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## A G E N D A 72<sup>nd</sup> FIL Congress Lake Placid/USA

**Beginning: Friday, June 14, 2024 9:00 a.m.**

1. Opening and welcome E. Fogelis / Host
2. Roll call and right to vote D. Bell
3. Approval of minutes from the last congress D. Bell
4. Awards E. Fogelis / D. Bell
5. Admission of new members E. Fogelis
6. Reports from members of the executive board
  - 6.1 President (*will be presented*) E. Fogelis
  - 6.2 Secretary General (*will be presented*) D. Bell

*All other reports are included in the dossier*
7. Discussion on the reports
8. Preliminary discussion on motions as well as immediate vote on motions not requiring long discussion E. Fogelis / D. Bell
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10. Control Commission report and release of the executive board Chair of the Control Commission
11. Determination of membership fees G. Balme
12. Reports Working Groups Strategic Plan Slide 2026 Chair of the Working Groups



**Continuation:**

**Saturday, June 15, 2024**

**9:00 a.m.**

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# 71. Ordentlicher FIL-Kongress

Bukarest / ROU  
17.-18. Juni 2023

# 71<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Congress of the FIL

Bucharest / ROU  
June 17-18, 2023

*Protokoll / Minutes*

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*Prepared and translated by the FIL Office in Berchtesgaden, Germany.*

<b>Saturday, 17 June 2023</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
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## 1. Opening and welcome

**FIL President Einars Fogelis warmly welcomes** the participants of the Congress and **officially opens the 71st FIL Congress 2023**. He is pleased to be able to welcome the delegates personally.

He addressed special greetings to the **President of the Romanian Luge, Bobsleigh and Skeleton Federation, Sorina Ticu**.

**Sorina Ticu** welcomes the participants of the FIL Congress and is glad that the Romanian federation together with the FIL has the pleasure to host this congress.

**President E. Fogelis** warmly welcomes **FIL Honorary President Josef Fendt** and **FIL Honorary Members Svein Romstad** and **Harald Steyrer**.

He welcomes and congratulates the newly and re-elected presidents.

Tomas Hasek (CZE), Gwenaelle Noury (FRA), Klavs Vasks (LAT), Sorina Ticu (ROU), as well as Secretary General Kristaps Maurins (LAT), to their new offices.

He also welcomes the representatives of the applicants and event organizers, as well as representatives of the commissions.

A special greeting also goes to the newly elected Chairman of the Athletes' Commission and Executive Member **Leon Felderer**, to the representatives of the **National Federations**, to the **representatives of the agencies** RGS, Rudi Größwang jun., and Infront, Stefan Krauß, to the **representatives of the OC 2026 OWG Milano-Cortina**, Filippo Bazzanella and Normunds Kotans, the Logistic Partner **DB Schenker**, Markus Kotkowski and Sören Hell, to all media representatives as well as to all other congress participants.

A minute of silence follows in **silent remembrance of the luge officials or former athletes who passed away** last year.

As a substitute, President E. Fogelis mentions:

- **Herbert Wurzer/AUT**

*Deceased on 30 August 2022 at the age of 74*

*FIL Executive Board Member and Vice President Sport for Natural Track for many years, recipient of the FIL Gold Medal of Honor*

- **Walter Marx/SVK**

*Deceased on 21 January 2023 at the age of 80*

*For many years President of the Czechoslovakian and then Slovakian Luge Federations, was a member of the FIL Technical Commission, bearer of the FIL Ring of Honor*

- **Martin Findura/SVK**

*Deceased on 06 February 2023 at the age of 60*

*former President of the Luge Federation of Slovakia (1993-2008)*



– **Klaus Bonsack**

*Deceased on 05 March 2023 at the age of 81*

*Member of the FIL Hall of Fame, Olympic Champion 1968 (doubles), Olympic Silver medal 1964 (singles), Olympic Bronze medal 1968 (singles) and 1972 (doubles), WCh Gold medal 1967 (doubles), Vice President Technical Matters of the FIL 1989-1994, from 1990 on successful Head Coach of the Austrian National Team*

– **Sepp Lenz**

*Deceased on 04 May 2023 at the age of 88*

*He was the "father" of the artificial luge track in Königssee, German national coach from 1965-1995, technical delegate for the FIL for many years with consulting activities for new luge tracks, FIL Medal of Honor in Gold recipient*

– **Hartmut Kardaetz**

*died on 15 May 2023, at the age of 80, honorary member of the FIL, first FIL Executive Director from 1993-2010, from 1978-1990 he was Secretary General of the Bobsleigh and Sledding Federation of the former GDR*

***moment of silence***

**President E. Fogelis** declares that the invitations and the agenda have been sent to the NFs in due time and, as there are no requests to speak, establishes the regularity of the convening of the 71st FIL Congress.

Information is provided on the further course of the congress.

**2. Role call and voting rights**

**Secretary General D. Bell** welcomes the congress participants and checks the attendance. At the time of the opening of the congress, there are **33 members/NFs seated and with voting rights** in the meeting room.

**The 71st FIL Congress (1st congress day on 17 June 2023) is attended by:**

**33 national federations with seat and vote**

**1 provisional member**

**Simple majority = 17**

**2/3 majority = 22**

**3. Approval of the minutes of the last congress**

**Congress resolution 01/23**

**The minutes of the 70th FIL Congress 2022 in Hall in Tirol/AUT are approved.**

**-unanimous-**

#### 4. Honors

**President E. Fogelis and Secretary General D. Bell** present the following awards personally or to the representatives:

##### The FIL Medal of Honor in Bronze:

- Erin Warren/USA
- Beverly Detweiler/USA
- Ivan Bayik/UKR
- Vasyl Kazmiruk/UKR

##### The FIL Medal of Honor

- Rudolf Größwang Sen., RGS (to be honored at a later date)
- Stefan Krauß, Managing Director of Infront Austria

##### FIL Medal of Honor in Gold

- Norbert Hiedl (to be honored at a later date)
- Dr. Jörg Ellermeyer (to be honored at a later date)

#### 5. Admission of new members

**Secretary General D. Bell** informs the Congress that **Nigeria** has been accepted as a **provisional member** as their submitted applications meet the formal requirements. Nigeria is represented by delegates at the 71st FIL Congress and is the first African member country in the history of the FIL.

The 1st Delegate of Nigeria, Mr. Daniel Damola, addresses the FIL Congress briefly.

#### 6. Work reports of the members of the executive board

**President E. Fogelis and Secretary General D. Bell** present their reports to the Congress.

All other reports of the executive members and officials can be read in the congress dossier. The dossier was made available to all national federations in good time in advance by e-mail / FTP server.

##### 6.1 President

*Please find the congress report of the President Einars Fogelis in **enclosure 1**.*

##### 6.2 Secretary General

*Please find the congress report of the Secretary General Dwight Bell in **enclosure 2**. In addition, a video of the "FIL Studio" was played.*

**President E. Fogelis** thanks **Secretary General D. Bell** for his report and gives the executive board the opportunity for additions.

## 7. Discussion of the work reports

**President E. Fogelis** will give the executive board and members of Congress the opportunity to ask questions about the reports.

**Malgorzata Grzyb/IRL:** *Is there anything the FIL is doing to attract girls to the sport that you can share with member federations to help attract more girls from other sports?*

**President E. Fogelis:** *The decision for the women's doubles was made a few years ago and we are now very happy with it. Besides, the popular sport is very important to attract new female but also male athletes.*

**Secretary General D. Bell:** *Gender Equality is a very high priority in the FIL and will be considered in all new endeavors.*

Congress members had no further questions about the reports.

## 8. Preliminary discussion on motions

*(Immediate vote for motions that do not require further discussion).*

*The vote is taken by acclamation.*

### Congress resolution 02/23

**Dr. Christian Krähe and Vlasta Vavruskova are nominated to count the votes.**

**-unanimous-**

## **30 MINUTES COFFEE BREAK**

### 8.1 Confirmation of the executive board resolution of September 23, 2022

**Secretary General D. Bell** informs the Congress that a simple majority is needed for the following resolution.

Resolution of the FIL executive board of 23 September 2022

*The FIL Executive Board decides on the basis of paragraph 4.5.8 of the FIL Statutes: In view of the war of aggression currently being waged by the Russian Federation against Ukraine, the suspension of all rights to participation of athletes, assistants, coaches, and other officials of the Russian Luge Federation in FIL-sanctioned competitions is ordered until further notice in order to ensure safe, peaceful, and upright athletic competitions.*

*The presence of Russian athletes, assistants, coaches, and other officials from the Russian Luge Federation during the staging of FIL-sanctioned sport competitions is associated with the high risk that the safety, peacefulness and integrity of these competitions and their participants (including those of the Russian Federation itself) are gravely endangered. This risk is based on the causal personal involvement of the named persons in these FIL competitions and cannot be replaced by a less drastic*

*measure, so that the suspension of participation is proportionate if and as long as the hostilities in Ukraine continue as a reason for this measure.*

**A. Andreeva/RUS:**

- *The aim is to develop the sport of luge, to spread it and to promote it.*
- *The Russian Luge Federation has been suspended from luge events and must fulfill its obligations to maintain the sport of luge in Russia.*
- *Increase in the number of competitions in the general class, juniors, and youth A.*
- *Organization of competitions in Sochi, Moscow, and other regions of Russia.*
- *Broadcasting of the Russian championships to attract new and existing fans and increase their interest.*
- *Appeal to the congress to remember that sport is not politics! The FIL goals should be pursued together for the sake of our sport.*

Secretary General D. Bell asks the congress if anyone would like to make a motion to have this executive board resolution ratified by the congress.

USA, seconded by GBR, makes the motion to have the congress approve the executive board resolution that was passed.

*The congress is in favor of an open vote. Voting is by acclamation.*

**Congress resolution 03/23**

**Congress resolves that the executive board resolution of Sept. 23, 2022, be affirmed as written. (enclosure 3)**

**- 22 votes in favor -  
- 1 vote against -  
- 5 abstentions -**

**8.2 Motions to the Articles of Association**

**Dr. Ch. Krähe** explains the following amendments to Congress:

- **Motion 1** (applicant FIL executive board)  
Motion to amend the statutes with the following main points
  - *Specification of the purpose of the association*
  - *Specify the material resources with which the FIL can generate revenue.*
    - *is necessary in order to be able to establish the urgently needed capital company (limited liability company) for the areas of marketing and events*

**L. Bochette/PUR:** Different countries have diverse legal influences. Has the location already been chosen and what will happen next?

**Dr. Ch. Krähe** informs that it will be a company in Austria with the appropriate Austrian tax requirements to fulfill the non-profit status.

A 2/3 majority is required for the following resolution:

**Congress resolution 04/23**

The motion to amend the statutes in accordance with the proposal is approved. (enclosure 4)

- 28 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -

- **Motion 2** (applicant FIL executive board)  
FIL Code of Honor Regulations: Deletion of the title "Honorary Vice President"

Justification: Almost all sports federations only have the honorary president and the honorary member. The FIL would like to adapt here.

A 2/3 majority is required for the following resolution:

**Congress resolution 05/23**

The motion regarding paragraph 2.1.2 of the FIL Code of Honor Regulations is approved. (enclosure 5)

- 31 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -

- **Motion 3** (applicant FIL executive board)  
FIL Rules of Procedure: Change of the deadline for the submission of minutes (from 4 to 6 weeks)  
Reason: high time expenditure, e.g. for translations

A 2/3 majority is required for the following resolution:

**Congress resolution 06/23**

The motion regarding paragraph 12.1 of the FIL Rules of Procedure is approved. (enclosure 6)

- 32 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -

### 8.3 General motions

**President E. Fogelis** leads the congress through the general motions from Czechia, New Zealand and Sweden. The Congress must vote on the motions.

**Motion 1:** applicant Czechia

**D. Rydl/CZE** presents the motion of CZE to the congress.

The supplier cannot be freely chosen, however the prices for sled parts have increased drastically. The cost of the sleds or at least some parts of them should be reduced.

*President E. Fogelis agrees that something has to be changed in the implementation after 2026, but until then the cooperation with Kästle should remain.*

→ CZE withdraws the motion.

*Massimo Rinaldi/ITA wants to know how many manufacturers there are at the moment.*

*President E. Fogelis: For women's doubles we currently have only one - Kästle.*

*Technical Director A. Sics informs that for the 2026/2027 season standard sleds are being considered in the general class in all disciplines. Whether it will be standard sleds or only standard parts is not yet decided.*

*The goal is to make the sport cheaper and more affordable for everyone.*

*President E. Fogelis adds that the price, of course, also depends on the quantity.*

### **Motion 2: applicant New Zealand**

**G. Balme/NZL** presents the motion of NZL to the congress.

Participant grants for Continental Cup/Youth A to support the development of these classes; FIL costs remain unchanged.

He informs that the executive board agrees in principle with the motion, but the exact wording still has to be worked out.

→ NZL withdraws this motion.

### **Motion 3: applicant New Zealand**

**G. Balme/NZL** presents the motion of NZL to the Congress.

Obtain a worldwide and global sponsor to work with member nations in their local markets.

Some organizational difficulties present themselves. This is a matter for the WG Marketing.

→ NZL withdraws this motion.

### **Motion 4: applicant New Zealand**

**G. Balme/NZL** presents the motion of NZL to the Congress.

Establish a WG in the strategic plan to pursue increasing revenue with appropriate goals.

→ NZL withdraws this motion.

### **Motion 5: applicant New Zealand**

**G. Balme/NZL** presents the motion of NZL to the Congress.

Beginning with the 2023 Congress, a consolidated report on progress in implementing the strategic plan should be provided.

The reports will be presented to the congress today and attached to the minutes.

→ NZL withdraws this motion.

**Motion 6 + 7: applicant New Zealand**

**G. Balme/NZL presents** the two motions of NZL to the congress.

AT+NT: Increase support for nations and athletes outside Europe, as costs are much higher for them, and most races are held in Europe.

The costs for the FIL for this would be enormous. This is not possible at the moment.

→ NZL withdraws this motion.

**J. Ahlberg/SWE** informs the congress that there are no further comments to add due to the presentation of D. Bell. The motions 8-11 from Sweden should only be seen more as ideas for support and improvement. The in-house production of livestreaming and FIL studio is going in the right direction and should be further developed.

**Motion 8: applicant Sweden**

Approval of foiled visors to gain more space for sponsors.

**Motion 9: applicant Sweden**

Improving the presentation of the sport - displaying athletes before the race, visualizing graphics while driving at speed, etc.

**Motion 10: applicant Sweden**

Implementation of live commentators at junior and youth A races

**Motion 11: applicant Sweden**

Improve camera positions e.g. with small cameras in the ice and fast switch cuts.

**Secretary General D. Bell** explains that The FIL executive board agrees in principle with all motions of SWE, that these things are also already included in the strategic plan and that work is already being done on the implementation.

→ SWE withdraws motions 8-11.

**Emergency motions of the executive board to the FIL Congress****Emergency motion 1: applicant executive board**

Mandatory anti-doping education prior to issuance of a FIL e-license (applies equally to artificial track and natural track) IRO §1, page 3

**Dr. Ch. Krähe** informs the Congress about this emergency motion.

Congress held a brief discussion on this emergency motion.

*GBR notes that the deadline of "before the start of the season" should be removed from the motion.*

*A simple majority is required for the following resolution:*

**Congress resolution 07/23**

The Congress approves the executive board's emergency motion for mandatory anti-doping education prior to the issuance of a FIL e-license. The deadline "before the start of the season" is deleted from the motion. (enclosure 7)

- 30 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -

**Emergency motion 2:** applicant executive board

Homologation of luge tracks for Olympic Winter Games, FIL Championships and FIL competitions (IRO supplement 1)

VP C. DeINegro provides information to Congress on this emergency motion.

General Secretary D. Bell asks the congress if anyone would like to make a motion to have Congress confirm this emergency motion.

USA makes motion, seconded by AUS, to have the congress approve the emergency motion.

*A simple majority is required for the following resolution:*

**Congress resolution 08/23**

The Congress approves the executive board's emergency motion on the homologation of luge tracks for Olympic Winter Games, FIL Championships and FIL competitions. (enclosure 8)

- 31 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -

**Emergency motion 3:** applicant executive board

International training courses on the Olympic track (IRO supplement 4)

VP C. DeINegro explains this emergency motion to the congress.

General Secretary D. Bell asks the congress if anyone would like to make a motion to have congress approve this emergency motion.

GBR makes the motion, seconded by USA, to have congress approve the emergency motion.

*A simple majority is required for the following resolution:*

**Congress resolution 09/23**

The Congress approves the executive board's emergency motion on international training courses on the Olympic track. (enclosure 9)

- 32 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -



## 9. Finances

### 9.1 Approval of the annual statement of accounts (01 April 2022 – 31 March 2023)

**Vice President Ph. Trattner** informs the congress that he is stepping down from his position as VP Finance tomorrow due to his professional responsibilities.

He informs that the annual budget 2022/2023, which was taken over by H. Steyrer, could be kept by and large.

The following two budget areas will need to be considered in the future:

- Personnel costs in general (inflation is increasing and the areas of responsibility are becoming more and more and can no longer be managed on a voluntary basis)
- Rising costs for TV production (travel expenses, personnel costs, accommodation costs)

Costs in these areas were higher, but more revenue was generated. Congress participants will have the opportunity to ask questions about the 2022/2023 financial statements.

*GBR: Are the higher TV production costs one-time or will we have them again in 2023/2024?  
VP Ph. Trattner: We do not have these subsidies for the event organizers in 2023/2024 because the venues are limited in the coming season and TV production will be cheaper.*

**VP Ph. Trattner** presents the current asset status of the FIL as of March 31, 2023 and also gives the congress the opportunity to ask questions about this. The members of the congress have no further questions about the assets.

#### **Congress resolution 10/23**

**The 2022/2023 annual financial statements are approved as presented.**

- 30 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -

### 9.2 Approval of the draft budget estimate (01 April 2023 – 31 March 2024)

**Vice President Ph. Trattner** presents the current 2023/2024 budget proposal to the congress.

Some notes on reducing costs are:

- More video conferences in the future, reduction of travel costs
- No more FIL representatives at WCh, only at WCh
- Reduce printed materials

Congress has no further questions on the 2023/2024 annual budget.

#### **Congress resolution 11/23**

**The 2023/2024 annual budget is approved as presented.**

- 33 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -

### **10. Report of the Control Commission and discharge of the executive board**

The chairman of the control commission, **V. Vavruskova**, informs about the audit at the FIL Office from May 5 – 7, 2023 and about the audit report, in which the professional and prudent management of the finances by VP Ph. Trattner is emphasized.

She thanks the FIL office and VP Ph. Trattner for the good cooperation and makes the motion to the congress to give discharge to the vice president for finance, the presidium, and the entire executive board.

The president and the executive board are very prudent with the management of the financial resources and act in the best interest of the athletes, the national federations, the tracks, and the event organizers.

#### **Congress resolution 12/23**

**The FIL executive board is given discharge.**

- 33 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -

### **11. Determination of membership fees**

#### **Congress resolution 13/23**

**The annual membership fee is set, as before, at €100.**

- 32 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -

## ***LUNCH BREAK***

### **12. Reports of the "SLIDE 2026" Strategic Plan Working Groups**

- Sport AT / VP C. DelNegro (*enclosure 10*)
- Technology AT / VP A. Zöggeler (*enclosure 11*)
- Natural track and public sledding / VP S. Buta (*enclosure 12*)
- Marketing, TV, social media / VP Th. Schwab (*enclosure 13*) & GS D. Bell (*enclosure 14*)
- Sustainability, Integrity, Good Governance / GS D. Bell (*enclosure 15*)
- Integrity Unit / Steve Harris & Hannah Campbell-Pegg (*enclosure 16*)

**The National Federations ask questions about the reports and presentations of the chairs of the "SLIDE 2026" working groups.**

**Mark Hatton/GBR:** For sustainability reasons and because of CO2 emissions, we should consider whether it would make sense to plant trees.

**VP Th. Schwab:** Sees this critically since the trees from the tree nursery are also only transplanted. The FIL, however, is happy about new suggestions and must continue to deal with the topic of sustainability in any case.

**A. Andreeva/RUS:** Different types of natural track and public sledding should be merged? Popular sport is an amateur sport, natural track sport is a professional sport with high speed. How should this work?

**VP S. Buta:** The public must be made aware of the sport again. We need to combine professional sports with amateur sports to attract participants. The equipment must be similar to that used in competition. Natural track sport will continue to exist, this has tradition.

**M. Rinaldi/ITA:** Is there a deadline for the sponsor for natural track or does this remain open?

**VP S. Buta:** There is no deadline. Hopefully a sponsor will be found in cooperation with Th. Schwab and M. Prock.

**E. Warren/USA:** FIL Studio - What is needed to maximize market opportunities. For example, how high does the budget need to be so that the cost per viewer is still similarly low?

**GS D. Bell:** The cost per viewer is very low, that's true. We need to get people to watch luge again.

David Owen is our strategist and plans our budget for us and together with us.

In the end, you have to try out what brings in the most.

**H. Ruetz/AUT:** There has to be a convergence between the top sport natural track and public sledding. Of course, it is difficult to increase the budget if there are no sponsors. However, the support of the FIL should not be lacking here. The item 4495 Social Media NT, which is still included in the annual financial statement 2022/2023, was completely deleted in the annual budget 2023/2024.

**VP Ph. Trattner:** It is true that the budget cost social media for natural track has been cut. A lump sum was incorporated for the upcoming season, in an area where natural track is currently operating. In the last budget estimate, sponsorship revenue was implemented, which should have covered TV production costs as well. Unfortunately, these deals never happened. Since the natural track also has low to no revenues, one cannot have great expectations for the level of expenditures. That's why the executive board made the decisions they did. It is necessary to work together to further develop and better market the natural track product.

**L. Moroder/ITA:** Bringing racing and popular sports together is the only way to bring people closer to sledding again. The sleds should look the same but the internal structure must be understandably different.

For marketing, the best product must be worked out together. In the meantime, however, there should be a financial basis for survival.

**VP Th. Schwab:** Agrees in principle with L. Moroder. The convergence of the popular sport with the professional sport is very important for the natural track as well as for artificial track. A total mixing of the popular sport and the top sport should not take place, the latter should still stand out. The marketing of natural track is very important and must be addressed, even if the search for sponsors will not be easy.

**President E. Fogelis** thanks the delegates for the important questions and comments and closes the 1st day of the congress.

**Sunday, 18 June 2023**

**9:00 am**

**President E. Fogelis** opens the second day of deliberations and welcomes all congress participants.

**Determination of attendance and voting rights 2nd day of the congress**

The **Secretary General D. Bell** checks the attendance.

At the time of the opening of the 2nd day of the congress, there are **33 members/NFs seated and voting** in the meeting room.

