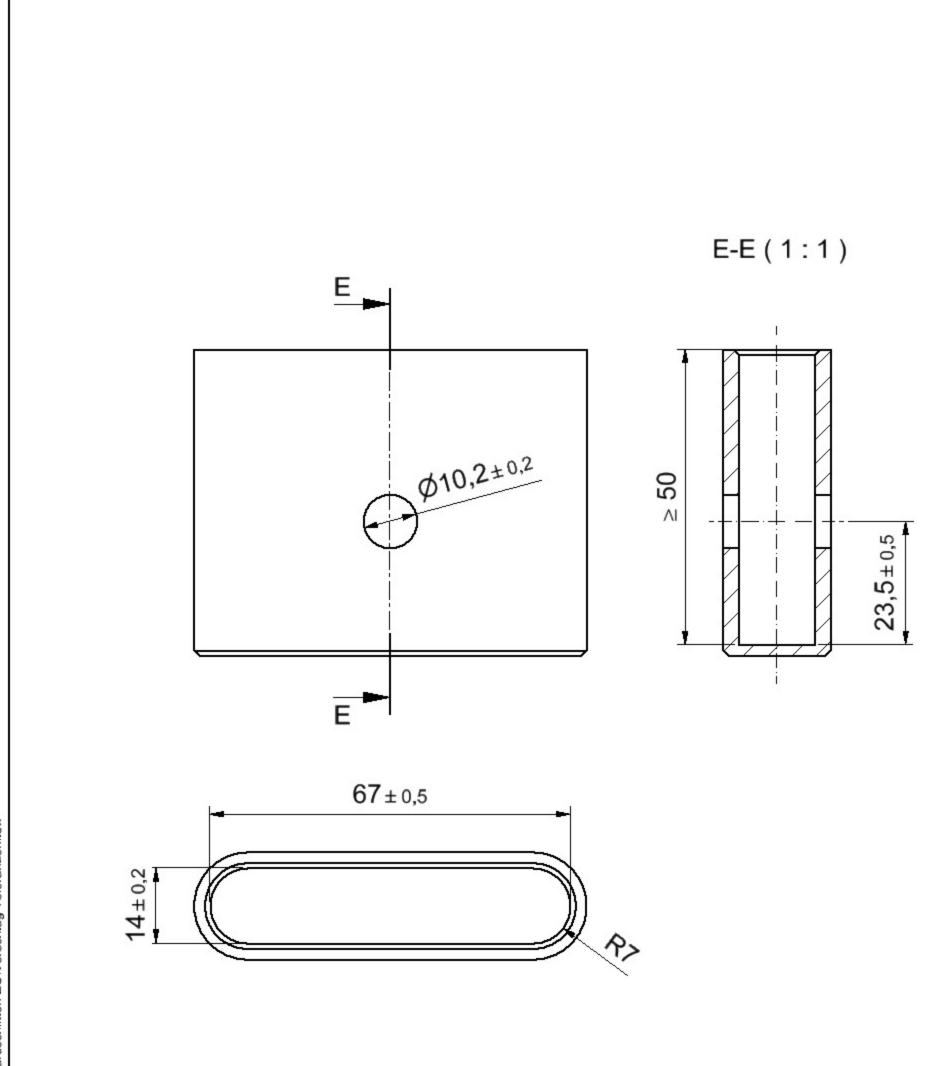
What other paragraphs/points would need to be changed accordingly?:

Old point 2.4 becomes 2.3

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