**The 71st FIL Congress (2nd Congress Day on June 18, 2023) is being attended by:**

**33 National federations with seat and the right to vote**

**1 provisional member**

**Simple majority = 17 votes**

**2/3 majority = 22 votes**

**13. Information from the OC of the OWG 2026 about the preparation of the luge competitions in Milano-Cortina/ITA.**

A video presentation is played.

**Filippo Bazzanello** of MICO presents the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milano-Cortina. The various venues are briefly presented.

**Normunds Kotans** presents the new luge track. This is also presented in a short video.

**14. Information by the OC of the YOG 2024 about the preparation of the luge competitions in PyeongChang/KOR**

**S.-J. Yang/KOR** presents the information about the YOG 2024 in Gangwon/KOR to the Congress. A video presentation is played.

**15. Presentation of the OCs of the FIL Championships 2024**

M. Wiesenberg, J. Morgenstern, R. Mende, and M. Dressler present the WCh AT 2024 in Altenberg/GER.

Ashild Hova Sporsheim addresses the congress with a few short words about the AT 2024 World Championships in Lillehammer/NOR.

**16 Resolution on the motions****16.1 Approval of the executive board resolution of September 23, 2022**

*This agenda item has already been dealt with under agenda item 8.*

**16.2 Motions to the statutes**

*This agenda item has already been dealt with under agenda item 8.*

**16.3 Other motions, emergency motions of the executive board**

*There are no further motions or they have already been dealt with under agenda item 8.*

**17 Awarding of FIL Championships until 2027 at the latest****17.1 Presentations (if desired)**

applicants for hosting FIL Championships through 2027 are:

**Artificial track:**

- WCh Artificial Track 2027: Innsbruck/AUT and Lake Placid/USA
- JWM Artificial Track 2025: St. Moritz/SUI
- JWM Artificial Track 2027: Winterberg/GER

The applicants Innsbruck/AUT and Lake Placid/USA for the WCh Artificial Track 2027 make their presentations.

**Natural track:**

- ECh Natural Track 2024: Jaufental/ITA
- No officially valid motion has been received from FISJ.

**17.2 Vote****WCh Artificial Track 2027 in Innsbruck/AUT or Lake Placid/USA****Congress resolution 14/23****Congress votes on the awarding of the 2027 World Artificial Track Championships:**

- |                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| - Innsbruck/AUT:   | 21 votes |
| - Lake Placid/USA: | 12 votes |

**Thus, the 2027 World Championships Artificial Track is awarded to the event organizer Innsbruck/AUT.**

**JWCh Artificial Track 2025 in St. Moritz/SUI****Congress resolution 15/23**

The Congress awards the 2025 FIL Junior World Championships Artificial Track to St. Moritz/SUI.

- 31 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -

**JWCh Artificial Track 2027 in Winterberg/GER****Congress resolution 16/23**

The Congress awards the 2027 FIL Junior World Championships Artificial Track to Winterberg/GER.

- 31 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -

**ECh Natural Track 2024 in Jaufental/ITA****Congress resolution 17/23**

The FIL Congress authorizes the FIL executive board to determine the event organizer for the 2024 ECh natural track.

- 33 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -

***30 MINUTES COFFEE BREAK*****18 Elections****18.1 Appointment of the election commission**

**President E. Fogelis** proposes to the congress the following persons to serve on the Election Committee:

- Dr. Ch. Krähe/GER - Chairman of the Legal Committee
- V. Vavruskova/CZE (Revision Commission)
- G. Beck/LIE (Revision Commission)

There are no counterproposals on the part of the NFs.

**Congress resolution 18/23**

The election committee consists of Dr. Ch. Krähe, V. Vavruskova, and G. Beck.

- 31 votes in favor -  
 - 0 votes against -  
 - 0 abstentions -

**President E. Fogelis** hands over the Congress leadership to the Elections Committee.

The Election Committee appoints **Dr. Ch. Krähe** as election officer.

**Dr. Ch. Krähe** informs the congress that each candidate will have the opportunity to present him/herself to the congress for 5 minutes.

Ballots are distributed for voting, which are then collected with the ballot box.

**18.2 Vice President for Finance**

- Geoff Balme/NZL
- Mag. Gerhard Habtmann/AUT

Both candidates take the opportunity to introduce themselves to Congress.

*A simple majority is required for the election.*

**The result of the election (after the 1st vote), which was held by secret ballot, is: 33 votes, of which 1 is invalid.**

- Geoff Balme/NZL	16 votes
- Gerhard Habtmann/AUT	16 votes

**The result of the election (after the 2nd vote), which was held by secret ballot, is: 33 votes, of which 1 is invalid.**

- Geoff Balme/NZL	16 votes
- Gerhard Habtmann/AUT	16 votes

**The result of the election (after the 3rd vote), which was held by secret ballot, is: 33 votes, of which 1 is invalid.**

- Geoff Balme/NZL	16 votes
- Gerhard Habtmann/AUT	16 votes

**The result of the election (after the 4th votes), which was held by secret ballot, is: 33 votes, of which 1 is invalid.**

- Geoff Balme/NZL	17 votes
- Gerhard Habtmann/AUT	15 votes

**Geoff Balme/NZL is thus elected as the new VP for Finance.**

**President E. Fogelis** resumes leadership of the congress.

### **19 Transport logistics 2023/2024 - important organizational information**

Sören Hell and Markus Kotkowski from DB Schenker present their concept for the upcoming 2023/2024 season to the congress.

### **20 Determination of the congress location 2024**

Currently, no applications have been received to host the 2024 Congress. The expected date is: 14 - 15 June 2024.

#### **Congress resolution 19/23**

**The FIL Congress delegates the selection of the event organizer for the FIL Congress 2024 to the FIL executive board.**

**- 32 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -**

### **21 Miscellaneous**

**President E. Fogelis** thanks all Congress participants for the constructive work and the good atmosphere at this year's FIL Congress.

Special thanks to the Romanian Federation as well as Christoph, Anja and Diana from the FIL office for the good organization.

He thanks the interpreters M. Grauer and A. Berning for their flawless work and presents them a gift.

The President S. Ticu, as well as the Secretary General M. G. Catana of the Romanian Luge Federation and their assistants are also presented gifts.

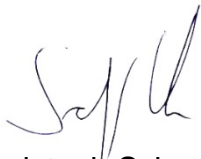
He wishes everyone a good start to the new season and, above all, good health.

**President E. Fogelis** officially closes the 71st FIL Congress in Bucharest/ROU.

**See you again at the 72nd FIL Congress in 2024!**

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For the content of the minutes:



Christoph Schweiger  
Executive Director



Einars Fogelis  
President

**16 enclosures**



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## **2024 Congress Report**

### **Vice President of Sport, Artificial Track**

Dear Members of Congress,

Looking back at the past season, the FIL had two highlight races – the Youth Olympic Games in PyeongChang and the World Championships in Altenberg. The World Championships were successfully conducted and the event organization was commendable, with good spectator attendance on all days. In my work at the Youth Games, I was pleased to see we had increased the number of nations represented from 22, at the last edition in St. Moritz, to 26 nations this past January, and we remained consistent with representation across four continents. It was noted that the quality of athlete at our Youth A level still needs to be attended to by the National Federations, and our Youth Commission has taken this fact into consideration in their work and have reported on their concepts to improve this situation for the safety and growth of our young athletes. We look forward to the fifth awarding of the Youth Olympic Games in the near future.

Many thanks are extended to the event organizers, the national teams, and the FIL event staff for the successful completion of the season, especially under difficult weather conditions in the last half of the season. In the World Cup race series, all athletes and teams additionally had some big challenges with the calendar as there were repeat times when teams trained and raced on the same track for two weeks and, on the occasion of World Championships, for a lengthy three weeks with the ITW, the race itself, and a World Cup ensuing. The creation of the annual race calendar is always a huge challenge, last season especially so, however our Sport Director in conjunction with our fellow International Federation, IBSF, has been able to present a much-improved calendar for next season and a draft calendar for the following race period, already the Olympic season.

Our planning for the Milano/Cortina Olympic Games in 2026 is underway and will begin to intensify over the next season as we enter the qualification period. The qualification period is conducted, as always, over the two seasons prior to the Games. The system has been adapted to allow for the introduction of the Womens Doubles into the Olympic Games, which has been a well known challenge to integrate within our existing

overall quota of 106 athletes. Please refer to the FIL website for the details of the qualification process as approved by IOC.

We are aware that the new qualification system will potentially be a challenge for some nations for this edition of the Olympic Games. We all continue to work actively, especially our President and General Secretary, to increase our quota allocation going forward for the 2030 and 2034 Games, which will be jointly awarded this July. We remain hopeful; however we are acutely aware that there is no guarantee and we understand the challenges ahead of us if the quota remains at 106. It cannot be stressed enough that this limited quota could seriously impact the growth of gender equality and of the disciplines within our sport.

On a positive note, we were able to successfully conduct our testing of the new Team Relay format, which integrated the Women's Doubles into the team, throughout the season and at the World Championships. The increase of the overall team to six athletes was well received and safely conducted and will continue with regulations being added to update our rule book. With this, FIL has successfully laid the foundation for the gender equality goals that have been pursued over these recent years.

I was very happy to meet again with our Sports Commission this past April for the first time under the direction of our Sports Director, Matthias Böhmer, who follows in the footsteps of our very successful prior director, Maria-Luise Rainer. Our Sport and Technical Directors worked hard over the whole season to listen to teams, discuss together, and lead debates which have resulted in some innovative ideas that we will be working to implement into the next season and beyond. Only four motions, presented by two nations, were submitted for review, which speaks to a highly stable rule book. The Commission itself reviewed over 39 total motions, coming from these two nations, the Youth Commission, and the members themselves. Some of the motions were simply updates to reflect current actual practices, but there are some creative and major concepts presented with new formats that have been successfully tested and will mark another evolution in our sport. The Sports Commission has taken great strides toward fulfilling the planned goals of the Slide 2026 Strategy Plan as assigned by the outcome of the Sport Working Group and are delivering on one of the key pillars of the overall plan. We hope the Congress will work alongside the Commissions and approve the presented motions.

In one of my roles on the Board, I also continue to oversee the Development program in conjunction with our Development Director, Fred Zimny and with the very active support of our General Secretary, Mr. Dwight Bell who represents us at the Presidium. The programs continue to improve under Mr. Zimny's guidance, and he especially continues to work closely with new nations who are interested in implementing programs to launch the sport of luge in their respective countries but may lack in resources. I urge you all to read his report in detail and understand the work that is being done to develop our sport globally – again an aspect of the Slide 2026 Sport Strategy Plan directed by the Congress. Many thanks to all our FIL coaches for their efforts and their continued hard work in this area.

In closing, I would like to highlight the excellent work of our Sport Director, Matthias Böhmer, and our Technical Director, Andris Sics. Their hard work is recognized and supported by myself and the Executive Board, and I'm happy to be working with them through the remainder of this quadrennium. In our Youth and Juniors, I would also like to thank Hans Juergen Kohne and Maria Jasencakova. All these critical positions continue to ensure that our sport has a consistent high level of professionalism throughout the season at all of our events.

Many thanks to the representatives of each National Federation, the FIL Executive Board, the athletes, coaches, officials, event organizers, the numerous volunteers, our Executive Director, Christoph Schweiger, and the FIL office staff, for their ongoing support of my work and their tireless efforts on behalf of our sport. It is my pleasure to serve in this position.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire DeINegro

Vice President of Sport

**72nd FIL Congress**  
**Congress Report Vice President Technical Matters Artificial Track**

Dear Congress Participants,

In the past competition year, 9 World Cups, 6 Team Relay World Cups, 3 Sprint World Cups, the Continental Championships and the highlight of the season, the World Championships in Altenberg, were held in the general class.

The several double WC events did not exactly meet with positive feedback from all nations. Starting the racing season overseas can be seen as positive.

The last third of the WC season and the resulting results were heavily influenced by constantly changing weather conditions. By changing the starting order, it was possible to ensure a relatively fair competition for all concerned.

A new race format was tested at the WC final: The 2 competition runs of the singles competitions were held on 2 consecutive days for the first time. However, the feedback was divided.

For their part, the juniors contested 6 WC races, the Continental Championships and the highlight of the season, the Junior World Championships in Lillehammer.

Youth A was divided into two categories. Five races were held on European tracks and four races in North America and Asia, which also counted towards qualification for the Youth Olympics.

The Youth Olympic Games - YOG in South Korea can undoubtedly be described as the highlight of the season. Exciting, fair, and accident-free competitions were the ultimate advertisement for international luge.

In the past season, no major accidents were reported and only 3 disqualifications were issued. This is certainly due to good preparation and consistent compliance with IRO regulations on the part of all nations. The measures taken in recent years regarding safety on the tracks and sleds also contributed to this.

A new training and racing shoe with integrated ankle protection was further developed and the test phase was successfully completed. The feedback from the athletes was extremely positive in this regard and this new model will therefore be freely available from the upcoming racing season.

The technology working group has worked intensively on standard dimensions for bridges, boxes and runners and defined these. These are to be used from 2026. The company Wimmer was commissioned to develop standard runners.

The University of Bayreuth was commissioned to develop solutions in terms of additional weight. In addition, the weight checks are to be digitalized.

The topic of neck protection was also discussed. Cooperation with the Medical Commission is certainly required here.

To maintain the positive image of the sport of luge, we need to continue to work together as we have done so far. I would therefore like to thank everyone; athletes, coaches, technical staff, judges, experts, referees, commissions, organizers, national associations for their commitment.

Special thanks also go to the Medical Commission, which monitors the strict requirements and compliance with WADA regulations, the Anti-Doping Code and the Anti-Doping Principles during the season.

I would also like to thank the Technical Director Andris Sics, the Sport Director Matthias Böhmer and the team at the FIL office for their helpful and competent support.

Armin Zöggeler  
Vice President Technical Matters Artificial Track

Dear Mr. President,

Dear colleagues from the executive board

Dear delegates

I begin my report by telling you that sledding on natural tracks is on the right track with results and prospects for the future.

I will present the last season in a few words.

Due to the any changes and the aftermath of the decision not to apply for the Olympics, there was a sense of resignation after the great uncertainty and demotivation of recent years. Getting this situation under control again, restoring motivation and getting people back on the right way was a great challenge that took a lot of energy.

The effort this winter was once again enormous, and the warm winter meant that there were postponements and program changes again.

To summarize, I would like to say that it is important that the World Cup races have a live broadcast!

Unfortunately, we missed the short clips with the highlights of the day this year, which we noticed particularly in the social media area. The media presence of the events must be increased in order to better showcase our sport.

I was also very pleased that nations such as Switzerland, Finland, Slovenia, Slovakia, Croatia etc. made it into the top 10 at the events.

Technically, the races worked very well, the cooperation between the individual areas, TD, jury, timekeeping, TV, livestream, social media, press, photos, advertising coordinator etc. was once again commendable. A TEAM has now developed that sticks together and works in a solution-oriented manner! Thank you all for your good and collegial cooperation!

The past season was accompanied by a lot of effort, planning uncertainty and bureaucracy, looking back we can all be proud of ourselves, we have 'rocked the natural track' despite all the difficulties.

Now let's talk about the future.

At the Bucharest congress we discussed public sledding, the new concept that will bring our sport closer to the public and more visible.



Since then have taken concrete steps. At this moment we have three prototypes of sleds that work on ice and snow. They were tested by athletes last season on ice and snow and they worked well.

In the next season, we propose the purchase of 10 sleds with the support of Fill and the organization of the first two test competitions in Switzerland and Norway on the snow slopes. Depending on the results, we will move on and in the following years we will propose IRQ regulations, mixed sled competitions on natural tracks in traditional and public sledding. We are also thinking about summer roller competitions.

We designed these programs to make sport more attractive and accessible to the population.

I also assure you that I will never agree with giving up the traditional sport of sledding on natural tracks.

Thank you all for your attention and support.

the team I worked with led by Andreas, all the nations involved in sledding on natural tracks and last but not least the colleagues in the executive board and on ice without whom we know that nothing can be solved.

Thank you

Vicepresident Natural Track

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Sorin Buta





## Report VP Marketing

April 2024

### Foreword

The FIL can look back on a successful 2023/24 season. All competitions took place in a well-organized and professional setting. Once again, a big thank you to all the organizers and the many volunteers who made this possible.

The highlight of the past season was the World Championships in Altenberg. Well in advance of the World Championships, the Altenberg organizers implemented construction measures that could not have been financed without the awarding of these championships. The FIL's competition awards therefore always help to ensure that our sports facilities can be modernized accordingly. In Altenberg, for example, the infrastructure in the finish area (athletes' area buildings) was significantly expanded for these World Championships, which has considerably improved the quality of the competition for our athletes.

The races on the very difficult Altenberg track were hard to beat in terms of excitement. This was impressively confirmed by the good TV ratings and the large number of spectators.

### 1. Implementation of the Marketing Concept

The second year of implementation of the new FIL marketing concept was much smoother than last year. In particular, the event organizers and their partners were able to benefit from the newly created third area under ice advertising. The cooperation between the agencies and the event organizers went just as smoothly.

The presentation of our sponsors was implemented excellently by RGS. The presentations at the start and finish areas were the most effective. There is still potential for optimization in the track area, where even more visibility could be achieved in future with illuminated advertising elements.

### 2. Event Organizers/Events

Cooperation with our event organizers is at a very high level. Almost all World Cup events are accompanied by attractive supporting programs and very appealing hospitality programs. The events in Igls, Oberhof, Winterberg, Altenberg, Sigulda and Lake Placid deserve special mention. Some of the FIL sponsors and their agencies were present at these events. This also benefits the agencies, who were able to expand their networks together with our sponsors/partners.

Unfortunately, we have not yet achieved a noticeably better situation for our spectators and fans in the event sector. Our races are still too lengthy for spectators. This is primarily due to our competition formats, which drag on far too long. To really take a step forward here, we need to reform our sport.

### **3. TV Production**

In the last two years, TV production prices have risen by an average of 25 to 30%. At the same time, there is a demand to raise the quality of productions through new and innovative technology. As TV production is not the only cost increase in our field of work, both the FIL and the BSD, which is responsible for German TV production, feel compelled to reduce costs by cutting production costs.

At an initial workshop with our new TV coordinator Vera Bichler, we tried to replace staff-operated cameras with fixed cameras in order to save costs and to optimize the images in TV production by changing the camera schedules. Vera Bichler will be directing most of the productions, which will ensure greater continuity and quality in our TV productions.

The FIL and the BSD would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing TV coordinator Britta Semmler for the many years of trusting and very professional cooperation. We wish her every success in her future professional projects.

### **4. FIL Studio / Streaming**

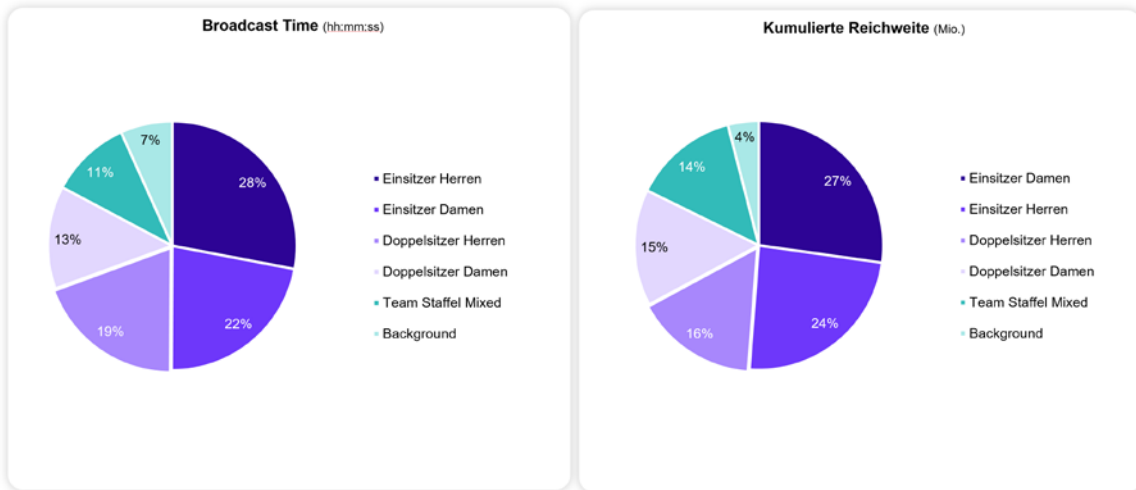
With the launch of its own FIL YouTube channel (FIL Studio), the FIL has taken another important step towards expanding its digital media presence. Combining the FIL Studio and live streaming made it easier for fans to access our sport. However, as the merging of the channels meant that there could be no breaks, the amount of work required to fill the program was enormous and almost impossible to manage. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Kate Hansen for her tireless commitment. Despite the huge amount of work involved, we are still not reaching enough of our viewers and fans with the FIL Studio. To improve the situation, more pre-produced material should be used in the FIL Studio in future. This would also reduce the amount of work for Kate Hansen on location. It would also be necessary to produce in German so that the content would be more usable for these nations as well.

### 5. Media Analysis Marketing Figures

The FIL, together with the BSD, has commissioned a study to evaluate the media data of its sponsors. The analysis of the figures shows that the advertising value for our partners is in very good proportion to our revenues.

## TV MEDIA MONITORING

Nach Disziplin



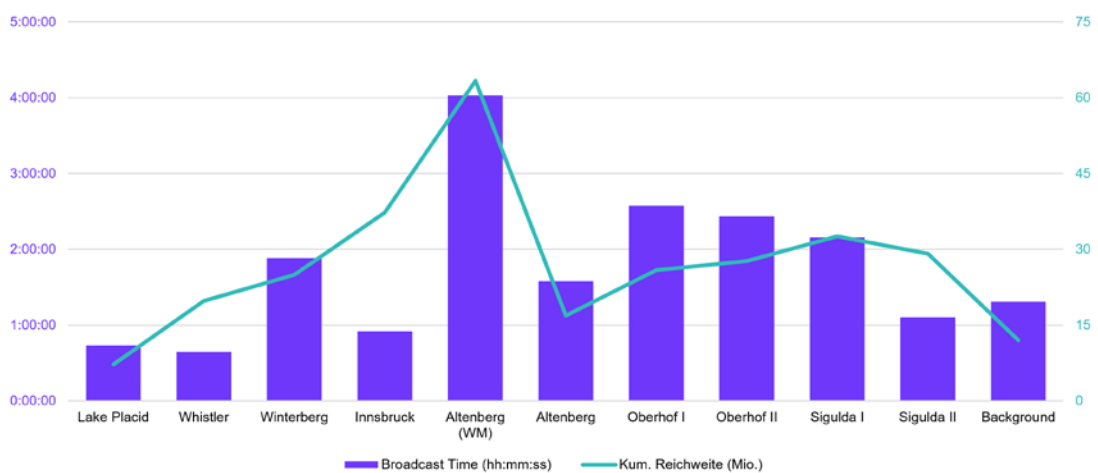
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Presentation of TV times and coverage of the FIL disciplines

## TV MEDIA MONITORING

Nach Weltcup



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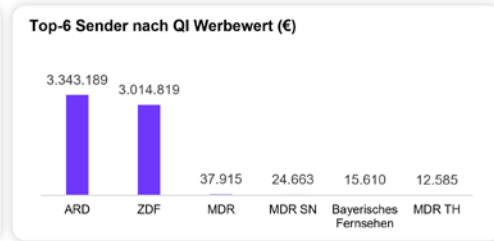
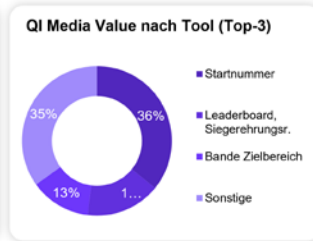
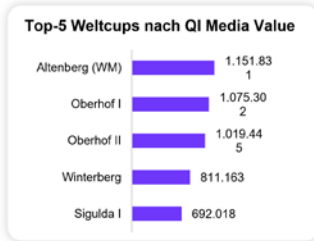
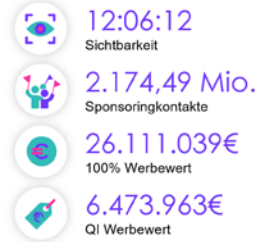
The chart shows that there was a clear disparity in viewer interest between the broadcast times in Europe and North America. The World Cups in Germany and Latvia show high coverage. The FIL's premium product was the WCh in Altenberg.

## TV SPONSORENANALYSE

Überblick Eberspächer



Top-5 Tools nach QI Werbewert	Sichtbarkeit (hh:mm:ss)	Sponsoringkontakte (M)	100% Werbewert (€)	QI Werbewert (€)
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Leaderboard, Siegerehrungsrückwand	1:39:29	324,74	3.838.836	1.045.013
Bande Zielbereich	2:13:03	400,27	4.804.986	848.184
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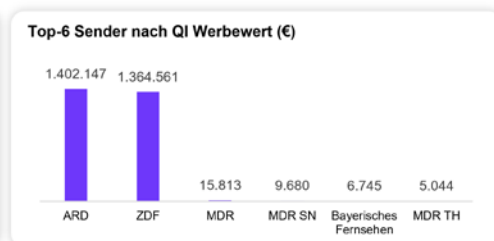
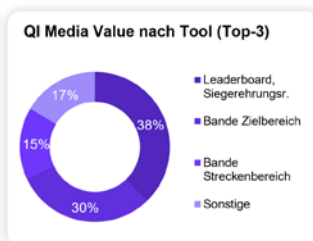
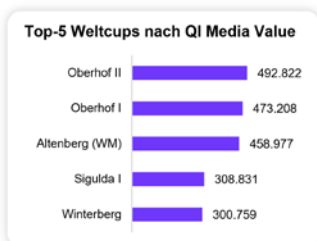
Eberspächer's visibility has decreased slightly compared to the previous season. Nevertheless, the advertising values are far above expectations. The space on the start number has the desired effect for Eberspächer.

## TV SPONSORENANALYSE

Überblick BMW



Top-5 Tools nach QI Werbewert	Sichtbarkeit (hh:mm:ss)	Sponsoringkontakte (M)	100% Werbewert (€)	QI Werbewert (€)
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Bande Zielbereich	2:14:01	376,40	4.485.418	849.482
Bande Streckenbereich	0:46:23	149,72	1.843.931	433.423
Startnummer	0:19:11	66,96	739.887	216.370
Zielbogen	0:27:59	81,94	965.055	154.453



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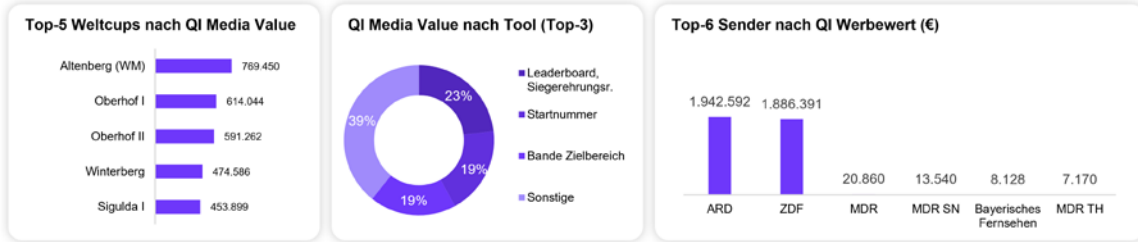
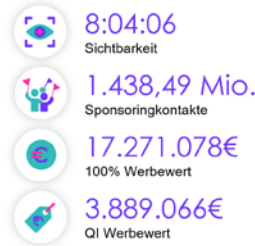
The same can be observed at BMW. Here, too, visibility has decreased slightly compared to the previous season. The presentations in the target area are having the desired effect.

## TV SPONSORENANALYSE

Überblick Hargassner



Top-5 Tools nach QI Werbewert	Sichtbarkeit (hh:mm:ss)	Sponsoring-kontakte (M)	100% Werbewert (€)	QI Werbewert (€)
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Bande Zielbereich	2:00:08	345,39	4.078.627	726.588
Startrückwand	1:09:56	210,82	2.600.271	456.175
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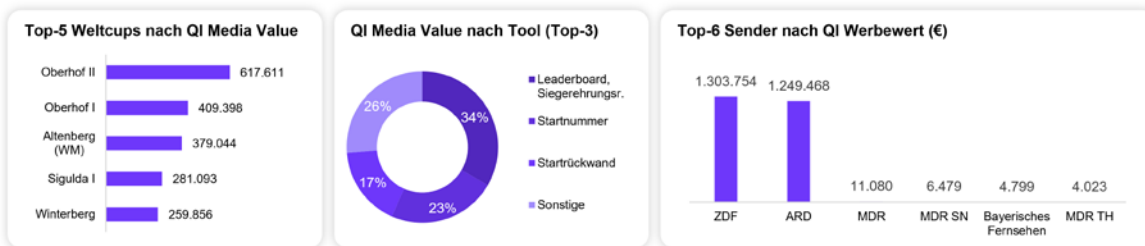
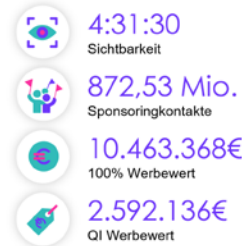
As with the other sponsors, visibility decreased slightly compared to the previous season. The distribution of visibility on our advertising media is relatively evenly distributed at Hargassner.

## TV SPONSORENANALYSE

Überblick Skechers



Top-5 Tools nach QI Werbewert	Sichtbarkeit (hh:mm:ss)	Sponsoring-kontakte (M)	100% Werbewert (€)	QI Werbewert (€)
Leaderboard, Siegerehrungsrückwand	1:20:21	261,60	3.082.403	865.557
Startnummer	0:44:04	151,29	1.774.615	601.443
Startrückwand	1:08:39	209,21	2.579.916	446.142
Bande Streckenbereich	0:35:00	109,19	1.324.099	294.990
Bande Startbereich	0:23:51	81,61	1.003.472	190.293



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The performance of Skechers, which has the smallest advertising package of the FIL, appears to be more than satisfactory with these results. Here, too, a relatively uniform presence on our advertising media can be observed.

Compared to the previous season, there has been a decrease in TV times of around 5 hours. This figure is always very much related to the geographical and temporal distribution of the World Championships and the highlights of winter sports as a whole. However, the media analysis also shows that viewer

interest is significantly higher in the second half of the season than in the previous season. This is therefore our own approach to further optimizing the results.

In the final analysis, the FIL has succeeded in significantly improving its media presence in the last two years compared to the previous Olympic cycle. The figures clearly show that the FIL and its partners have benefited from the change in the marketing system through the change in visibility (division of partners into focus zones). If this trend continues, the market value of our sports is likely to have increased by around 20% compared to previous years.

## **6. Further strategic approach to marketing**

Due to the good TV ratings from last season, it would be sensible for the FIL, as well as for the agencies working with us, to hold initial contract talks with our partners for the period 2026 to 2030 ahead of time. The FIL's current contracts also allow for this, as most contracts are structured with a right of first negotiation without an option. For compliance reasons, these negotiations should not be conducted by the FIL alone, but in cooperation with our consulting agency TheRiA.

## **7. Natural Track**

Unfortunately, it was not possible to find a new partner to financially support the natural track competitions last season. Nevertheless, thanks to the division's strong commitment - together with producers Martin Böckle and Martin Reifer - it was possible to produce a streaming program that could almost be refinanced by broadcasting on Red Bull and Servus TV.

Natural track is not easy to market due to its limited TV presence. A reform process is currently underway in the sport that will see natural track luge develop more in the direction of popular sport. If this succeeds, we see great potential for the sport to be marketed far better with tourism regions and branded sports products than is currently the case. Until this transition is successful, it would be conceivable to market the sport in connection with artificial track advertising surfaces.

Thomas Schwab  
VP Marketing

# Report from Vice President of Asia

**FIL Vice President of Asia**

**Jay Jieun Park**

I am pleased to provide you with a comprehensive update on the activities and developments within the Asia region pertaining to the sport of luge. This report outlines recent events, achievements, challenges, and initiatives in Asia.

## **1. Competition events.**

- Asian Championship (Ach), Youth A Continental Cup (Youth A): The Ach along with Youth A has been instrumental in promoting luge in the region and media. Competitions took place in PyeongChang Olympic Sliding Center, including South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand and Ukraine, attracting talented athletes from across Asia and beyond.
- 2024 Youth Winter Olympic in Gangwon (2024 YOG): Young athletes from all over the world have participated in one of the best sport competitions, Youth Winter Olympic, showcasing their skills and competitiveness on the global stage. Around 30 officials from Korea that KLF and OCOG have recruited have successfully played significant roles in 2024 YOG.

## **2. Development Program.**

- First FIL Luge School in Asia: Efforts to nurture young talent in luge continue through development programs organized by Korea Luge Federation (KLF), 2018 PyeongChang Legacy Foundation and supported by FIL. These initiatives focus on grassroots development, talent identification, and skill enhancement among youth athletes from Asia.
- International Judges: Training programs for officials have been conducted to



improve the quality of officiating standard roles to obtain their significant tasks, ensuring fair play and safety in luge competitions. Furthermore, now, KLF has more than enough international judges who can contribute to the success of any international luge events in Korea.

### **3. Challenge and Opportunities**

- **Training Support Opportunities:** The project, collaborated with 2018 PyeongChang Legacy Foundation, has been widely successful and recognized by FIL and media. After having to train with 2 of Thai luge beginners for the past 2 seasons, they both achieved their ways to the Youth Winter Olympic in Gangwon.
- **Technical Support by FIL:** Continued focus on technical development and innovation is essential to keep pace with advancements in luge equipment and techniques. Therefore, Asian luge needs greater supports by FIL, ensuring that Asian athletes can challenge in the international competitions at the high levels.
- **Awareness and Promotion:** While luge continues to slightly gain popularity in Asia, there remains a need for increased awareness and promotion of the sport to attract wider audiences and sponsors. Strengthening collaboration among Asian countries and federations will be the key to driving the growth of luge in the region. Initiatives such as joint training camps, exchange programs, and regional competitions can facilitate awareness and Promotion of Luge.

In conclusion, the Asia region has made significant strides in the development and promotion of luge, thanks to the collective efforts of national federations, athletes, coaches, and FIL. While challenges persist, the opportunities for further growth and success are abundant. Continued support and collaboration at both the regional and international levels will be essential in realizing the full potential of luge in Asia.

I wish you all best of luck and see you soon.

Sincerely,

FIL Vice President of Asia

Jay Jieun Park

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**Report at the 72nd FIL Congress,  
13 – 15 June 2024, Lake Placid, USA**



**Sorina Țicu – member of FIL Executive Board**  
***I am an active person who travels a lot for work. I'm never home!***

In front of the FIL Congress, I want to express my thanks to some dedicated persons which I had the opportunity to keep close and work together: Andreas Castiglioni - Sport and Technical Director for NT, Fred Zimny - FIL Development Manager, Matthias Böhmer - FIL Sport director, Andris Šics - FIL Technical Director AT and Thomas Schwab, the FIL VP for marketing. Please note that I am looking forward for a great collaboration, altogether regarding the future with all NFs, FIL members. Congratulations and many thanks to the organizers of the competitions, the volunteers for the work done in the sports year 2023-2024. More creativity is needed at the level of human resources.

2023 were influenced by the high prices in general and we all are marked by the main indicators for our international sports activity, which carried out included elements intended to maintain the standard of our sports. There are plans for a new approach and we started materialize it with new facts. In practice, we graduated together the competitive year 2023-2024 with new challenges, in a better way than in the past.

At the end of the second year of the Olympic cycle for the Milan/Cortina 2026, as a specialist, leader of winter sports in Romania and as a president of Romanian Bobsleigh and Luge Federation, I want to share with you, responsibly, that our general goals started to become true: *the increased number of luge young athletes*, two series of competitions for juniors and the effects of the standardization of competition materials. *FIL Luge Team, did listened the voice of athletes more carefully*, we put their ideas into practice. Because the athletes are the image that represents the work of the coaches and the efforts of the administration.

I believe that the last year, as a member of WISH PROGRAM developed by IOC – Olympic Solidarity, did play an important role in my life and I am more motivated. I really enjoyed it to be a part of WISH PROGRAM, as a woman, who have to improve and to complete the knowledge for the young coaches, among whom there are some lady luge coaches, which must perpetuate the values and importance of high sports performance.

I will continue to support the team, which, must be promoted and united by common goals. In my opinion, by planning and adopting a strategy, based on a scientific foundation, great results can be obtained even by simple people.

I would like to send to you my gratitude for giving me the chance to serve FIL and the Luge Family as member of FIL Executive Board. Without your warm support and great feedbacks, it would not have been possible. I am more determined than ever to work for our sport. I will do my all my best to push it into the right direction.

Yours Sincerely,  
Sorina Țicu

Dear members of the Congress,

I am pleased to present to you a report on the past season which, despite some challenges, represents a remarkable chapter in the history of The FIL Luge.

The past season was undoubtedly characterized by difficult weather conditions that affected our ability to ensure fair racing conditions. Nevertheless, we adapted quickly as an organization to ensure that the competitions ran as smoothly and fairly as possible. What was particularly impressive was the excellent cooperation of everyone involved, especially after the adverse race conditions at the first World Cup in Oberhof. Together, we were able to make decisions at short notice and adjust the start order to improve the quality of the races.

Another highlight of this season was undoubtedly the performance of the FIL Media Team under the leadership of Margit Dengler. The decision to swap photographers played a key role in achieving significantly better quality in our coverage. The competition among the photographers significantly increased both the quality and variety of the images, which was reflected in the diverse photos and media content.

However, where there was room for improvement last season was certainly the lack of variety in the race calendar with five stops in Germany and two stops in Latvia. This was not well received by the athletes and unfortunately led to many injuries at the end of the season.

Overall, the past season was a challenge, but also a time of growth and trial for the FIL community, which stood its ground despite adverse circumstances and made the best of the situation.

Best regards,

Leon Felderer

## **Report from the Executive Directors to the 72<sup>nd</sup> FIL Congress 2024**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Dear friends of our sport,

My report for the past financial year 2023/24 is once again intended to provide you with a rough overview of the activities of the FIL office.

The change to the statutes adopted by the 2023 FIL Congress made it possible to found the **FIL Vermarktungs- und Veranstaltungs GmbH** on September 1, 2023, which I have the honor of chairing as Managing Director. With the establishment of this limited liability company, in which the FIL holds 100% of the shares, it has now become possible to outsource essential and, above all, cost-intensive areas to this limited liability company.

Examples include organizer contracts for artificial track, TV productions for artificial track and natural track as well as costs for the TV coordinator and press officer for artificial track. On the income side, various sponsorship contracts for artificial track were settled via the GmbH. In addition to tax benefits, the improved liability position of the elected members of the presidium should also be mentioned here. I would like to expressly thank the Austrian experts Anton Androsch (tax) and Gernot Schaar (legal), who provided us with excellent support in drawing up the founding documents and commencing the operational business activities of the GmbH. Our Vice President of Finance will go into more detail on the GmbH's annual balance sheet in his annual report.

In the second half of the past financial year, we unfortunately realized that FIL's accountant was unable to meet our expectations. This resulted in enormous and unexpected additional work for my colleagues in the FIL office, and consequently, the FIL's accounting tasks were outsourced to a specialized law firm in Salzburg. I would like to express my thanks to my colleagues Anja Fischer and Diana Springl, who together with me ensured that all FIL member federations, event organizers and athletes received the payments due to them on time.

A major focus of activities last year was and still is the topic of the **2026 Winter Olympics and track in Cortina**. It should not go unmentioned that these challenges are associated with an enormous amount of travel, time and work for our President, our Secretary General and our Track Construction Commission experts under the leadership of Markus Aschauer. The FIL office needs to provide a wide range of coordinative assistance.

I would now like to highlight a few projects that have been completed in the past year or are still ongoing, but which are not so well known to the public. Once again, these are all projects that are only indirectly related to our sport of luge, but which have become indispensable for an international Olympic sports federation:

I have mentioned it several times in the past and I will do so again:

**The FIL office with its staff and directors is YOUR service point, valued delegates and stakeholders.**

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need assistance.

- ***Anti-Doping Measures***

In the past sport year, we are pleased to report that we did not have a single case of doping. Although we are a "low risk" sport in doping matters, the FIL family must also fully comply with all the conditions and regulations contained in the WADA Anti-Doping Code. In particular, the topic of "anti-doping education" is given high priority. In order to ensure uniform and comprehensible documentation as the FIL, the positive completion of the WADA's online education program "ADEL" has been defined as a condition for the FIL licensing of athletes. We ask for your understanding that neither we nor the ITA are able to assess the plausibility and completeness of individual anti-doping education programs of the NADOS or the federations.

Once again, my personal thanks go to our competent staff member Diana Springl, Dr. Christian Krähe, and the ITA experts for their excellent work.

- ***Data Protection***

As already announced in my report to last year's Congress, the FIL is undergoing a data protection audit to ensure that the FIL's internal and external work processes and the handling of communication tools comply with the European General Data Protection Regulation (EU GDPR). It should not go unmentioned here that both the time and bureaucratic effort involved is considerable, for which I would like to thank Diana Springl and Dr. Christian Krähe. Financial investment in the ongoing safeguarding of data security is also necessary.

Here too, please understand if you or your athletes are asked to sign various data protection documents - it is simply necessary.

- ***Electronic License, Data Bank***

The introduction of the electronic license has led to much more efficient license management. In the next step, we also want to use this license database to generate start lists, result lists, result statistics and overall results for FIL competitions. In addition to avoiding various typing errors in athlete names and the fully automatic generation of overall results, a uniform interface to the TV graphics program "Chyron", which was acquired by the FIL last year, has been defined as an objective.

I would like to thank my colleagues Anja Fischer and Daniela Schwab, the sport director Matthias Böhmer and the company DokuMe, who have been in charge of this project and continue to do so.

- ***FIL payment transactions with the national federations; FIL development programs***

In the course of the review of the accounting for the year 2023/24 carried out in the FIL office in cooperation with the external accounting office, the need for changes regarding settlements / subsidy payments of the FIL with the national federations was identified. The workflow must be partially revised; our Vice President of Finance, Geoff Balme, will inform you about this in a timely manner.

In addition to the topics mentioned above, my staff and I are the permanent contact and service point for you, dear delegates, as well as for all our officials, partner companies, agencies, technical directors and external employees. We try to deal with your requests and concerns at all times to the best of our knowledge and belief and as professionally as possible.

**We also look forward to your personal visit to the FIL office.**

My colleagues on the FIL Presidium and the Vice Presidents and Directors responsible for the respective areas will report on all other relevant topics in their reports.

As always, I would like to conclude my report by thanking

- our **President Einars Fogelis** and our **Secretary General Dwight Bell** for their excellent and **constant daily** cooperation; without their support, I would no longer be able to cope with the ever-increasing volume of day-to-day business.
- our **newly elected Vice President Geoff Balme**  
I would also like to **thank**
- all **representatives of the national federations as well as their athletes and coaches** for their trust and support
- the **event organizers and their officials, the agencies and partners of the FIL as well as the FIL officials** for the excellent and in all respects constructive cooperation.
- all **members of the FIL executive board** for their cooperation and for their support in this governing body of the FIL.

I extend a big thank you to my **colleagues in the FIL office, the directors of artificial track and natural track and public sledding, the development director, the FIL press officers as well as the members and experts of the FIL commissions and working groups** for their commitment at all times.

For the coming months, I wish all athletes accident-free preparation and good planning for the coaches and support staff.

**I would like to take this opportunity to once again ask for your goodwill and support in fulfilling our responsibilities at the FIL office!**

Christoph Schweiger  
Executive Director

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## Report from the Sport Director of the International Luge Federation - Matthias Böhmer

Dear members of the 2024 FIL Congress,

On behalf of the International Luge Federation, I would like to give you an overview of the past 2023-2024 season and highlight some important events.

After a long absence, Lake Placid was back on the calendar as a prologue race in the EBERSPÄCHER World Cup. The organization of this event was excellent and gives hope for more great events in Lake Placid in the future. The return to Lake Placid was a significant step for our sport and was welcomed by teams, athletes, and fans alike.

Another highlight of the season was the successful World Championship test in Whistler. This test run went smoothly and allowed us to gain important insights for the upcoming 53rd FIL World Championships in 2025.

Overall, the season was characterized by numerous double World Cups in Central Europe. Unfortunately, these events were not positive for everyone involved. Teams as well as athletes, partners and media expressed concerns. We will carefully analyze this feedback in order to make improvements for the coming seasons.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the 52nd FIL World Championships in Altenberg, Germany. The organizers from Altenberg seamlessly followed on from the equally fantastic World Championships in Oberhof. Numerous spectators followed the exciting competitions in the Erzgebirge on all three race days. The TV broadcast times and access to the FIL livestream were very satisfactory and made a very positive contribution to the popularity of our sport.

Unfortunately, the past season was also characterized by rapidly changing weather conditions, especially following the World Championships. At the last three World Cups, the race organizers had to adjust the starting order according to the weather conditions, in line with the guidelines of the International Luge Federation. Although there was initial resistance from various teams, the "new" starting order became widely accepted by the end of the season and was very well received by athletes, coaches and the media.

Another success of the past season was the integration of the women's doubles into the team relay, which went successfully and without any major difficulties. Initial concerns regarding the length and safety of the "new" relay proved to be unfounded. According to many experts, the team relay gained in excitement and now relied on another important characteristic for success: continuity.

With the integration of the women's doubles, we saw a welcome increase in excitement in the Team Relay. The teams' performances were less predictable, which led to surprises on the podium. Teams that were previously considered favorites struggled with unexpected challenges, while underdogs like Romania and China achieved surprisingly good placings.

The average number of participants of around 9 relay teams per event was also a success. We hope to further increase this number in the future by making the team relay more attractive to teams from all over the world and encouraging participation.

The team relay has proven to be an exciting addition to our events and helps to make the sport of luge more accessible to a wider audience. We will continue to work on improving the quality and appeal of the team relay to strengthen the success of our sport worldwide.

An emerging problem that became apparent last season is the availability of high-quality track training before the start of the competition season and during the season itself. Particularly for nations without their own luge tracks, there is currently only limited opportunity to obtain training times with optimal ice conditions, especially in Central Europe. In order to counteract this

problem, it is crucial that the International Luge Federation maintains even closer contact with the operators of the luge tracks. The aim is to integrate as many high-quality track units as possible for the teams. This requires a proactive approach to ensure that all athletes have equal training opportunities and can prepare for competitions under optimal conditions.

We will meet these challenges with determination and do everything we can to ensure that the sport of luge continues to be promoted at the highest level and that all athletes receive the best possible training conditions.

The women's doubles discipline continues to present us with major challenges. Although we have managed to stabilize the number of participants, the number of new women's doubles starters is stagnating. This not only leads to a limited starting field in this discipline, but also means that some nations are no longer able to field team relays due to a lack of women's doubles teams.

To counteract this problem, a women's doubles course was successfully held in Innsbruck-Igls at the beginning of the season. This initiative was aimed at promoting interest and participation in the discipline and attracting new pairs. In addition, the women's doubles teams were offered additional training sessions and runs during the current World Cup season. These measures have proven to be very positive and have helped to raise the performance level of the participants.

Nevertheless, we must continue to push to recruit new women's doubles pairs and strengthen both the discipline itself and the team relay as much as possible. It is vital that we work together to realize the full potential of this discipline and ensure that all nations have the opportunity to field qualified teams to participate in World Cup events and other competitions.

We will continue to take action to promote the development of the women's doubles discipline and ensure that it remains a fixture in international luge.

## **Report: Technical Director Artificial Track – Andris Sics**

Dear Members of the International Luge Federation (FIL),

I am pleased to present the annual report as the Technical Director of the Artificial Track for the luge season 2023/2024. This report encapsulates the progress, challenges, and initiatives undertaken throughout the season to advance our sport.

### **Overview:**

The luge season 2023/2024 witnessed remarkable achievements and significant developments in various aspects of artificial track luge. From enhancing athlete experiences to fostering global participation, our efforts have been dedicated to promoting the growth and sustainability of luge worldwide.

In the 2023/2024 season there were 9 luge World Cups, 6 Team Relay World Cup, 3 Sprint World Cups, the Continental Champions (Race in Race), and as season highlight, the 52<sup>nd</sup> FIL World Championships in Altenberg/ GER on the program.

In addition to the permanent technical delegate (TechDir), another two technical delegate and 3 Jury members were nominated for all competitions in consultation with Sport Director, the event organizers and the FIL. The assigned tasks were implemented to the fullest satisfaction. The technical inspections were carried out at all venues according to the 2022 IRO, with the pre-inspection being offered weekly.

Thanks to the very good cooperation between organizational teams and track operators, excellent and fair training and competition conditions, despite challenging weather conditions, could be offered at all venues.

### **Key Highlights:**

#### **Technical Expert Group Slide 2026:**

Upon the recommendation of the Vice President of Technical Matters, Armin Zöggeler, and in consultation with the Sports Director and myself, the FIL Presidium established the "Technical Expert Group Slide 2026." This group, comprised of experts from major sports federations, was tasked with standardizing dimensions for sled components to ensure compatibility and facilitate accessibility for all athletes worldwide. The Technical Expert Group Slide 2026 diligently worked to establish unit dimensions for crucial luge parts, including the distance between bridges, bridge dimensions, width between bridge legs, and specifications for steel and runner holes. Additionally, specifications for the bridge box and steel lengths were determined to streamline sled production and enhance uniformity across sleds. FIL is actively identifying multiple manufacturers with the capability to produce sleds and parts. The plan is for National Federations (NFs) to have the opportunity to produce sled parts themselves. NFs with the capacity to produce sleds in-house will have the option to do so, while those unable to do so can purchase sleds from manufacturers. This approach aims to empower NFs, particularly those with limited resources, fostering self-sustainability and promoting the development of luge in emerging regions.

#### **Working Group Strategic Plan-Slide 2026 "Technology Artificial Track (AT)"**

During the season, the Working Group Strategic Plan-Slide 2026 "Technology Artificial Track (AT)" met to discuss enhancements to the weighting procedure. It was identified that an opportunity has emerged to collaborate with a university to develop

data and analyze the effect of weight on the results. This collaboration presents a promising avenue to devise an effective solution that ensures fair and equal opportunities for all athletes.

#### Implementation of Dokume Weigh-in Program

During the luge season 2023/2024, a new weigh-in program developed by Dokume was introduced to streamline the weighing process and facilitate digital communication. This initiative aimed to eliminate the need for hardcopy documents and expedite communication throughout the entire process, from start to finish. The Dokume Weigh-in Program represents a significant step forward in embracing digital solutions to enhance efficiency and accessibility within the sport of luge.

#### Workshop for Jury, Technical Delegates, Race Directors and Officials

Prior to the commencement of the luge season, a specialized workshop was organized. This workshop aimed to thoroughly review crucial aspects of their role, address inquiries, and provide necessary explanations.

Conducted in both English and German languages, the workshop ensured comprehensive understanding and engagement among participants regardless of linguistic preference.

Key topics covered during the workshop included:

- Interpretation and implementation of competition rules and regulations.
- Duties and responsibilities during competitions, including track inspections and athlete briefings.
- Communication protocols with event organizers, officials, and athletes.
- Handling of technical issues, protests, and appeals.
- Coordination with the Jury and Race Directors to ensure smooth event operations.

#### Open-Door Policy for Technical Inspection

During the first World Cup of the luge season, a streamlined approach was taken to technical inspections. Two four-hour time slots were allocated, but inspections were conducted continuously without breaks. This efficient process was made possible by the invaluable assistance of lokal TD and Reto Gily, benefiting both athletes and officials.

Additionally, every Thursday offered two inspection windows, with doors open for immediate requests. This flexible policy aimed to prevent unnecessary disqualifications, resulting in only three athletes disqualified in the 2023/2024 season.

#### New Training Shoes for Athlete Safety

In the upcoming seasons, athletes will benefit from new training shoes designed to enhance safety and prevent foot injuries. These shoes feature safer soles and include ankle bone protectors. Further communication with the manufacturer is underway to finalize implementation.

Finally, I would like to thank the entire Presidium and Executive Board of the International Luge Federation, the members of the TC Artificial Track, all organizers with their teams, coaches and athletes and the Sports Director for their very good cooperation.

## **Report 2024 Commission Youth and Development AT**

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Dear friends of our sport,

The 2023/24 season had two season highlights with the 4th YOG in Pyeongchang and the 39th Junior World Championships in Lillehammer.

### **Commission Youth/Development:**

The Youth/Development Commission met on March 15 and 16, 2024 in St. Leonhard/Grödig. Matthias Böhmer (Sport Director), Andris Sics (Technical Director) and Fred Zimny (Development Director) were kindly invited to attend the meeting to discuss the intersections between Juniors, the General Class and the Development Program.

I would like to take a closer look at the following points.

### **Evaluation Junior World Cup:**

The first three races of the season were held in North America Park City (1st + 2nd) and Whistler (3rd). The fields of participants were also manageable due to the qualification races for the 4th YOG in Pyeongchang taking place at the same time in Winterberg and Oberhof. The fields of participants at the 4th JWC in Winterberg and the 5th JWC in Bludenz were also not as large as in previous years due to the 4th YOG in Pyeongchang taking place at the same time, but from the 6th JWC in St. Moritz the field was again as hoped for.

A total of 20 nations took part in the six JWCs, which is quite impressive considering the circumstances. For the future, the race calendar must be better adapted to the individual racing series in order to avoid overlaps here, and the races outside Europe must also be planned in such a way that the national federations are offered a complete package with transport, hotel, etc., in order to minimize the effort for the individual national federations and to make these races more attractive.

### **Evaluation 39th Junior World Championships Lillehammer:**

81 sleds from 19 nations and 8 teams took part in the team competition at the 39th JWCh in Lillehammer. The JWCh was very well organized by the Norwegian federation, in addition to an appealing opening ceremony, further side events were offered for the teams. Lillehammer proved to be a very good host and organized a great JWCh for the juniors. The cooperation with everyone involved in the organization and the competition team was very pleasant and professional.

The track conditions were very good from the ITW to the end of the competitions.

The medals were shared by six nations, which is a positive result.

### **Evaluation 4th YOG Pyeongchang:**

The 4th YOG began with four qualification races, 2x Winterberg and 2x Oberhof.

During these qualification races, we realized that the level of many athletes was not at the desired level. Many athletes had problems mastering the starting heights safely. This is not a good development and needs to be addressed for the next YOG qualification.

A total of 31 women, 23 men, 10 women's doubles and 14 men's doubles qualified for the YOG.

The 4th YOG in Pyeongchang was the highlight of the season for the 2006-2009 age groups.

The track conditions were very good and the training and races were very well organized. It was a very good and harmonious cooperation between the organization and the responsible persons of the FIL. On behalf of the FIL, I would like to thank KLF, the track and the entire team for the really great cooperation.

The YOG showed that the decision to hold an ITW and a test event in February 2023 was the right one to test all processes and the athletes were able to gain track experience.

The medals were shared by four nations, which is a positive result.

**Comment:**

As in my last report, I would like to draw attention to the development in doubles junior and youth A male and female. The development has stagnated or continues to decline (see table).

If no suitable measures are introduced here, I see this discipline as being at risk after the 2026 Olympic Games.

**Number and nations doubles female and male**

Juniors				Youth A			
Nations		Nations		Nations		Nations	
Female	Quantity	Male	Quantity	Female	Quantity	Male	Quantity
CAN	1	GER	3	AUT	2	AUT	1
GER	2	LAT	1	GER	3	CZE	1
LAT	1	SVK	1	ITA	1	GEO	1
POL	1	UKR	1	LAT	1	GER	3
SVK	1	USA	2	POL	1	ITA	1
UKR	1			SVK	1	KOR	1
				UKR	2	LAT	1
				USA	1	POL	1
						ROU	1
						SVK	1
						UKR	1
						USA	1
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>

**Outlook**

The 2024/25 season includes six Junior World Cups, one Continental Cup in Pyeongchang, three Continental Cups in North America and four Continental Cups in Europe. The 40th Junior World Championships will take place from 28.01. to 02.02.2024 in St. Moritz.

**Conclusion**

On behalf of the Youth/Development Commission, I would like to thank the event organizers and the track operators for staging the races despite the sometimes impassable conditions, and thank the organizations involved for their goodwill in organizing races for the youth. I would also like to thank all the team captains and their athletes for their disciplined and cooperative support of the Continental Cup and Junior World Cup. A big thank you goes to all the track workers, the helpers and assistants who volunteered their time in various capacities for their tireless hours of help during training and races.

I would like to thank all the officials, team captains and coaches for the great cooperation over the past season. I would also like to thank my team for their hard work, the constructive discussions and the great time we had together.

Special thanks go to the Presidium and the Executive Board with President Einars Fogelis at the helm, who always have an open ear for the youth and for the trust they have placed in my work for the youth of the FIL.

April 2024  
Hans-Jürgen Köhne  
Chairman of the Youth/Development Commission

# FIL Medical Commission Report 2024

The Medical Commission has been working on many items this year.

- 1) Unanimous approval of the voluntary use of a flexible neck collar to assist with injury reduction to the head and neck. This has been submitted to the FIL technical commission with strict requirements on material composition and sizes. This issue is awaiting final approval for use in the 2024 season and beyond.
- 2) The FIL had a successful Youth Olympic Games. There were no major injuries. We had excellent coordination with the local medical authorities and national team medical staff.
- 3) The coordination of antidoping education, testing and TUE approvals with ITA continues to be a successful collaboration. The cost of ITA is appropriate to amount of work, staff and accuracy needed in this important aspect of modern International sport.
- 4) A FIL injury reporting form is being developed for the 2024- future seasons. This form has been adapted from the IBSF injury reporting form. The form will be filled out for each athlete who sustains an injury in official training and races. Once the form has approval of FIL it will be distributed to all the tracks in the world to be filled out by the track medical team and emailed to the FIL office at the conclusion of each FIL event.
- 5) A FIL plan on Sport Related Conclusion based on the recent Amsterdam Consensus is being worked on as a collaboration of the medical and technical commissions.
- 6) The medical commission will meet in person for the first time this fall for a in person meeting at FIL office in Berchtesgaden.

Eugene Byrne

Chair of the Medical Commission

## **Report of the Acting Ethics Authority (72nd FIL Congress 2024 in Lake Placid, New York, USA)**

Like my predecessors, I cannot report on the content of cases, i.e. proceedings based on notifications of violations of the FIL Ethics Code, because as a rule they must not be reported for reasons of personal privacy and the requirement of confidentiality of information and incidents. However, I am allowed to report on the type, number and outcome of cases, and this should be reported.

Statistically speaking, I have only received one notification since taking on my acting role in November 2023. Categorically, the case belongs to the group of violations of the prohibitions of discrimination and violation of personal rights. However, it was a minor violation; the proceedings were therefore discontinued in accordance with the provisions of the FIL Ethics Code after the submission of a voluntary undertaking in the form of a cease-and-desist declaration.

Nevertheless, the question arises as to why only one case was reported to me. Looking at the number of cases reported with other sports federations, the number seems low, even if you consider that the FIL is a relatively small sports federation. The reasons for this can be manifold: violations are instead reported to the NFs at national level, the opportunity to report is not taken up for various reasons, for example due to ignorance of the Ethics Code, or because the existence of the Ethics Authority and its function are not sufficiently known, or because there are fears of reporting violations at all, or there were actually no other violations in the period in question.

I see the external Ethics Authority, who is not a member of the executive, as being not only responsible for ensuring that reported ethics violations are sanctioned, but also for ensuring that violations are reported at all, or better still, preventively, that an environment and a mindset are created in which violations do not occur in the first place. This applies to all areas covered by the Ethics Code, i.e. the protection of athletes from physical, psychological or sexual violence, compliance with fair play in sport, the ban on manipulation and the ban on doping, protection from injuries through technical safety, equal treatment, diversity and inclusion, sustainability and the integrity of all federation decisions and measures.

Against this background, the FIL's current intensive work on a comprehensive Sport Integrity Program is therefore very much to be welcomed, with the initial focus on a Safe Sport Program. In addition to the introduction of a Safe Sport Code and a reporting system for violations, the focus is on creating an environment that will act responsibly in line with the goals of Safe Sport and the integrity of the sport of luge and that will extend into the structures of the FIL members.

Frankfurt am Main, April 19, 2024

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Re: 2023-2024 Sport Integrity year-end report

### **72nd FIL Congress – Lake Placid, NY, USA 2023-2024 REPORT OF THE FIL SPORT INTEGRITY MANAGER**

Dear Luge Family,

This is the inaugural FIL Sport Integrity Manager's report and I want to thank everyone for their trust and support as I navigated this first season in analyzing what gaps exist across the FIL within sport integrity and develop the strategic priorities needed to begin building our FIL Sport Integrity Unit and in turn, create a positive, safe, and trusted sport of Luge. Sport Integrity, including Safe Sport, is a strategic priority of SLIDE 2026. Building off of my sport integrity strategic framework presented at last year's Congress, the FIL Executive moved forward last Fall to begin and realize the implementation of a FIL Sport Integrity Unit. To begin the building process of this, the FIL brought me on and has entrusted me as their first full-time Sport Integrity Manager, a position I began September 1, 2023. I ask for your trust as well, as I come with 35 years of Athlete, Coach, Board, and Officiating Luge experience as well as 25 years of police experience, many as a Detective working in Child Abuse and Child Protection.

I applaud the FIL Presidium in realizing that this is a critically important step forward for the organization in ensuring we have a positive, safe, and trusted sport of Luge for all participants and our FIL National Federations (NFs) as we continue improving the sport of Luge for the next generation of sliders. I ensured that time was taken for the leadership to gain an understanding of the six areas of sport integrity, the components that are critical to implement in each area, and the importance of IFs taking the lead in first building out sport integrity at the international level in order to best assist our NFs to lead sport integrity at the national level.

Building a sport integrity unit from the ground up is no small task and I ask for your patience and willingness to learn as this is a new area and era for the FIL. To fully realize the implementation of the FIL Sport Integrity Unit and all its components, this will be a strategy plan over the next 2-3 seasons. I look forward to your collaboration as I reach out to our Luge family for assistance and input on many of the initiatives that are needed to implement.

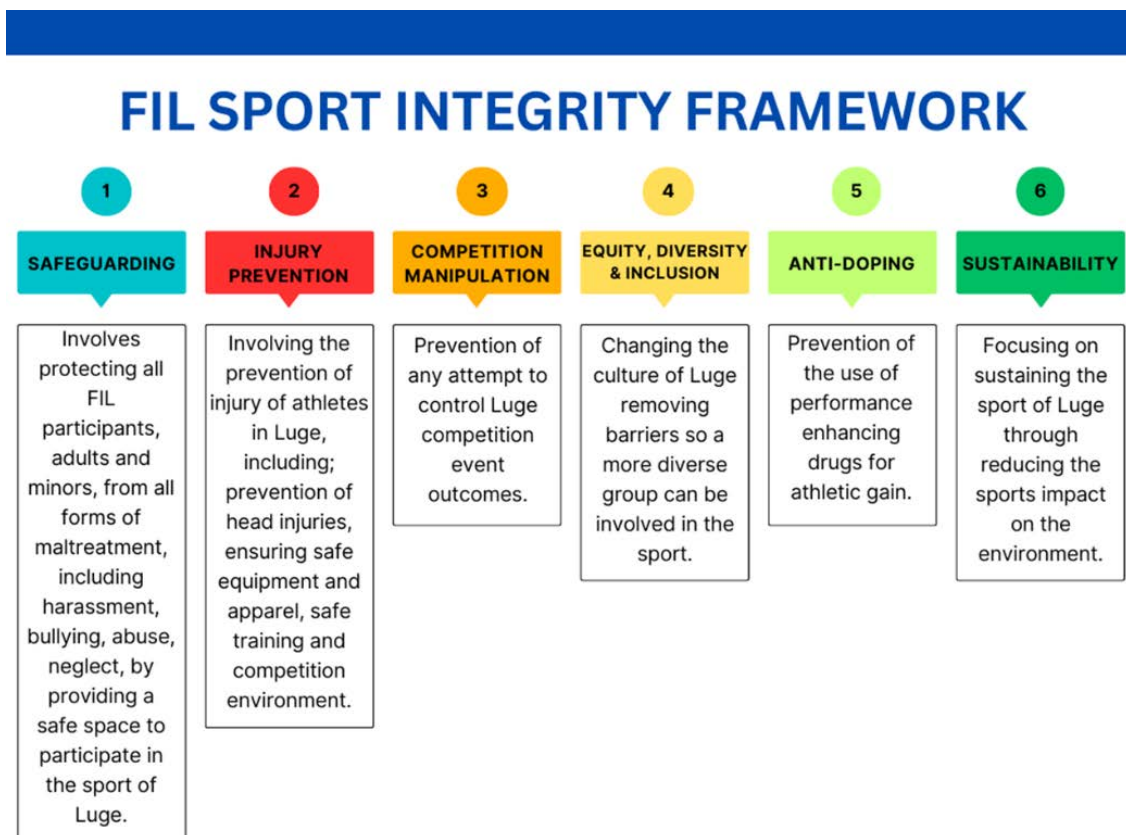
This past season I examined the status of sport integrity across the international level, conferring with our FIL Ethics Authority, the IOC Safeguarding Unit and many other IF Sport Integrity leads to assess best practices and develop effective working relationships across Winter IF Sport Integrity community. This will enable effective information sharing and collaboration, especially within our sliding sport family of IBSF. From this, I developed, what I believe, are the first phase of essential, key strategic sport integrity priorities across our six pillars of sport integrity, with a key focus on Safe Sport, Equality-



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Diversity-Inclusion (EDI), and Athlete Wellness/Injury Prevention. To refresh you on what we identified as our six pillars of Sport Integrity, the chart below details each of them:



As I begin 2024-2025 season preparations, I want to highlight some items from this past season and some of the key priorities I will be working on within the six pillars over the course of this coming season.

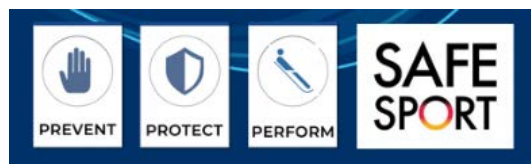
### Highlights of 2023-2024 and insights into 2024-25

- FIL Office (Sept 2023) – I worked out of the FIL Office to onboard with staff, sport integrity strategic planning discussions, and meetings with Biathlon Integrity Unit leads to discuss sharing and collaboration.
- Represented the FIL at Safe Sport International’s Global Conference in London, UK. (Sept 2023)
- Represented the FIL at the IOC Transgender/Gender Participation policy development workshop in Lausanne that provided an effective framework for IFs to utilize in researching, discussing, and developing their own position/policy in this area (Spring 2023)
- **Prevention of Manipulation in Competiton:**
  - I completed IOC onboarding as the point of contact person between the FIL and the IOC’s Olympic Movement Unit for the Prevention of Manipulation in Competiton (OM Unit PMC).
  - YOG 2024 Online Education – I organized through the OM Unit PMC the online education modules for all FIL Officials, Athletes, and Coaches attending YOG 2024.
  - The IOCs OM Unit PMC released their study reults on the topic of Technological Manipulation, lookig at how equipment can have the potentail to manipulate reults. This study included a survey to all summer and winter IFs and analysis of current research. If you would like a copy of the report, please send me an email ([harris@fil-luge.org](mailto:harris@fil-luge.org))

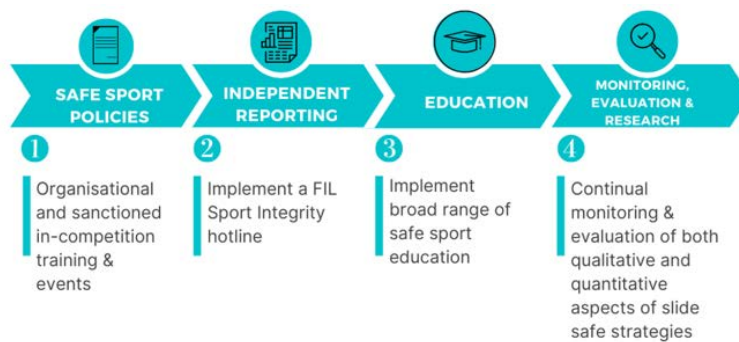


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- FIL Safe Sport Motto



- FIL Safe Sport Framework Initiatives



**1. FIL Safe Sport Code of Conduct Policy:** I completed a Draft policy with a comprehensive review and revision phase still to come with a variety of stakeholders, including Ethics, Legal, and the Athlete Commission. The goal would be to have this policy approved and in play for the 2024-2025 season. Ahead of the launch of the policy, a communication and education strategy will be rolled out to all FIL Staff, Board, Commissions, NFs, Athletes, and Entourage.

**2. Independent Reporting Line:** I spent the season researching and analyzing the various types of Safe Sport Independent Reporting systems that companies provide to identify one that best fits the needs and scope of the FIL that is barrier-free, user-friendly, secure, and confidential for the intake of all safe sport and sport integrity concerns or complaints that service all FIL sanctioned events and activities. At the time of writing this report, the proposals are currently in the review process and awaiting the approval of our new Independent Reporting system. As with the Safe Sport policy launch, a communication and education strategy will be rolled out to all NFs, Athletes, and Entourage detailing the new reporting line.

**3. Safe Sport Education and Participant Engagement:** The first priority focus needed to be on drafting the Safe Sport Code of Conduct Policy and the research to identify an Independent Reporting system so the proper structures are in place before shifting to athlete/entourage/NF engagement and, in turn, the design and delivery of the Safe Sport Education:

**2024-2025 Safeguarding Engagement, Assessment and Education:** This coming season will see a series of sport integrity engagements, both in person, virtually, and surveys with our NFs, Athletes, Coaches/Entourage, with an initial focus on Safe Sport, Athlete Wellness, and Equality-Diversity-Inclusion (EDI). Working collaboratively, and with a listening ear to your feedback, will be critical to properly assessing what's working, what's in place with safeguarding frameworks, and where gaps exist so that the FIL can best position itself to have the proper tools in place to assist all NFs and FIL participants across the six pillars of sport integrity.

### ❖ **NF Safeguarding Survey coming this Summer**

The first engagement this summer will be an NF Safeguarding Assessment survey, sent to all NFs, to gauge where each NF is at regarding Safe Sport, Injury Prevention, and EDI policies and frameworks. This will allow me to identify gaps and assist NFs, that require it, to ensure effective safeguarding measures and frameworks are in place across all of our NFs.



❖ **Safe Sport Training at FIL level coming this Fall**

A suitable Safe Sport online education platform will be identified in order to implement required Safe Sport education across identified areas of the FIL, including staff and Board.

- **FIL Equality-Diversity-Inclusion:** I completed a Draft policy with a comprehensive review and revision phase still to come with a variety of stakeholders including Ethics, Legal, and the Athlete Commission. The goal would be to have this policy approved and in play for the 2024-2025 season. Ahead of the launch of the policy, a communication and education strategy will be rolled out to all FIL Staff, Board, Commissions, NFs, Athletes, and Entourage.
- **FIL Sustainability:** In the Fall of 2023, the various FIL groups working on Sustainability were consolidated into one FIL Sustainability Working Group under Sport Integrity that is now led by Hannah Campbell-Pegg and Julian von Schleinitz. This season, progress was realized with two projects that Hannah and Julian will elaborate more on in their report presentation to Congress. In short, working with the Race Organizing Committees (ROCs), two pilot sustainability data collection projects were carried out at the Senior and Junior World Championships in Altenberg and Lillehammer respectively. The analysis of this data can be used to not only expand data collection at other FIL sanctioned events but help lead the way for the FIL and ROCs to develop more sustainable events in the future. Going forward this season will see more collaborative discussions and initiatives with the IBSF, working together to create long-term sustainability of our sliding sports.
- **Athlete Wellness & Injury Prevention**  
Initial discussions were had with the Medical Commission on a variety of injury prevention and athlete wellness topics in conjunction with the Athlete Commission. More discussions are forthcoming over the summer on the following topics to examine possible initiatives in these areas:
  - Resource, education, and awareness tools on Athlete Wellness, including mental health, nutrition.
  - Concussion awareness, education, training/competition protocols
- **FIL Website: Addition of Sport Integrity section**  
We will be adding a sport integrity section to the FIL website. It will cover five of the six pillars as Anti-Doping already has a section of its own. I am currently working on the new templates for each section that will contain documents and links for policies, awareness, education, resources, and frameworks to build out safeguarding at your own NF, etc. When the revisions are complete I will work with FIL Communications to communicate all of the new additions to the NFs.

Finally, I would like to thank the Presidium & Executive Board, the Athlete Commission and to all NFs and Participants for your support and trust given to me to implement and elevate the FIL in all areas of Sport Integrity. I look forward to a productive season ahead as we move from development of the forementioned initiatives to implementation.

*Yours in Sport,  
Steve*

**Stephen Harris**  
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## Report TV Coordinator 2023/24 (Artificial Track)

### TV Exposure

With a total airtime of 380 hours and 373 million viewers the TV coverage of the 2023/24 Eberspaecher Luge World Cup and the 52nd FIL Luge World Championships increased compared to the previous season.

The World Championships accounted for the largest share of TV broadcasts and ratings with more than 51 hours of airtime and 81 million viewers. All other events had more than 30 hours of broadcasting time and an average of 32 million viewers.

In Germany, as in previous years, *ARD* and *ZDF* again generated by far the most viewers (95 percent) with 353 million viewers in a total of just over 20 hours of broadcasting time (this corresponds to a five percent share of total coverage in the 2023/24 season). The majority of the live, delayed and highlights broadcasts in Germany achieved more than two or three million viewers with market shares of up to 22.7 percent. A record rating (5.79 million viewers and a market share of 33.9 percent) was achieved with the summary of the men's doubles at Winterberg on *ARD* and at eight of the ten events, the luge coverage ranked in the top 10 of all *ARD* and *ZDF* broadcasts on the respective days, even several times on some weekends.

Regular, comprehensive coverage with live, delayed or highlights broadcasts was carried out on *ORF*, *ORF Sport+* and *ORF ON+* (Austria). The top result on *ORF1* was achieved by the summary of the women's doubles at the World Championship with 423,000 viewers and a market share of 36 percent.

Almost all races were aired live in Latvia on *TV6* and *tv3*. In Canada, *CBC Sports* reported live from the women's singles at Whistler, all other races of the season could be watched on *CBC Live Streaming*.

A detailed TV evaluation is included in the Congress Dossier.

### FIL Live Streaming / FIL Studio

As in the previous season, all races were aired live on the *FIL YouTube channel* with the experienced commentary of Tim Singer and Bree Schaaf as well as a rotating cast of athletes as co-commentators.

Due to TV contracts, the live streaming was geo-blocked for Austria, Latvia and (partly) Germany. *FIL Studio* produced background information, analysis and interviews on the *FIL YouTube channel* before the start of the race, between the runs and after the race, presented by former US national team athlete Kate Hansen.

### New TV Graphics Provider

For the 2023/24 season, the FIL had appointed a new TV graphics, ChyronHego. In close cooperation with the ChyronHego team the basic graphics for the international signal were created and additional graphic elements were developed.

**Britta Semmler-Dzoesch**

FIL TV Coordinator

## FIL Communication 2023/2024

From September 2023 to March 2024, weekly **press releases** were sent to a German and a separate English-language media distribution list and published as news on the **FIL website and Platform X** - formerly Twitter.

In over **500 tweets on Platform X** last year, links to **FIL press releases**, the website, winner postings and competition results were distributed. In addition to targeted press releases to a personal, English-language and separate German-language press distribution list, Twitter is an important medium for distributing FIL news. Preliminary reports for the new race week and race reports are published weekly on the FIL website and sent to the media. Press releases on the season opener, the championships, and statistics were sent out.

**Platform X** achieved a total of 937,100 impressions from December 5, 2023, to March 4, 2024 - an average of 10,300 impressions per day and 13,500 link clicks. 379 retweets, 433 replies and 2,000 likes.

## First social media prize for athletes 2024 awarded.

Italy's Leon Felderer received the first FIL Social Media Prize with his reel for #FILMovieNight - endowed with a cheque for 1,000 euros.



In the period from December 10, 2023 to March 10, 2024, a reach of 2.8 million fans was achieved on **Facebook**. On March 10, 2024, the FIL account had **39,100 followers**. 40.1% of these are women and 59.9% are men.

The post with the largest organic reach was the following: "9 competitions, 6 countries with medals, Medal Table from 29.01.2024."

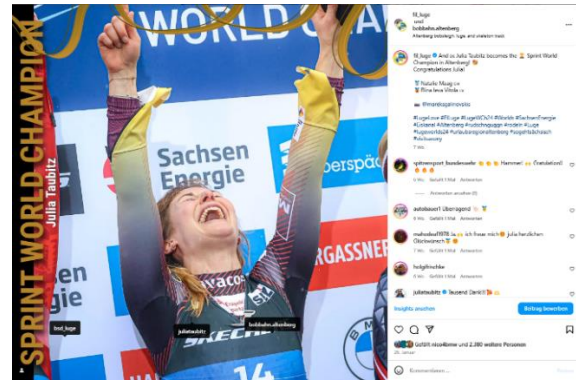


The reach was 161,077 people, which was 2.843% higher than the average on Facebook.

The FIL **Instagram** account had: **9,049 followers** (38.4 % women & 61.6 % men) on March 10, 2024 and reached 1.8 million followers in 90 days of the winter season (an increase of 180.3 %). There were 85,054 content interactions (i.e. likes, comments and shared content). This corresponds to an increase of 316.8 %.

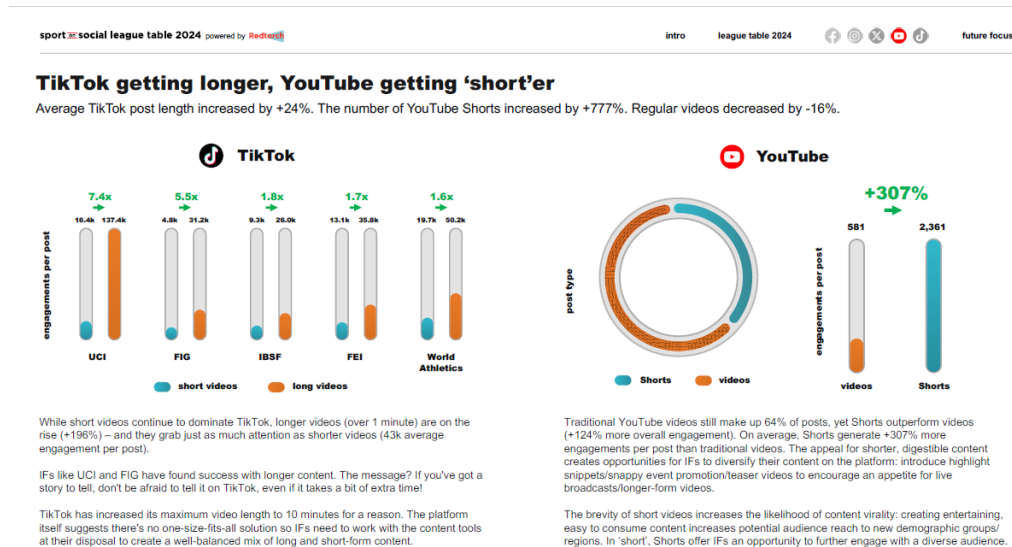
The most successful reach on Instagram was achieved by the reel on Norbert Loch's farewell on 03.03.2024. The reach of this post was 51,536 accounts.

The post with the most comments was: "Julia Taubitz becomes Sprint World Champion" from 26.01.2024. This post had 101 comments.



In the 2023/2024 season, the FIL **YouTube** channel once again received the greatest financial and personnel investment. Due to the live broadcasts of the races, the FIL Studio Show, which was broadcast for the first time in the same stream as the competitions, and the advertising budget, the number of followers has now reached **5,600**.

The following trend can be seen on the YouTube and TikTok channels: "TikTok getting longer, YouTube getting shorter". We have therefore expanded the shorts on YouTube in 2023/2024. These are currently still being pushed by Google. Most of the videos published on **TikTok** are currently the same as the reels on Instagram.



Source RedTorch Analysis 2024.

April 20, 2024 / Margit Dengler-Paar



## Report on the FIL Development Program: 2023-2024 Season

Fred Zimny, FIL Development Director

The 2023-2024 FIL Development Program could be characterized as having a primary focus on youth athletes from underrepresented and underfunded nations. The catalyst for this was of course the PyeongChang YOG in February 2024. As a result of this focus, every nation participating with the FIL Youth A group was able to qualify at least one athlete for YOG and in several cases, two athletes. Though YOG preparation played a large role in the 23-24 season for Youth A, significant levels of support and programs were also in place for Junior and General Class athletes, as outlined below.

Just as every nation is a team, so is the FIL and there are a number of individuals who played a defining role in making the FIL development program a success in 2023-2024. Most notably, Dwight Bell, FIL Secretary General, Claire DelNegro, FIL Vice President of Sport and Christoph Schweiger, FIL Executive Director. Their support, knowledge and guidance throughout the season was invaluable.

### FIL Coaches

Leading the FIL Groups was a cadre of coaches with a wealth of experience. Ioan Apostol (ROU) returned as Head Coach of FIL Group 1, with Ivars Deinis (LAT) joining him as Assistant Coach. Father and son team Petr Kinzel and Tomas Kinzel (CZE) continued their long-standing positions with FIL Group 2 as Head Coach and Assistant Coach respectively. And overseeing the Youth A Group was Head Coach Bogdan Macovei (ROU) and Assistant Coach Martins Lozbers (LAT). The FIL is very fortunate to have such a skilled, knowledgeable, professional and experienced crew guiding the athletes participating in the FIL development program.

### FIL Groups

The FIL Groups have long been a lifeline for National Federations with few athletes, little funding and no luge facilities of their own. This season continued with three separate FIL Groups, which included: Group 1 (General Class), Group 2 (Junior Class) and the Youth A Group, which consists of young athletes who are either brand new or have very little experience. These athletes trained under the guidance of FIL coaches during scheduled training weeks and participated in Continental Cup and YOG qualifying events.

	Nations	Athletes	M/F	Participating nations	age range	total runs
Group 1	5	9	7/2	CZE, FIN, GEO, NED, SLO	18-26	
Group 2	7	9	6/3	AUS, CRO, CZE, EST, GBR, NZL, SLO	18-20	874
Youth A	11	26	19/7	BUL, FRA, CZE, GBR, GEO, IRL, NED, NZL, SLO, THA, TPE	13-17	2246

### Luge School

The 2023-2024 season was a unique one regarding the annual FIL Luge School, as there were actually two schools scheduled this season. The first took place Oct 9-17 in Lillehammer and was funded for accommodations, meals and track fees by an IOC Olympic Solidarity Grant. The school was an overwhelming success with 14 nations, 27 athletes and 14 international coaches participating.

The second luge school was the first of its kind and focused on nations from the greater Asia region. Taking place in PyeongChang immediately after the conclusion of YOG, five nations participated. Special thanks must go to the Korean Luge Federation and Mr. Hyunjun Park, as well as the PyeongChang Legacy Foundation and Mr. Arram Kim for their generous support covering the cost of accommodations, meals and track fees. The IOC also provided support for travel costs through an Olympic Solidarity Grant. The support of these organizations and individuals was critical, without which the Asia Luge School would not have come to fruition. Logistics arrangements and coaching were provided by the FIL. Following the school, several of these first-time sliders went on to join the FIL Youth A Group for additional training and racing. A breakdown of the participation at both schools is as follows:



FIL Luge School Lillehammer, Oct 9-17						
Nations	Athletes	M/F	Participating nations	age range	total runs	Runs per ath
14	27	13/14	BUL, EST, FIN, GEO, NED, NOR, NZL, ROU, SLO, SVK, THA, TPE, TUR, UKR	13-19	557	22

FIL Asia Luge School PyeongChang, Feb 2-10						
Nations	Athletes	M/F	Participating nations	age range	total runs	Runs per ath
5	18	11/7	GEO, JPN, NZL, THA	11-16	646	36

## YOG

The Youth Olympic Games was of course the primary focus of Youth A age athletes for the 2023-2024 season. Taking place between January 19-February 1, all nations that were part of the FIL Youth A Group qualified at least one athlete for the Games. This was a true testament to the expertise and effectiveness of the FIL coaching staff that contributed to this success. The 11 FIL Youth A Group nations that had athletes qualify for YOG include: BUL, CZE, FRA, GBR, GEO, IRL, NED, NZL, SLO, THA and TPE.

## NF Programs

Funding was allocated to numerous National Federations for specific development related projects targeted at athlete recruitment, increasing participation or conducting development level training camps. Budget limitations affected how many projects could be funded, but in total €44,000 was allocated amongst 12 different nations.

## New Nations

New nations currently in the process of seeking, or who have already obtained, FIL membership include MGL, NGR, PAK and TUN.

## Olympic Solidarity Grants

As mentioned earlier, special thanks must go to the IOC Olympic Solidarity Grant program and specifically to Sheila Stephens Desbans and her team and Marc Faraci for his guidance. The FIL was able to secure several grants benefiting nations identified as underrepresented in the last Winter Olympic Games, including: the Lillehammer Luge School, Asia Region Luge School and travel assistance for disadvantaged Asia region nations.

## Partnerships

The popular FIL Partnership Program, in which a smaller developing nation is partnered with a larger, established nation, was again a success in 2023-2024. The FIL supported the program with an allocation to the host nation of €300 per athlete per race, for a maximum of 1M, 1W, 1 MD and 1 WD sled per nation. It is the goal to encourage other large nations to partner with smaller, developing nations in the future.

Host NF	CAN	GER	ROU	USA
Guest NF	AUS 1, GBR 1	ARG 1, POL 6, SUI 1	IRL 2	JPN 1, PUR 1, SVK 8

## Vouchers

Another popular program that continued this season was the allocation of track vouchers. Valued at €25 per voucher, most nations received a quantity of vouchers based on number of athletes, length of participation and need. Because of the budget situation, the decision was made to not allocate vouchers to nations that have a home track.

## Summer Camp

In order to better prepare athletes for winter training and competition, a summer camp took place in July 2023 in Smrzovka, CZE and Oberhof, GER. In Smrzovka, development athletes from the FIL groups took part in physical testing, physical training and wheel sled training. This was followed by 3 days in Oberhof which focused on start practice on the Oberhof refrigerated start ramp. In recent years, the coaches have observed that many athletes participating with the FIL group have not been properly physically prepared for the stresses involved during in-season training/racing. For both safety and performance reasons, it was determined that young athletes should be

taught the basic off-season physical training skills needed to perform to their highest potential. The summer camp addresses these skills.

### Conclusion

While budget issues continue to affect how much support is available through FIL Development, significant effort is made to distribute the limited funds to development level nations in the most equitable way and where they can have the most impact. The specific focus on youth athletes this season was an example of that, evidenced by the success rate of YOG qualifying. However, the sliding experience of many of the qualified athletes was very low, due partly to their young age, but also due to a lack of experience in the months and years leading up to YOG. In the future, athletes in the FIL Groups will be required to participate in more training to gain the experience necessary to perform safely and at a higher level. Available support to NFs, in its various forms, continues to be a concern, and it does not appear that these levels will increase anytime soon. All nations are strongly encouraged to seek out their own funding sources either through sponsorship, government support or other means.

Some initiatives that will be focused on in the coming season include:

- Assist new and development level nations with athlete identification through summer recruitment clinics.
- Encourage and oversee off season physical training of FIL Group athletes to be better prepared physically for the season.
- Continue updating the current supply of FIL equipment.
- Encouraging NFs to be more disciplined with advanced planning.
- Increased participation in the FIL summer camp.
- Work with indigenous winter nations who currently have low participation to increase their involvement.
- Increase fall run volume for FIL Group athletes.
- Assist in creating a development pipeline for nations new to the FIL.
- Standardized coaches training for developing nations.





## **FIL NB Report: 2023-2024 Season**

**Christina Goetschl, FIL NB Coach**

Nations: USA, CAN, CZE, FRA, KOR

Programs and schedule:

FIL school, ITW seniors, ITW juniors, 6 WC, 4 JWC, European CH and Junior WCH.

Between the races and official trainings from Dec-Feb the athletes could join nearly 30 training days what is great if you take the warm temperatures into account. The great racing calendar of the season 23/24 made it possible to train a lot and focus on the races because there was less driving and travelling during the season.

USA and CZE are doing a very good youth work - they have a lot of motivated and talented athletes. All athletes are also posting on social media what helps the sport a lot to become more popular. The group was so small this season, but at least the progress of every athlete was amazing, they made big steps forward.

(Some of the athletes also brought their own money from sponsors, which of course supported them a lot during the season. We coaches always tell the athletes that it's important and now step by step its working).

This year's award for the "Rookie of the year" went to Torrey Cookman USA.

(The award is presented to an athlete who embodies the FIL Group through good standings, dedication and also through contributions towards the group of athletes as a whole on and off the track.)

### **Future Goals**

For 24/25 there should be a better communication and networking between FIL and the nations - starting now! It's important that the nations are motivated to send athletes and that we know what benefits they like - to send athletes. FIL tourbus for promotion work in summer must take place, online training with the athletes must be done or at least send some training plans - some of the athletes are so weak it's dangerous. More focus on social media, try to find sponsoring money, stay in contact also in summer with the athletes to keep them motivated. Thinking about a trainer education during FIL school 24/25 - or in summer to get some nations out of the FIL group that they can work self-employed. One of my biggest goals - a training week during summer with an official final race.

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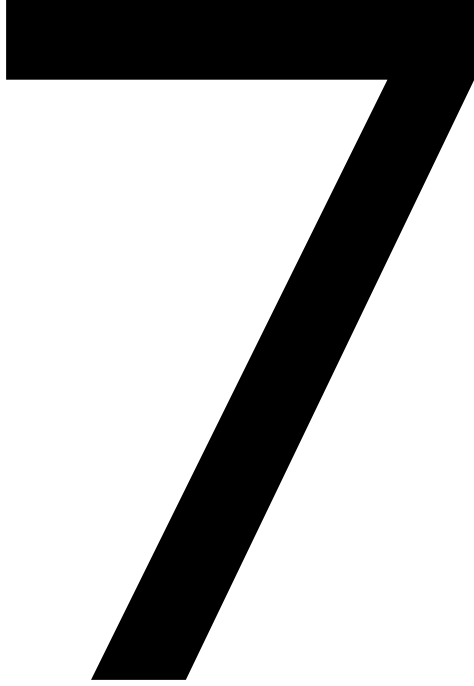
**FIL Development Director**

As seen above in the season report by FIL NB Coach Christina Goetschl, the FIL NB Group participated in a full season of training and competition that included 5 participating nations, senior athletes, junior

athletes and WC, JWC, WJM and EM competitions. In particular, the teams from the USA and FRA should be recognized for their commitment to taking part in virtually the entire season, from the beginning of December to mid-February. This commitment to long-term improvement and success should be commended and held up as an example for all athletes wishing to participate in the future. While the group in general was smaller in size than in past years, it's hoped that this trend will reverse itself for the 2024-2025 season. The athletes were in the expert hands of experienced FIL NB Coach Christina Goetschl, and this season, for the first time, joined by Assistant Coach Jack Leslie from NZL.

It was noted this season that many athletes were not necessarily prepared physically to compete to the best of their ability at this, the highest level of the sport. Efforts will be made moving forward to ensure that all athletes in both KB and NB are focusing on physical training during the off season to be better equipped physically for peak performance during the winter season.

With the "Slide 2026" directive from the FIL Executive Board, it's possible that the focus of natural track will undergo some changes in the near future as the sport evolves. Future plans will be under the direction of Andreas Castiglioni, Sport and Technical Director of Natural Track Luge and Public Sledding and Mr. Sorin Buta, Vice President of Natural Track and Public Sledding.





# Amendment to the Statutes 2024

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**Applicant:** Executive Board

**§:** Statutes 2.3.2 Membership

**Motion No.:**1

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## **Old text:**

2.3.2 Ordinary members have the right to participate and vote in the Congress, submit motions to the Executive Board and to the Congress. However, at the request of the Executive Board, the Congress can withdraw the right to vote when membership fees have not been paid over at time period of at least three years.

## **New Text:**

2.3.2 Ordinary members have the right to participate and vote in the Congress, submit motions to the Executive Board and to the Congress. ~~However, at the request of the Executive Board, the Congress can withdraw the right to vote when membership fees have not been paid over at time period of at least three years.~~  
Only if membership fees have been paid in full by the time the motion is submitted or by the start of the Congress can motions be submitted to the Executive Board and the Congress and voting rights be exercised.

## **Reason:**

Full payment of the FIL membership fee should be a matter of course in order to be able to exercise the rights as a full member of the FIL.



# Amendment to the Statutes 2024

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**Applicant:** Chair of Ethics Commission  
Executive Board

§:4.5.1

**Motion No.:** 2

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**Old text:**

(\*) The President, the Secretary General, and the Vice President for Finance must belong to different NFs.

**New Text:**

(\*) The President, the Secretary General, and the Vice President for Finance must belong to different NFs **and must not be President of an NF."**

**Reason:**

Avoidance of conflicts of interest in the FIL Presidium



# Amendment to the Statutes 2024

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**Applicant:** Chair Legal Committee /Executive Board

§:4.5.6

**Motion No.:**3

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**Old text:**

4.5.6 The Executive Board can make decisions, which are actually reserved for the Congress according to paragraph 4.2.5 of the Statutes (including the approval of the approval of the annual statement of accounts and the budget proposal as well as changes and additions to the IRO, but excluding the elections of the organs), provisionally in urgent exceptional cases, if due to an imminent danger these decisions cannot be postponed until the next ordinary Congress. The Executive Board is to submit the urgent decisions taken by it to the next Congress for a definitive resolution.

**New Text:**

4.5.6 The Executive Board can make decisions, which are actually reserved for the Congress according to paragraph 4.2.5 of the Statutes (including the approval of the approval of the annual statement of accounts and the budget proposal as well as changes and additions to the IRO, but excluding the elections of the organs), provisionally in urgent exceptional cases, if due to an imminent danger these decisions cannot be postponed until the next ordinary Congress. The Executive Board is to submit the urgent decisions taken by it to the next Congress for a definitive resolution.

The Executive Board may provisionally appoint a member of a FIL body to be elected by the Congress with effect until the next Congress if this FIL body is no longer functional due to the loss of an elected member.

**Reason:**





# Amendment to the Statutes 2024

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**Applicant:** Presidium / Executive Board

**§:**4.6.3

**Motion No.:**4

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## **Old text:**

In order to be valid, written FIL documents require the signature of a member of the Presidium, who is entitled to vote. The Executive Director can be authorized by the members of the Presidium, who are entitled to vote, to sign individual or all business correspondence.

Accounts payable for an amount up to Euro 10,000 must be signed by a member of the Presidium, who is entitled to vote. However, the Executive Director can be authorized by the members of the Presidium, who are entitled to vote, to sign for accounts payable up to Euro 10,000.

Accounts payable representing an amount of more than Euro 10,000 must be signed by the Vice President of Finance and a further member of the Presidium (including the Executive Director).

## **New Text:**

~~In order to be valid, written FIL documents require the signature of a member of the Presidium, who is entitled to vote. The Executive Director can be authorized by the members of the Presidium, who are entitled to vote, to sign individual or all business correspondence.~~

~~Accounts payable for an amount up to Euro 10,000 must be signed by a member of the Presidium, who is entitled to vote. However, the Executive Director can be authorized by the members of the Presidium, who are entitled to vote, to sign for accounts payable up to Euro 10,000.~~

~~Accounts payable representing an amount of more than Euro 10,000 must be signed by the Vice President of Finance and a further member of the Presidium (including the Executive Director).~~

Documents relating to financial matters must be signed by the Vice-President for Finance together with another member of the Presidium with voting rights.

Item 7.3. of the FIL Financial Regulations must also be amended accordingly.

## **Reason:**

Internet banking systems are not able to process individual transactions up to a certain amount limit. For this reason, banks are not able to issue FIL credit cards in the future.

The Presidium may assign internal responsibility for financial dispositions of up to € 10,000 to a member of the Presidium with voting rights and/or the Executive Director alone.



# Amendment to the Statutes 2024

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**Applicant:** Athletes' Commission /Executive Board    **§:**4.12.3    **Motion No.:**5

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## **Old text:**

4.12.3 The athletes' representatives to the Athletes Commission must be active in the FIL World Cup or FIL Nations Cup/European Cup and have never received any WADA sanction. An athlete is considered active if at the time of their nomination they have participated in at least three World Cup/Nations Cup/European Cup competitions or at least two FIL championships within the past 24 months. They lose their status as an active athlete if it is determined at the end of each competition season that they have not participated in at least three World Cup/Nations Cup/European Cup competitions or at least two FIL championships within the past 24 months unless an injury as determined by the FIL has caused them to do so. If an athletes' representative has lost their status as an active athlete, they may still serve on the commission. In the situation that there are more than two non-active athletes there will be a new election of an athletes' representative determined by the FIL Athletes Commission that will be held at the next opportunity according to 4.12.4. Until the election of a new athletes' representative their predecessor will remain in office.

## **New Text:**

4.12.3 The athletes' representatives to the Athletes Commission must be active in the FIL World Cup or FIL Nations Cup/European Cup and have never received any WADA sanction. An athlete is considered active if at the time of their nomination they have participated in at least three World Cup/Nations Cup/European Cup competitions or at least two FIL championships within the past 24 months. They lose their status as an active athlete if it is determined at the end of each competition season that they have not participated in at least three World Cup/Nations Cup/European Cup competitions or at least two FIL championships within the past 24 months unless an injury as determined by the FIL has caused them to do so. If an athletes' representative has lost their status as an active athlete, they may still serve on the commission. ~~In the situation that there are more than two non-active athletes~~ **If an athletes' representative resigns, there will be a new election of an athletes' representative determined by the FIL Athletes Commission that will be held at the next opportunity but limited to World Cup competitions or World Championships according to 4.12.4. The new athlete representative to be elected must be of the same gender as the athlete representative who has resigned.** Until the election of a new athletes' representative their predecessor will remain in office.

**Reason:**

The premature resignation of an athletes' representative before the end of their term of office means that the position of athletes' representative is vacant for a certain period of time. This represents a challenge for the Commission, weakens its ability to work and places an additional burden on the remaining representatives.



# Amendment to the Statutes 2024

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**Applicant:** Executive Board

§:Code of Honor 1.1.2

**Motion No.:**6

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**Old text:**

1.1.2 On officials of the NFs, sponsors, promoters.

**New Text:**

1.1.2 On officials of the NFs, ~~sponsors, promoters.~~

**Reason:**

The FIL Medal of Honor was introduced to recognize deserving sponsors and supporters (see 2.6. of the Code of Honor Regulations).

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# IRO Amendment 2024

**Applicant:** Executive Board

**§:** 1 point 3

**Motion No.:** 1

Artificial Track  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:

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

~~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.~~

**Reason:**

Change from paper to electronic license.

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

§3 point 8 d)



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 2, 1.2.6 <b>Motion No.:</b> 2
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Track

**Old text:**

No old text

**New Text:**

U23- European Championships

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

**Reason:**

Already performed

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





# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 2, 1.3	<b>Motion No.:</b> 3
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> 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

## **New 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 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)

World Cup and Nations Cup are staged in one event.

#### 1.3.8 Three-Tracks Tournament (Dreibahnen-Tournee DT)

#### 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.

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 2, 1.3	<b>Motion No.:</b> 4
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> 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

## **New 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 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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Sport Commission/Executive Board	<b>§:</b> 2, 2.4	<b>Motion No.:</b> 5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Track		

**Old text:**

No old text

**New Text:**

2.4 To conduct an international FIL race, there must be a minimum of 3 sleds from two different nations participating in the respective discipline (§3.9). This rule applies to all genders. This rule does not apply to the team relay competition.

Any FIL championships are not affected by this rule.

**Reason:**

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Sport Commission /Executive Board	<b>§:3, 1.1.2</b>	<b>Motion No.:</b> 6
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Track	

## **Old text:**

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 3, 5.2	<b>Motion No.:</b> 7
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 3, 5.6	<b>Motion No.:</b> 8
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Track	

**Old text:**

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.

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 3, 6.1.1 <b>Motion No.:</b> 9
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> 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)

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 3, 6.1.1 <b>Motion No.:</b> 10
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Track

**Old text:**

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.

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





# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 3, 6.3	<b>Motion No.:</b> 11
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> 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**

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’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:** Inclusion women's doubles

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 3, 6.3.2 <b>Motion No.:</b> 12
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> 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

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Canada	<b>§:</b> 3, 6.5.4 <b>Motion No.:</b> 13
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Track

**Old text:**

**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.

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

**Applicant:** Sport Commission

**§:** 3, 6.5.6

**Motion No.:** 14

Artificial Track  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.

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Canada / Technical Commission	<b>§:</b> 3, 6.6.3	<b>Motion No.:</b> 15
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Track	

## **Old text:**

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.

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

§ 6.2.5



# IRO Amendment 2024

**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

(1 woman, 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).

13

- 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!

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 3, 6.8	<b>Motion No.:</b> 17
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## **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.
- 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 with a reaction start. Upon an audible and clearly visible signal, on this signals the timing begins. Upon reaching the finish, the athlete manually triggers the touch pad to open the starting 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 start line is located at the start in an area 300mm – 500mm measuring from the start of the start handles
- A false start occurs if the athlete crossed 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).

**Reason:**

Alternative for the Sprint discipline.

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Youth/Development Commission AT	<b>§:</b> 3 6.9.3	<b>Motion No.:</b> 18
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## 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?:

none



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Youth/Development Commission AT	<b>§:</b> 3, 6.9.4	<b>Motion No.:</b> 19
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## **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: 25 - 1 according to placing in the 1st competition run
- Men's Singles: 25 - 1 according to placing in the 1st competition run
- Women`s-, Men`s Doubles 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: 25 - 1 according to placing in the 1st competition run
- Men's singles: 25 - 1 according to placing in the 1st competition run
- Women`s, men`s doubles 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?:**

none



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Youth/Development Commission AT	<b>§:</b> 3, 6.9.6	<b>Motion No.:</b> 20
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## **Old 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) 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?:**

none



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 3, 7.2	<b>Motion No.:</b> 21
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

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





# IRO Amendment 2024

**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 §3 8. numbers a and b should be deleted, these should be newly regulated in §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?:**

§ 1 3.



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Youth/Development Commission AT	<b>§:</b> 3, 9.	<b>Motion No.:</b> 23
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> 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?:**

none



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 4,1.1.9 <b>Motion No.:</b> 24
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**Old text:**

No old text

**New Text:**

1.1.9

In case of disqualification, the Race Director is obligated to promptly inform the Technical Delegate and FIL Sports Director immediately after the disqualification.

**Reason:**

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 4, 2.2	<b>Motion No.:</b> 25
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Technical Commission	<b>§:</b> 4, 3.2.3	<b>Motion No.:</b> 26
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> 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.



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Youth/Development Commission AT	<b>§ 5 1.2</b>	<b>Motion No.:</b> 27
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> 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	
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Doubles Juniors, Youth A	25 kg	31 kg	30 kg
Doubles Youth B		24 kg	

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- 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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Technical Commission	<b>§:</b> 5, 1.2	<b>Motion No.:</b> 28
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> 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
<del>Singles Youth B</del>		<del>16 kg</del>	
Singles ≤ Youth B		14 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

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





# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Technical Commission	<b>§:</b> 5;1.3.4;g <b>Motion No.:</b> 29
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> 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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- 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.~~

## **Reason:**

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

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Technical Commission	<b>§:</b> 5;1.3.5;f <b>Motion No.:</b> 30
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Track

## **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.

## **New Text:**

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- 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.

## **Reason:**

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Technical Commission	<b>§:</b> 5, 2	<b>Motion No.:</b> 31
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Technical Commission	<b>§:</b> 5, 3.1	<b>Motion No.:</b> 32
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Technical Commission	<b>§:</b> 5, 3.1.1	<b>Motion No.:</b> 33
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Track	

## **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.
- l) 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.
- ~~l) 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*

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Canada	<b>§:</b> 5, 3.2.1 <b>Motion No.:</b> 34
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

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





# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant: VP-Marketing</b>	<b>§:7</b> <b>Advertising Regulations</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Track	<b>Motion No.: 35</b>
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## 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 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- h)

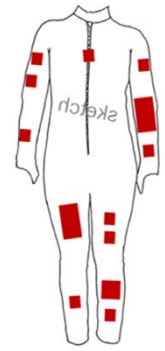


Figure: example of advertising on race suits

## 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 or an emblem representing an institution (military, police, etc.) to which the athlete belongs (max. 30 cm<sup>2</sup> 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

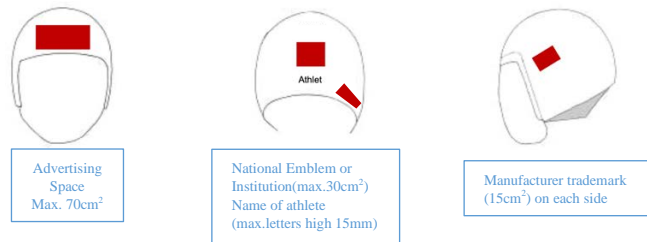


Figure: :example of advertising on the helmet

## 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. 7.5cm<sup>2</sup>) must be placed on the upper part of the visor.



Figure: example of trademark of the manufacturer

## 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.
- The distance between the two trademarks on each side must be at least 5 mm.



Figure: example advertising on hat and headgear

1 trademark at the front (max. 60 cm<sup>2</sup>)  
 1 manufacturer trademark and 1 sponsor on each side (max. 15 cm<sup>2</sup> each)



## 2.5 Start Numbers

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- 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.

## 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.

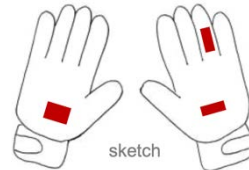
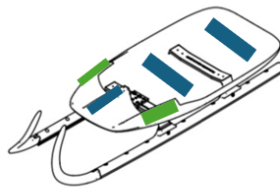


Figure: example for advertising on gloves

Max. 1 trademark of manufacturer on each glove divided into max. 2 parts.  
Max. 15 cm<sup>2</sup> 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.



Top side of pod	max. 3 Trademarks
	max. Size 600 cm <sup>2</sup>
Underside of pod	max. 3 Trademarks
	max. Size 1000 cm <sup>2</sup>
Manufacturer	max. 100 cm <sup>2</sup>
	or 50 cm <sup>2</sup> per runner



## 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.

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 8;1.1	<b>Motion No.:</b> 36
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

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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.

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 8, 3.3.1	<b>Motion No.:</b> 37
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Track		

## 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.

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~~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 Max. 3 runs	1st official training 2 runs	2nd official training 2 run	Nations Cup, 1 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.

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

**Applicant:** Sport Commission

**§:** 8;3.3.2

**Motion No.:** 38

Artificial Track  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.
- l) All other training runs are offered against payment.

## **New Text:**

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  - 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

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Technical Commission	<b>§:</b> 8;4	<b>Motion No.:</b> 39
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> 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.
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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.

**Reason:**

I have already adhered to this practice with the socks during the finish inspection and would like to maintain this approach during the weigh-in procedure for hygiene reasons.

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Technical Commission	<b>§:</b> 10, 1.2	<b>Motion No.:</b> 40
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Track	

## **Old text:**

### 1.2 Call to Start

- The beginning of each heat must be announced over the loudspeaker system along the track 15, 10, 5, 2 and 1 minutes prior to the first starter.
- This applies to all training and competition runs of FIL competitions.
- The call to start must take place in the described countdown mode in order to ensure that all persons present at the track are reliably informed on the beginning of the runs.
- For competitions runs, the call to the start area follows the checking of the sled and athlete in the start area.

The athlete must go to the start area within two (2) minutes of being called.

- Only one (1) person is permitted to assist a competitor in the start ramp area except at Sprint competitions and Team Relay competitions.

## **New Text:**

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~~Only one (1) person is permitted to assist a competitor in the start ramp area except at Sprint competitions and Team Relay competitions.~~

- At the start area, no coach may be next to the athlete. However, a coach has access to the start area at any time (in case of technical issues).

## **Reason:**

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Canada	<b>§:</b> 10, 1.3	<b>Motion No.:</b> 41
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> 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:**

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- 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

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

**Applicant:** Sport Commission

**§:** 10; 5.4

**Motion No.:** 42

Artificial Track  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:**

~~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.~~

## **Reason:**

Only digital now!

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Sport Commission	<b>§:</b> 11	<b>Motion No.:</b> 43
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Track	

**Old text:**

No old text

**New Text:**

2.3.13

In case the jury is not present during official World Cup training, protests will be handled by the Race Director, Technical Director, and Sports Director.

**Reason:**

Already performed

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> <b><u>Sport Commission/ Executive Board</u></b>	<b>§: 12.1</b>	<b>Motion No.: 44</b>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Track	

## **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"

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#### 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"

**Reason:**

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

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Sport Commission/Executive Board	<b>§:</b> 12, 4.2	<b>Motion No.:</b> 45
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Track		

**Old text:**

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

**New Text:**

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**Reason:**

Has not been done for years

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





# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Sport Commission / Executive Board	<b>§:</b> 12, 6	<b>Motion No.:</b> 46
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> 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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## **Reason:**

No longer with the times

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Sport Commission / Executive Board	<b>§:</b> 12, 8.1	<b>Motion No.:</b> 47
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

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- 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:**

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Youth/Development Commission AT	<b>Olympic Rules YOG</b>	<b>Motion No.: 48</b>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track	<input type="checkbox"/> 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**

(A) 1 - 12 (B) 13 – last start number

#### **Start order:**

Singles (women and men)

1<sup>st</sup> run 1 - 12 (A) 13 – last start no. (B)

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

Doubles (women and men)

1<sup>st</sup> run 1 - 12 (A) 13 – last start no. (B)

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 singles 2
- ♦ Men's singles 2
- ♦ Women's doubles 2
- ♦ Men's doubles 2

#### 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. Luge Tracks**

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Working Group Olympic Rules	<b>§:</b> Supplement 4, section 4	<b>Motion No.:</b> 49
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Track

## **Old text:**

## **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.

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



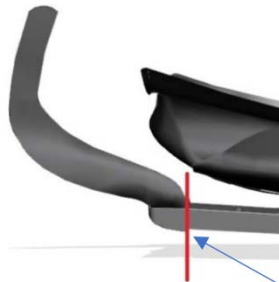
# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Technical Commission	<b>§:</b> 5; pt.1.3.3 <b>Motion No.:</b> 50 b) Supplement 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Track
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## 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.



interface section "insertion groove for runner horns"

## New 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 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.

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Technical Commission	<b>§:</b> 5;1.3.4 Supplement 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Track	<b>Motion No.:</b> 51
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## **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.

## **New Text:**

Standard doubles bridges

- a) The original bridges must be used.
- b) The distance between the runners must measure ~~395~~ 390 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.

## **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.

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

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# IRO Amendment 2024

**Applicant:** Commission NT-Public  
Sledding/Executive Board

§:1 point 1.3 **Motion No.:** 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,~~

~~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~~

## 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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Commission	<b>§:</b> 2, 1.1	<b>Motion No.:</b> 2
	<input type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural Track	

## **Old text:**

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.



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Commission	<b>§:</b> 2, 1.2	<b>Motion No.:</b> 3
	<input type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• European Championship (ECh)</li><li>• American Pacific Championships (APCh)</li><li>• Asia Championships (ACh)</li></ul>	in even numbered years
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 <b>and European</b> Championships	“Race in Race” / at FIL <del>World</del> <b>Chamionships</b>
Continental Championships <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• European Championship (ECh)</li><li>• American Pacific Championships (APCh)</li><li>• Asia Championships (ACh)</li></ul>	in even numbered years
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.



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Commission	<b>§:</b> 4	<b>Motion No.:</b> 4
	<input type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural Track	

**Old text:**

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.



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Commission/Executive Board	<b>§:</b> 7	<b>Motion No.:</b> 5
	<input type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural Track	

## **Old text:**

### **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.

## **New Text:**

### **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). **If the FIL grants this advertising surface to the national federations, the industry exclusivity of the FIL main sponsors must be observed.** 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.

## **Reason:**

Alignment with the IRO artificial track.

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Commission	<b>§:</b> 10	<b>Motion No.:</b> 6
	<input type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural Track	

**Old text:**

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.



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Commission	<b>§:</b> Supplement 2 <b>Motion No.:</b> 7
	<input type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.

## New Text:

- 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 ~~from the FIL official responsible for the International Judges~~ at the FIL office.
- 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!

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



# IRO Amendment 2024

<b>Applicant:</b> Commission	<b>§:</b> Supplement 3 <b>Motion No.:</b> 8
	<input type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural Track

## **Old text:**

### 2.3. Olympic Winter Games

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

## **New Text:**

### ~~2.3. Olympic Winter Games~~

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

## **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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## **FIL Executive Board Resolution 23.09.2022**

The FIL Executive Board decides on the basis of paragraph 4.5.8 of the FIL Statutes:

In view of the war of aggression currently being waged by the Russian Federation against Ukraine, the suspension of all rights to participation of athletes, assistants, coaches, and other officials of the Russian Luge Federation in FIL-sanctioned competitions is ordered until further notice in order to ensure safe, peaceful, and upright athletic competitions.

The presence of Russian athletes, assistants, coaches, and other officials from the Russian Luge Federation during the staging of FIL-sanctioned sport competitions is associated with the high risk that the safety, peacefulness and integrity of these competitions and their participants (including those of the Russian Federation itself) are gravely endangered. This risk is based on the causal personal involvement of the named persons in these FIL competitions and cannot be replaced by a less drastic measure, so that the suspension of participation is proportionate if and as long as the hostilities in Ukraine continue as a reason for this measure.



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**Annual Statement of Accounts**  
**from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024**  
**Consolidated**

**1. Income (in EURO)**

<b>A/c No.</b>		<b>Budget €</b>	<b>Income €</b>
4350	<b>Annual Membership Fee from National Federations</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>4,571</b>
8282	<b>Return on Investments, Dividends, Interests</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>302,623</b>
	<b>IOC Subsidies</b>	<b>235,000</b>	<b>481,100</b>
4357	Olympic Solidarity	45,000	52,635
4356	IOC Development Programme	65,000	135,712
4359	WOF (formerly AIOWF)	45,000	198,066
4358	IOC (YOG 2024)	80,000	94,687
	<b>Television and Advertising Revenues</b>	<b>1,590,000</b>	<b>1,530,000</b>
	<b>Sales</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>11,356</b>
4065	Helmets, Visors and Miscellaneous	1,500	
4830	<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40,000</b>
	<b>2023/2024 Total Income</b>	<b>2,029,500</b>	<b>2,369,650</b>

## 2. Expenses (in EURO)

<b>A/c No.</b>		<b>Budget €</b>	<b>Expenses €</b>
	<b>Management President</b>	<b>53,000</b>	<b>103,000</b>
7660	Official Function Expenses	50,000	100,000
7380	Lump Payment Telephone, Internet	3,000	3,000
	<b>Administrative Expenses Secretary General</b>	<b>43,000</b>	<b>83,000</b>
7661	Official function expenses	40,000	80,000
7380	Lump Payment Telephone, Internet	3,000	3,000
	<b>FIL Office Berchtesgaden</b>	<b>585,800</b>	<b>640,679</b>
6200	Wages incl. additional costs	435,000	442,623
6015	Support staff	5,000	4,454
7401	Rent (equipment storage)	4,800	4,099
7402	Operating costs incl. IT	15,000	18,097
7380	Postage, Telephone, Fax, Office Material	20,000	18,971
7669	Internet	1,000	781
7204	Maintenance costs, equipment, furniture	20,000	18,251
7300	Transportation and custom fees	5,000	0
7610	Data protection	15,000	21,046
7755	Bookkeeping, accounting, audit & tax	60,000	107,856
7840	Miscellaneous Expenses	5,000	4,502
7404	<b>FIL Office Salzburg (Operating Costs, Office Material)</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>4,361</b>
	<b>Administrative Expenses VP Finance</b>	<b>23,000</b>	<b>26,564</b>
7666	Official function expenses	20,000	23,564
7380	Lump Payment Telephone, Internet	3,000	3,000
	<b>Lump Sum Adm. Expenses Exec. Brd. (exc. Presidium)</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>38,000</b>
7681	4 x € 6.000,00 (VPs)	24,000	24,000
7682	3 x € 4.000,00 (Ex. board members, athletes rep)	12,000	12,000
7683	2 x € 2.000,00 (Continental VPs)	4,000	2,000
	<b>Expenses for FIL Commissions/Working Groups</b>	<b>147,000</b>	<b>138,057</b>
7511	Sport Commission AT	12,000	15,379
7512	Technical Commission AT	10,000	7,016
7514	Commission Youth/Development	10,000	16,652
7513	Track Commission OWG 2026	0	15,171
7515	Other Commissions, Working Groups incl. Legal	65,000	30,791
7516	FIL Integrity Unit	50,000	53,047
7341	<b>Travel Expenses Executive Board Members &amp; Officials</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>123,813</b>
7751	<b>Translation Expenses</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>3,346</b>
	<b>FIL Meetings</b>	<b>140,000</b>	<b>164,673</b>
7762	FIL Congress	100,000	107,908
7764	Executive Board & Presidium Meetings	40,000	56,765
7785	<b>Fees ( "Fair Play" etc.)</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>1,459</b>

<b>A/c No.</b>			<b>Budget €</b>	<b>Expenses €</b>
	<b>Marketing/Public Relations Work AT</b>		<b>319,000</b>	<b>526,566</b>
7654	Advertising, public relations, services ST	130,000		295,884
7655	Marketing expenses	90,000		131,814
7657	Support service guests of honor	10,000		15,794
7658	Advertising material (honorary gifts, flags, etc.)	7,000		0
7659	Flags, pennants, pins	2,000		0
7662	Press relations WC & WM AT	80,000		83,074
4491	<b>Social Media</b>		<b>80,000</b>	<b>88,778</b>
7601	<b>Various Publishing Costs</b>		<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,477</b>
7602	<b>Trophies, Medals (AT)</b>		<b>30,000</b>	<b>39,619</b>
7630	<b>Magazines, Specialized Literature, Subscriptions</b>		<b>2,500</b>	<b>3,333</b>
7632	<b>FIL Magazine</b>		<b>16,000</b>	<b>16,500</b>
5770	<b>Athletes Subsidy WC AT including 4 Disciplines</b>		<b>220,000</b>	<b>207,687</b>
5775	<b>Athletes Subsidy Junior WC &amp; CC Artificial Track</b>		<b>100,000</b>	<b>174,500</b>
	<b>Prize Money</b>		<b>678,000</b>	<b>681,003</b>
5750	Prize Money WC AT (incl. Team Relay)	560,000		562,819
5750	Prize Money WM AT (incl. Sprint)	103,000		103,184
5750	Uvex Prize Money	15,000		15,000
5719	<b>Doping Tests</b>		<b>280,000</b>	<b>214,871</b>
	<b>Subsidies for Event Organizers AT</b>		<b>885,000</b>	<b>885,907</b>
5726	WC Artificial Track, Team Relay, Sprint	765,000		765,907
5726	WCh Kunstbahn Altenberg 2024	120,000		120,000
	<b>Expenses for Directors, Permanent TD´s, etc.</b>		<b>276,000</b>	<b>255,783</b>
5701	Sport Director Artificial Track General Class	85,000		97,112
5702	Technical Director Artificial Track General Class	90,000		95,728
5706	FIL Director Milano Cortina 2026	75,000		48,773
5703	TD AT Juniors	18,000		12,686
5705	Technical equipment	8,000		1,483
	<b>Subsidies for Event Organization AT</b>		<b>120,000</b>	<b>127,326</b>
5721	Junior World Cup AT	55,000		65,000
5725	Continental Cup AT	50,000		53,996
5722	Approved International Races AT	15,000		8,330

<b>A/c No.</b>		<b>Budget €</b>	<b>Expenses €</b>
	<b>Development Program Artificial Track</b>	<b>514,000</b>	<b>604,563</b>
5731	Training Camps	80,000	102,672
5733	Rental vehicles development program AT	20,000	43,868
5732	Fee for Manager	55,000	60,023
5739	Fee for Temporary Trainers	65,000	87,750
5740	Travel expenses Temporary Trainers	25,000	41,530
5734	Postage, Tel. & other expenses for Manager	3,000	6,406
5735	Material and Equipment	40,000	20,402
5736	NF Programs	40,000	59,128
5737	Vouchers Program	180,000	179,756
5738	Service Vehicle and Staff	6,000	3,029
5729	<b>Program Natural Track - lump sum</b>	<b>442,000</b>	<b>444,790</b>
	<b>Special Costs Strategy Plan SLIDE 2026</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>104,989</b>
5746	Standardized sled components (AT)	0	95,856
5747	Natural luge sport and public sliding	0	9,133
5748	<b>Partnership Programs AT</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>34,200</b>
5718	<b>Flight and Travel Subsidies, Transportation Costs</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>78,415</b>
7325	<b>FIL Vehicles incl. Insurance, Tax &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>14,476</b>
5010	<b>Purchase of Helmets</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>39,270</b>
7700	<b>Insurances</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>10,832</b>
7790	<b>Bank Charges</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>14,444</b>
8280	<b>Fund Management Fee</b>	<b>65,000</b>	<b>70,900</b>
8280	<b>Finance Costs New Office</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>15,971</b>
7671	<b>Agent responsible for Television incl. Fee &amp; Costs</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>74,278</b>
7673	<b>TV Production AT incl. Live Streaming &amp; FIL Studio</b>	<b>700,000</b>	<b>874,776</b>
7766	<b>Expenses from the 2022/2023 season (Payables)</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>74,325</b>
7767	<b>Extra expenses YOG 2024</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>124,054</b>
7760	<b>Unforeseen Expenses</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>0</b>
7905	<b>Allocation of Hardship Cases Fund</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>
	<b>2023/2024 Total Expenses</b>	<b>6,307,300</b>	<b>7,142,586</b>
	<b>Less 2023/24 Total Income</b>	<b>2,029,500</b>	<b>2,369,650</b>
	<b>Release of Reserves for 2023/2024</b>	<b>4,277,800</b>	<b>4,772,936</b>



**D R A F T**

**Annual Budget  
from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025  
Consolidated**

**1. Income (in EURO)**

**Account No.**

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4350	<b><u>Annual Membership Fee from National Federations</u></b>		<b>3,000</b>
8282	<b><u>Return on Investments, Dividends, Interests</u></b>		<b>150,000</b>
	<b><u>IOC</u></b>		<b>160,000</b>
4357	Olympic Solidarity	50,000	
4356	Development Programme	65,000	
4359	WOF	45,000	
	<b><u>Television and Advertising Revenues</u></b>		<b>1,630,000</b>
	<b><u>Sales</u></b>		<b>1,500</b>
4065	Helmets, Visors and Miscellaneous	1,500	
	<b>2024/2025 Total Income</b>		<b>1,944,500</b>

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## 2. Expenses (in EURO)

### Account No.

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7660	<b><u>Management President</u></b> Official Function Expenses		<b>100,000</b>
7661	<b><u>Administrative Expenses Secretary General</u></b> Official Function Expenses		<b>80,000</b>
	<b><u>FIL Office Berchtesgaden</u></b>		<b>691,000</b>
6200	Wages & additional costs to wages	500,000	
6015	Support staff	5,000	
7401	Rents (office, stock)	5,000	
7402	Operating costs, additional costs, IT	35,000	
7380	Postage, Telephone, Fax, Office Material	20,000	
7669	Internet	1,000	
7204	Maintenance costs, equipment, furniture	20,000	
7300	Transportation and custom fees	5,000	
7610	Data protection	20,000	
7755	Bookkeeping, accounting	30,000	
7745	External audits FIL, FIL GmbH	25,000	
7740	Tax advisory expenses	10,000	
7750	Legal and consulting expenses	10,000	
7757	Miscellaneous Expenses	5,000	
7404	<b><u>FIL Office Salzburg (Operating Costs, Office Material)</u></b>		<b>4,500</b>
7666	<b><u>Administrative Expenses VP Finance</u></b> Official function expenses		<b>30,000</b>
	<b><u>Lump Sum Adm. Expenses Executive B. Memb. (exc. Presidium)</u></b>		<b>38,000</b>
7681	4 x € 6.000 (VPs)	24,000	
7682	3 x € 4.000 (Ex. board members, athletes rep)	12,000	
7683	1 x € 2.000 (Continental VPs)	2,000	
	<b><u>Expenses for FIL Commissions/Working Groups</u></b>		<b>167,000</b>
7511	Sport Commission AT	12,000	
7512	Technical Commission AT	10,000	
7514	Commission Youth/Development	15,000	
7513	Track Commission and experts OWG 2026	30,000	
7515	Other Commissions, Working Groups, Legal advice	25,000	
7516	FIL Integrity Unit	75,000	
7341	<b><u>Travel Expenses Executive Board Members and Officials</u></b>		<b>130,000</b>
7751	<b><u>Translation Expenses</u></b>		<b>7,000</b>
	<b><u>FIL Meetings</u></b>		<b>160,000</b>
7762	FIL Congress	110,000	
7764	Executive Board and Presidium Meetings	50,000	
7785	<b><u>Fees ("Fair Play" etc.)</u></b>		<b>1,500</b>

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	<b><u>Marketing/Public Relations Work</u></b>		<b>349,000</b>
7654	Advertising, public relations, services AT World Cups, WCh	150,000	
7655	Marketing expenses	50,000	
7657	Support service guests of honor	15,000	
7658	Advertising material (honorary gifts, flags, etc.)	3,000	
7659	Flags, pennants, pins	1,000	
7662	Press relations WC AT (centr. press officer) + WM	90,000	
7653	DokuMe data base development	40,000	
	<b><u>Social Media</u></b>		<b>90,000</b>
7668	Social Media	90,000	
7601	<b><u>Various Publishing Costs</u></b>		<b>5,000</b>
7602	<b><u>Trophies, Medals AT</u></b>		<b>40,000</b>
7630	<b><u>Magazines, Specialized Literature, Subscriptions</u></b>		<b>2,000</b>
5770	<b><u>Athletes Subsidy WC AT including 4 Disciplines</u></b>		<b>220,000</b>
5770	<b><u>Athletes Subsidy Junior WC &amp; CC Cup AT</u></b>		<b>175,000</b>
	<b><u>Prize Money</u></b>		<b>678,000</b>
5750	Prize Money WC AT (incl. Team Relay)	560,000	
5752	Prize Money World Championships AT	103,000	
5758	Uvex Prize Money	15,000	
5719	<b><u>Doping tests</u></b>		<b>300,000</b>
	<b><u>Subsidies for Event Organizers</u></b>		<b>800,000</b>
5726	WC Artificial Track, Team Relay	680,000	
5728	WCh Artificial Track Whistler 2025	120,000	
	<b><u>Expenses for Directors, Permanent TD's, etc.</u></b>		<b>278,000</b>
5701	Sport Director Artificial Track General Class	105,000	
5702	Technical Director Artificial Track General Class	105,000	
5706	FIL Consultant	30,000	
5703	TD AT Juniors	18,000	
5705	Technical equipment	20,000	
	<b><u>Subsidies for Event Organization</u></b>		<b>120,000</b>
5721	Junior World Cup AT	50,000	
5725	Continental Cup AT	55,000	
5722	Approved International Races AT	15,000	
	<b><u>Development Program Artificial Track</u></b>		<b>530,000</b>
5731	Training Camps	50,000	
5733	Rental vehicles development program	30,000	
5732	Fee for Manager	65,000	
5739	Fee for Temporary Trainer	70,000	
5740	Travel expenses temporary trainer	30,000	



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5734	Postage, Tel., other expenses for Manager	3,000	
5735	Material and Equipment	20,000	
5741	Athlete recruitment	17,000	
5742	Summer training camp	20,000	
5736	NF Programs	40,000	
5737	Vouchers Program	180,000	
5738	Service Vehicle and Staff	5,000	
5729	<b><u>Program Natural Track - lump sum</u></b>		<b>460,000</b>
	<b><u>Special Costs Strategy Plan SLIDE 2026</u></b>		<b>195,000</b>
5746	Standardized sled components (AT)	20,000	
5747	Natural luge sport and public sledding	175,000	
5749	Other	0	
5748	<b><u>Partnership Programs AT</u></b>		<b>35,000</b>
5718	<b><u>Flight and Travel Subsidies, Transportation Costs</u></b>		<b>80,000</b>
7325	<b><u>FIL Vehicles</u></b> Insurance, taxes, maintenance costs (car, van)		<b>15,000</b>
5010	<b><u>Purchase of Helmets</u></b>		<b>42,000</b>
7700	<b><u>Insurances</u></b>		<b>15,000</b>
7790	<b><u>Bank Charges</u></b>		<b>10,000</b>
7181	<b><u>Fund Management Fee</u></b>		<b>60,000</b>
8280	<b><u>Finance Costs New Office</u></b>		<b>16,000</b>
7671	<b><u>Director, Agent responsible for Television</u></b> Fee, additional costs, support staff		<b>115,000</b>
7673	<b><u>Television Expenses</u></b> TV production AT incl. live streaming & FIL Studio		<b>740,000</b>
7766	<b><u>Expenses from the 2023/2024 season (Payables)</u></b>		<b>50,000</b>
7760	<b><u>Unforeseen Expenses</u></b>		<b>2,000</b>
7905	<b><u>Allocation Hardship Cases Fund</u></b>		<b>10,000</b>

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<b>2024/2025 Total Expenses Annual Budget</b>	<b>6,841,000</b>
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<b>Less 2024/25 Total Income Annual Budget</b>	<b>1,944,500</b>
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<b>Release of Reserves 2024/2025 from Annual Budget</b>	<b>4,896,500</b>
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Wals-Siezenheim, 17 May 2024  
Geoff Balme  
Vice President for Finance of the FIL

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FIL Audit  
Derek Prentice  
Vlasta Vavruskova

**To the 72<sup>nd</sup> FIL Congress 2024  
in Lake Placid/USA**

**AUDIT REPORT of 4 May 2024**

We, the undersigned, members of the Control Commission, in accordance with our mandate and in the period 3 and 4 May 2024, in FIL office in Berchtesgaden/GER, examined the accounts, the annual financial statement for 31 March 2024 and all transactions for the business year 2023/2024.

We find that:

1. The accounts were correctly kept in accordance with the legal requirements,
2. All documentary evidence and bank statements are available and agree with the account entries.
3. We have checked the assets and liabilities as of 31 March 2024 for any impairment and established that they were correct on that date.
4. The annual statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 and the statement of assets at 31 March 2024 are in agreement with the figures in the accounting records.

The annual statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 shows:

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>2,369,650</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>7,142,586</b>
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<b>Net outlay of resources</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>4,772,936</b>
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The 2023/24 financial year hasn't been easy for the FIL. Inflation has increased the FIL's operating costs beyond what was budgeted for and the implementation of Slide 2026 along with the FIL's changing sport environment has resulted in unbudgeted expenditure.

The FIL's financial management also had challenges during the 2023/24 financial year. During the year it became apparent that the bookkeeper employed in June 2022 could not provide what was expected and resigned leaving the bookkeeping in disarray. While a decision was made to engage BDO Salzburg to undertake the bookkeeping this was very much in transition at year end.

During the year the Presidium made several important financial management decisions:

- A limited liability company was established for transacting the FIL's commercial activities and events.
- A review of the FIL's banking arrangements is being undertaken to ensure that the FIL's banking processes are efficient, including integrating with the FIL's bookkeeping system, cost effective and that the return on FIL's investments are being maximized within the parameters the Presidium and LGT believe are appropriate.
- Starting next year with the 2024/25 financial year, the FIL will produce a full set of audited financial statements (i.e. balance sheet, income statement and notes), the financial statements will be prepared by BDO Salzburg and audited by ANA Vienna. For the 2034/24 financial year ANA will undertake agreed-upon procedures concerning the statement of assets and liabilities as has been done in the past by SOT.

We commend the Presidium for these initiatives.

While the financial management in the financial year 2023/2024 corresponded closely to budget for many budget items, significant deviations noted are:

- Return on investments - €103,000 over budget
- IOC subsidies - €246,000 over budget
- Miscellaneous income - €40,000 over budget
- Official function expenses for the Presidium - €94,000 over budget \*
- Bookkeeping, accounting, audit & tax - €48,000 over budget
- Travel expenses for Executive Board Members & Officials - €24,000 over budget
- Marketing and Public relations - €208,000 over budget
- Athlete's subsidies Continental Cup AT - €75,000 over budget
- Doping tests - €65,000 under budget
- Development Program AT - €91,000 over budget
- Strategy Plan SLIDE 2026 - €105,000 over budget \*
- TV incl. agent, production, live streaming & FIL Studio - €169,000 over budget
- Expenses for the 2022/23 season (of €74,000) - €44,000 over budget

\* Budget for this expenditure was approved by the Executive Board in September 2023.

Some variances in individual cost center areas are allocation-related and have no significant impact on the overall budget targets. Details of the financial statements as of 31 March 2024 and these variances will be explained verbally at the Congress as usual.

### **Comments on the audit**

We find that, beyond the business transactions already discussed, there are no noteworthy changes relative to the financial report for 2023/2024 to be discussed.

Dear Delegates, we find that in the year 2023/2024 our FIL Vice-President for Finance, Geoff Balme, has managed the FIL's assets professionally, prudently and, together with the FIL Presidium, with the usual commitment and success for the benefit of the entire FIL family.

All documents required for our audit were made available for our work freely, in full and collated.

We find that the collaboration between the FIL office in Berchtesgaden and the Vice President for Finance works well.

We would like to thank our staff in the FIL Office, headed by Executive Director Christoph Schweiger and his staff members for the excellent work they have done throughout the year and especially since the departure of the bookkeeper. We would also like to thank BDO and ANA for their professional work, support and guidance.

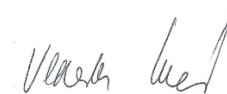
For the year now ended, 2023/2024, it is therefore our earnest wish to thank the FIL Presidium with President Einars Fogelis at its head, and especially the Vice-President for Finance Geoff Balme, the whole Executive, the commissions and all officials and employees of the FIL for their outstanding and untiring work for the worldwide sport of luge.

Based on the audit that we have carried out, we recommend that the Congress thank the Vice President for Finance Geoff Balme, the Presidium of the FIL, the whole Executive Board and the Control Commission, and releases them from their accounting obligations.

For the Control Commission:



Derek Prentice  
Chairperson



Vlasta Vavruskova  
Member

Berchtesgaden, 4 May 2024

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# Antrag auf Ausrichtung von FIL-Meisterschaften

## - Bereich Kunstbahn-Rodeln -

Bob und Schlittenverband für Deutschland e.V.

Rodel WM 2028

**Nationale Föderation:**

**Vorgesehene Meisterschaft:**

Königssee

**Geplanter Austragungsort:**

### 1. Gewährte Vergünstigungen für die Teams in der Internationalen Trainingswoche:

(z.B. Übernahme Aufenthalt für eine bestimmte Anzahl von Athleten; Nutzung der Bahn ohne Gebühren oder mit Preisnachlass; Durchführung eines Sportlerabends)

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### 2. Gewährte Vergünstigungen für die Teams bei den Meisterschaften:

(z.B. Übernahme Aufenthalt für eine bestimmte Anzahl von Athleten; Durchführung eines Sportlerabends)

Buntes Rahmenprogramm um die WM, Verpflegung der Athleten im Sportbereich

Eröffnungsfeier mit Showprogramm

Athleten- Winter- BBQ

### 3. Wird die TV-Produktion durch eine TV-Anstalt des Ausrichterlandes erstellt und finanziert? (Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen)

zu 100 %	Ja	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nein	<input type="checkbox"/>
zu 50 %	Ja	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nein	<input type="checkbox"/>

Zuschuss in Euro \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Kommt mindestens eine leistungsfähige Videowand (für Einsatz bei Tageslicht geeignet) zum Einsatz?

(Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen)

Ja	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nein	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Steht an allen Wettkampftagen ein VIP-Zelt zur Verfügung?  
(Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen)

Ja  (wenn ja: ungefähre Anzahl der Sitzplätze 400)  
Nein

6. Werden für die VIP-Gäste spezielle Zonen geschaffen / Tribünen aufgebaut?  
(Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen)

Ja   
Nein

7. Welche Maßnahmen sind zur Sicherung einer hohen Zahl von Zuschauern vorgesehen?

Mediale Bewerbung Rundfunk, TV und Presse

Plakat und Bannerwerbung an Straßen und Buslinien

Günstige Preise für Eintrittstickets

8. Welche nennenswerten Aktivitäten werden als Rahmenprogramm für die Teilnehmer stattfinden (Gestaltung der Veranstaltung zu einem „Event“)?

Empfang der Nationen

Empfang des Ministerpräsidenten Bayern

Athletenabend

9. Besteht eine Vereinbarung mit einem Sponsor bezüglich Namensrecht am Austragungsort?

Ja   
Nein

Wenn ja: Name des Sponsors: Lotto Bayern

Vereinbarter Name des Austragungsorts: Lotto Bayern Eisarena

Die FIL weist ausdrücklich darauf hin, dass nach der Vergabe abgeschlossene Vereinbarungen über ein Namensrecht am Austragungsort von der FIL genehmigungspflichtig sind. Insbesondere behält sich die FIL ein Recht zur Nichtverwendung des Namens für diese Veranstaltung vor.

10. Durchgeführte Meisterschaften in den letzten 5 Jahren

Jahr der Durchführung:

Welche Meisterschaften:

2021

WM Rodel

2017

WM Bob Skeleton

2016

WM Rennrodel

Mit der Unterschrift unter diesen Antrag wird bestätigt, dass

- die IRO anerkannt wird, ganz besonders
  - das „Pflichtenheft für Ausrichter Kunstbahn“ (wird nachgeschickt),
  - die „Regelung der Rechte für audiovisuelle Medien“ (IRO 2022)
  - § 6 der IRO „Medizinischer Dienst“ (IRO 2022)
  
- von den Meisterschaften im öffentlich-rechtlichen Fernsehen des Landes mindestens 60 Minuten übertragen werden (*gilt nur WM*).
  
- die Möglichkeit einer Teilnahme von Athletinnen und Athleten aller Nationalen Verbände der FIL garantiert wird.

Bob- und Schlittenverband für Deutschland e.V.

Geschäftsstelle An der Schießstätte

83471 Berchtesgaden - Tel. 08652/95884

19.03.2024

Datum

Stempel

Unterschrift des Präsidenten  
bzw. des Generalsekretärs der NF



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**Von:** [Gavin Arnold](#)  
**An:** [Anja Fischer](#)  
**Cc:** [Derek Prentice](#); [Mark Armstrong](#)  
**Betreff:** Re: 72. FIL-Kongress 2024 in Lake Placid/USA / 72nd FIL Congress 2024 in Lake Placid/USA  
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Hi Anja,

The Great Britain Luge Association would like to nominate Mr Derek Prentice for re-election to his position on the Control Commission. If you need any further information in support of this nomination please let me know.

Best regards,

Gavin Arnold  
General Secretary  
GB Luge

On 28 Mar 2024, at 00:01, Anja Fischer <[fischer@fil-luge.org](mailto:fischer@fil-luge.org)> wrote:

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,

in der Anlage senden wir Ihnen die Einladung der ORDA mit weiteren Informationen zum 72. FIL-Kongress in Lake Placid/USA.

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*Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,*

*Please find attached the ORDA invitation with further information on the 72nd FIL Congress in Lake Placid/USA.*

Mit freundlichen Grüßen / *Best regards,*

**Anja Fischer**  
*Deputy Executive Director*



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Berchtesgaden den, 08.05.2024

#### **Wahlvorschlag Deutschland zum FIL Kongress 2024**

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,  
der Bob und Schlittenverband für Deutschland e.V. möchte zum FIL Kongress 2024 in Lake Placid Herrn Karl-Friedrich Schauhoff, wohnhaft in 60486 Frankfurt, Hamburger Allee 4 a, als Kandidat zur Wahl des Ethikbeauftragten der FIL vorschlagen.

Karl-Friedrich Schauhoff ist seit September 2023, durch die FIL Exekutive berufen, in dieser Position stellvertretend für den verstorbenen Dr. Jochen Fritzweiler tätig.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Thomas Schwab  
(Vorstandsvorsitzender)

high tech  
high speed  
high performance

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Status: 24.05.2024

TR - Team Relay

\*MX - Mixed Event (Final decision after the FIL Congress)

\*TBC

## Race calendar World Cup and Junior World Cup 2024/2025

		Dez 24				Jan 25				Feb 25			
day		World Cup		Junior World Cup		World Cup		Junior World Cup		World Cup		Junior World Cup	
1	So			1	Mi			1	Sa			FINALE JWC Laas	
2	Mo			2	Do			2	So				
3	Di			3	Fr			2. JWC Passeier		3	Mo		
4	Mi			4	Sa					4	Di		
5	Do			5	So	2. World Cup Laas				5	Mi		
6	Fr			6	Mo					6	Do	5. World Cup Vatra Dornei	
7	Sa			7	Di			7	Fr				
8	So			8	Mi			8	Sa	World Championships		FIL Jugendspiele Jaufental	
9	Mo	ITW FIL Group General Class Kühtai		9	Do			9	So				
10	Di			10	Fr	3. World Cup Umhausen Verfolger				10	Mo		
11	Mi			11	Sa					11	Di		
12	Do			12	So					12	Mi		
13	Fr			13	Mo			13	Do				
14	Sa	1. World Cup Kühtai		14	Di			14	Fr				
15	So			15	Mi			15	Sa		Junior European Championships		
16	Mo			16	Do			16	So				
17	Di			17	Fr			17	Mo				
18	Mi			18	Sa			3. JWC Umhausen		18	Di		
19	Do			19	So					19	Mi		
20	Fr			20	Mo			20	Do				
21	Sa			21	Di			21	Fr				
22	So			ITW FIL Group Winterleiten		22	Mi			22	Sa	6. World Cup Deutschnofen	
23	Mo	23	Do					23	So				
24	Di	24	Fr					24	Mo				
25	Mi	25	Sa			4. World Cup Mariazell				25	Di		
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**2023/24**

# **TV Analysis**

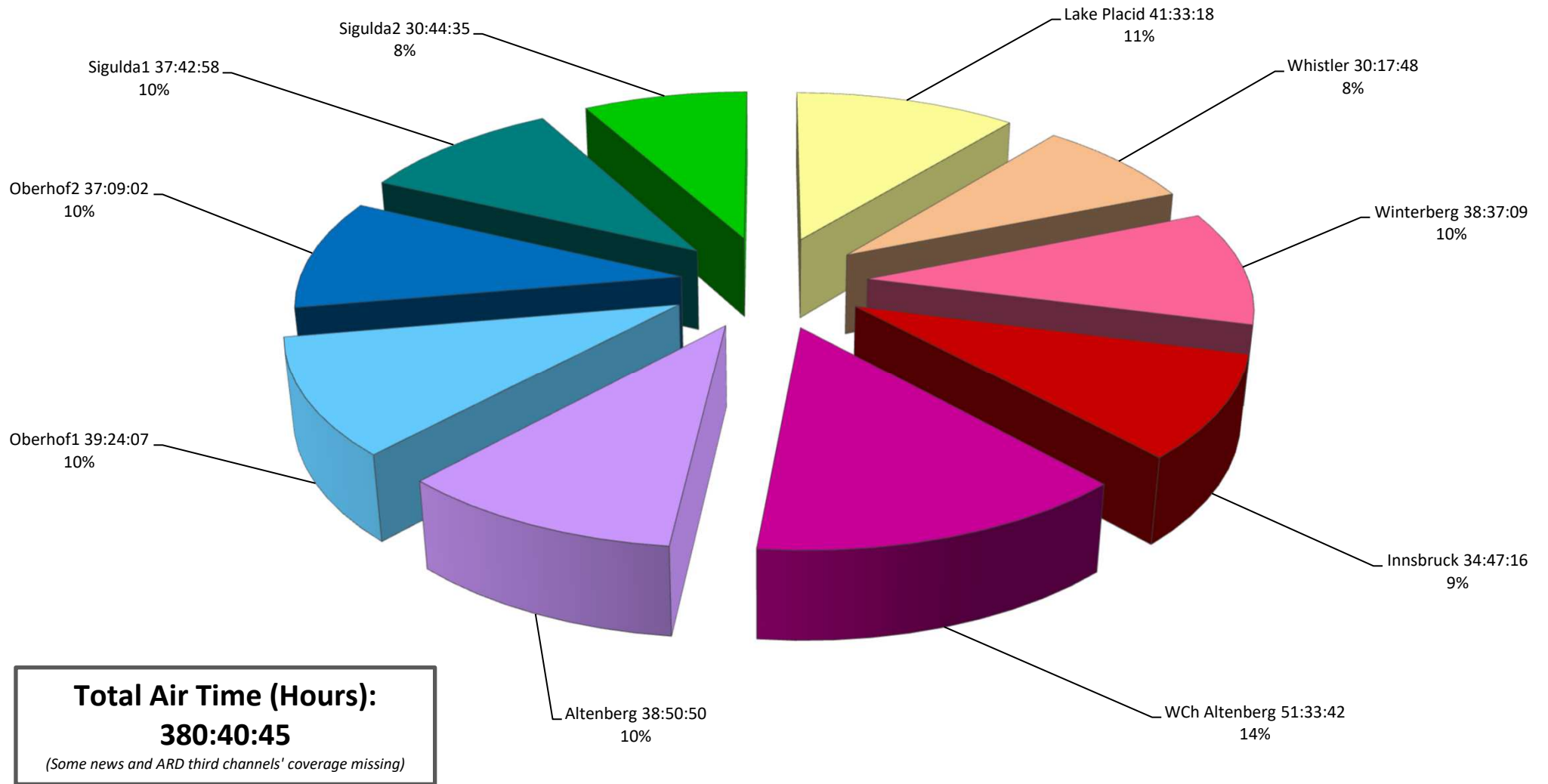
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**Eberspächer Luge World Cup**

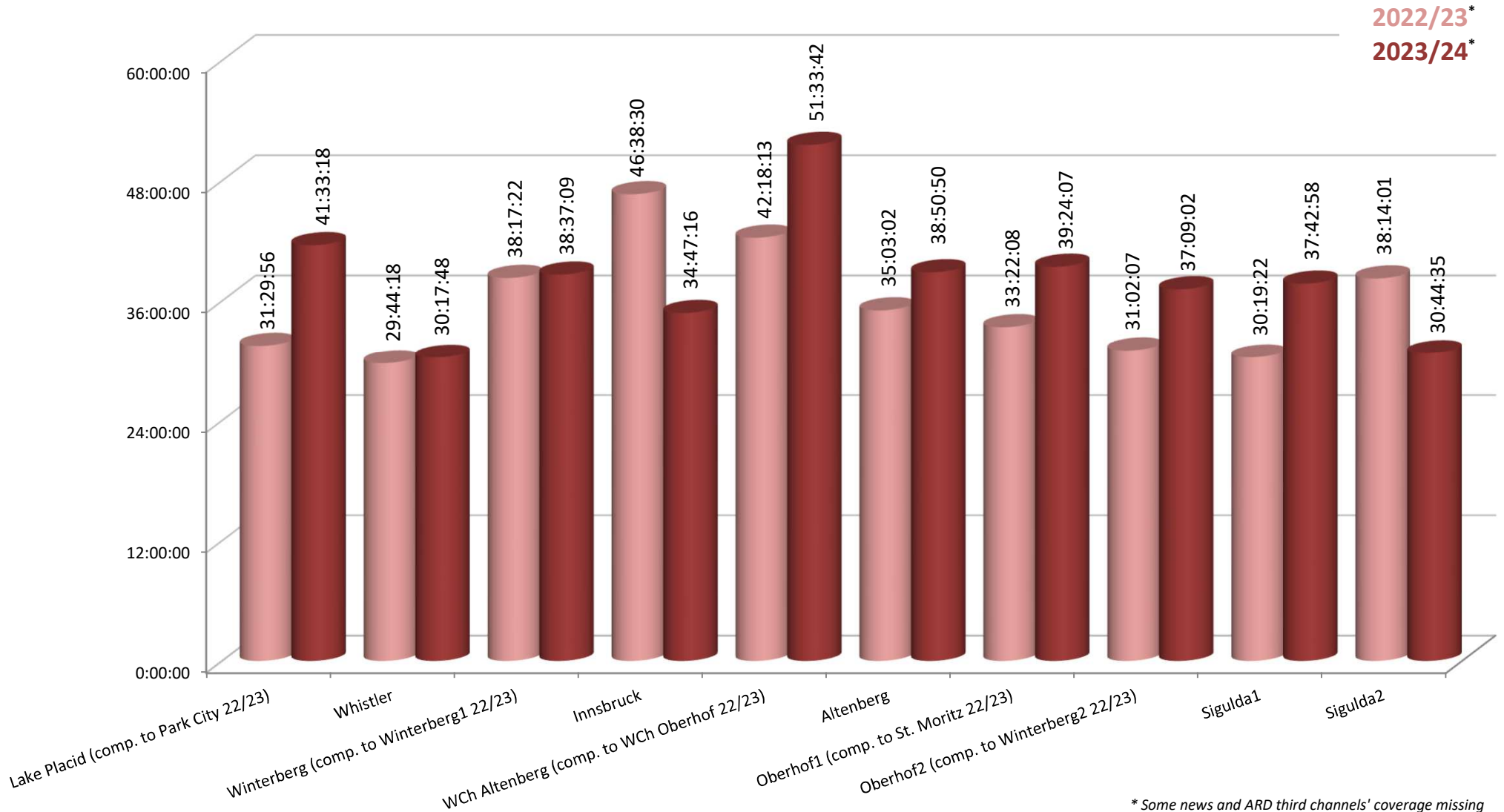
**52<sup>nd</sup> FIL Luge World Championships**

**55<sup>th</sup> FIL Luge European Championships**

FIL - Fédération Internationale de Luge  
**TV Exposure 2023/24: Air Time by Event (Hours)**

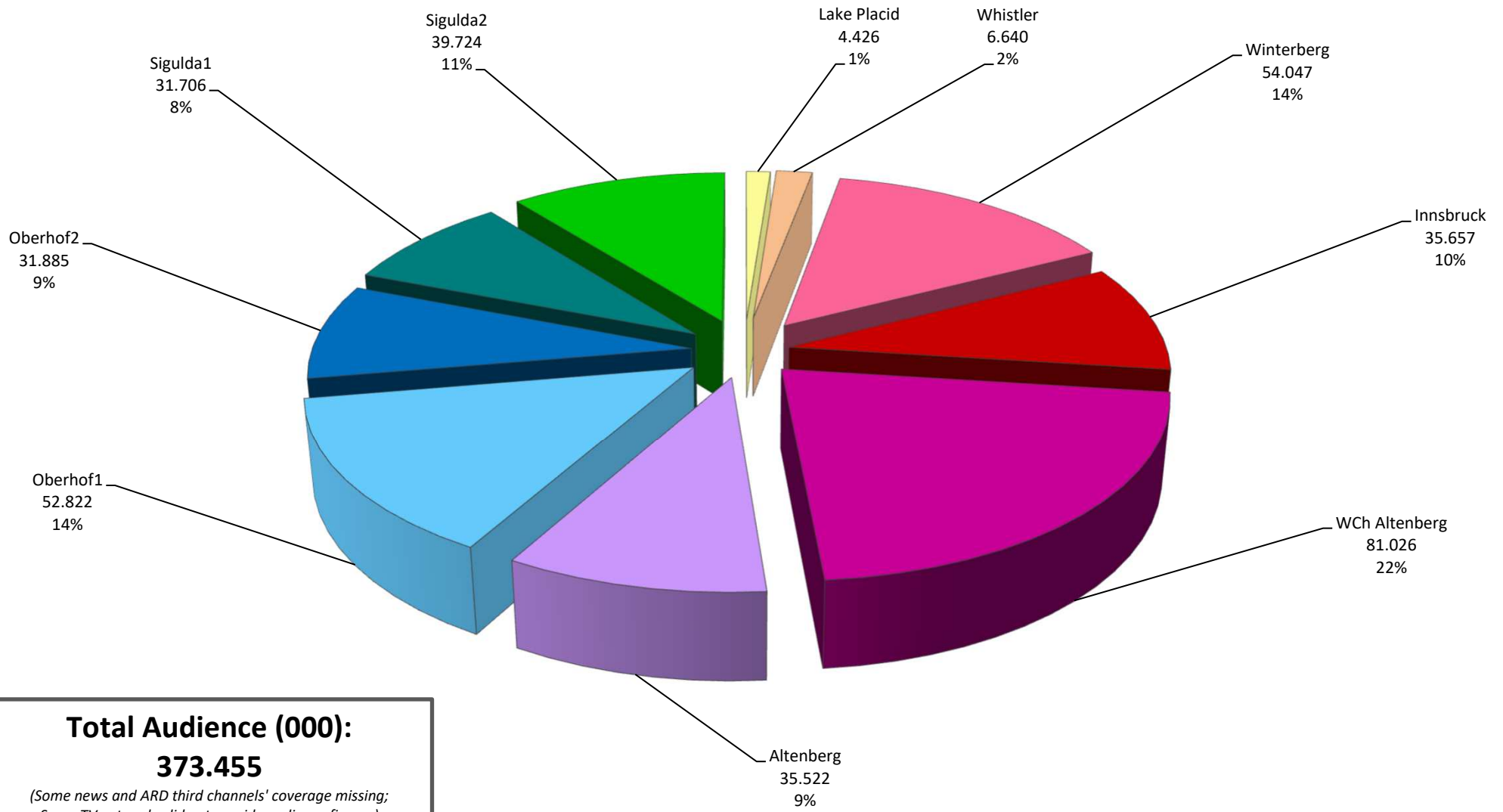


### TV Exposure 2023/24 - Compared to previous season: Air Time by Event (Hours)

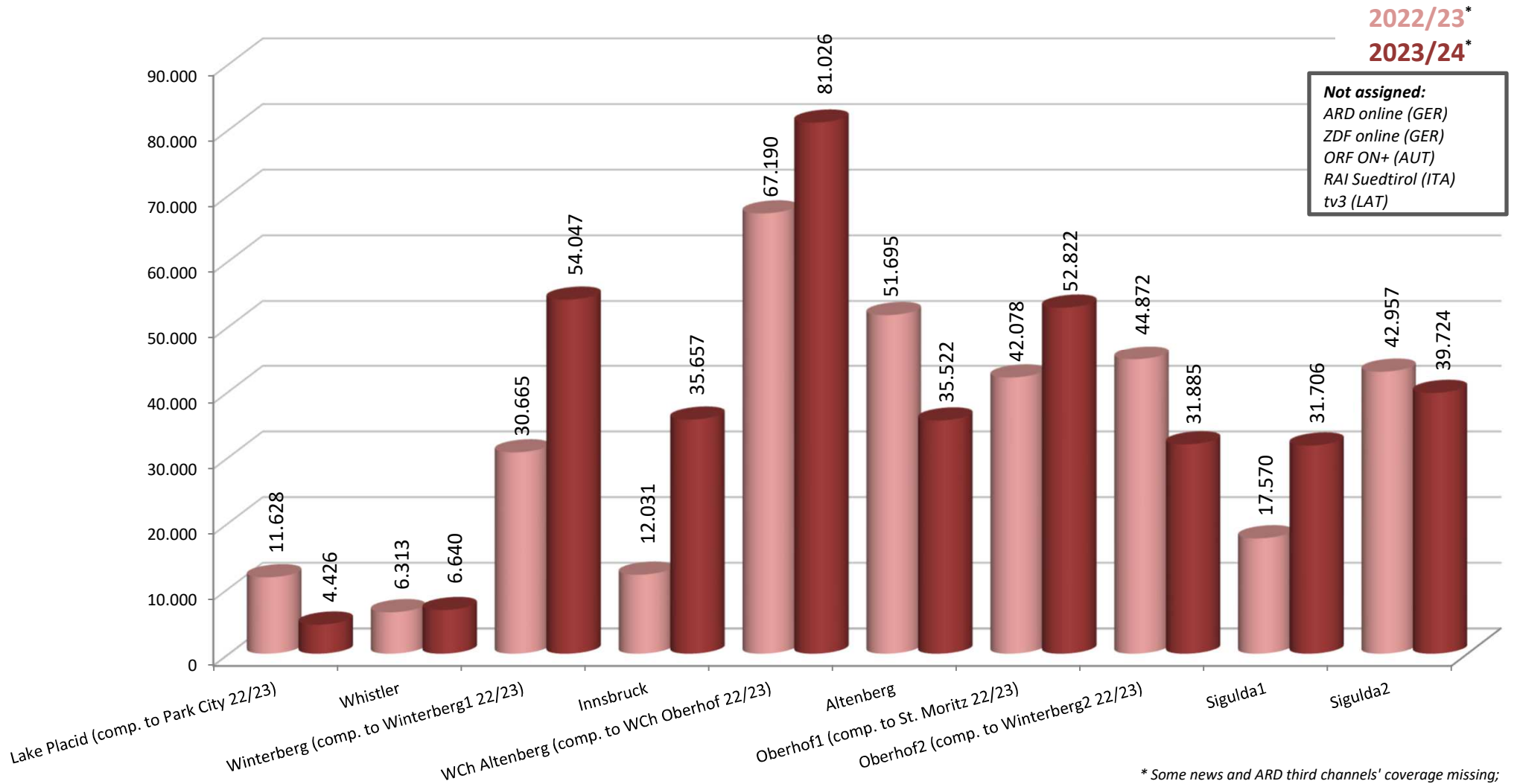


\* Some news and ARD third channels' coverage missing

FIL - Fédération Internationale de Luge  
**TV Exposure 2023/24: Audience by Event (000)**

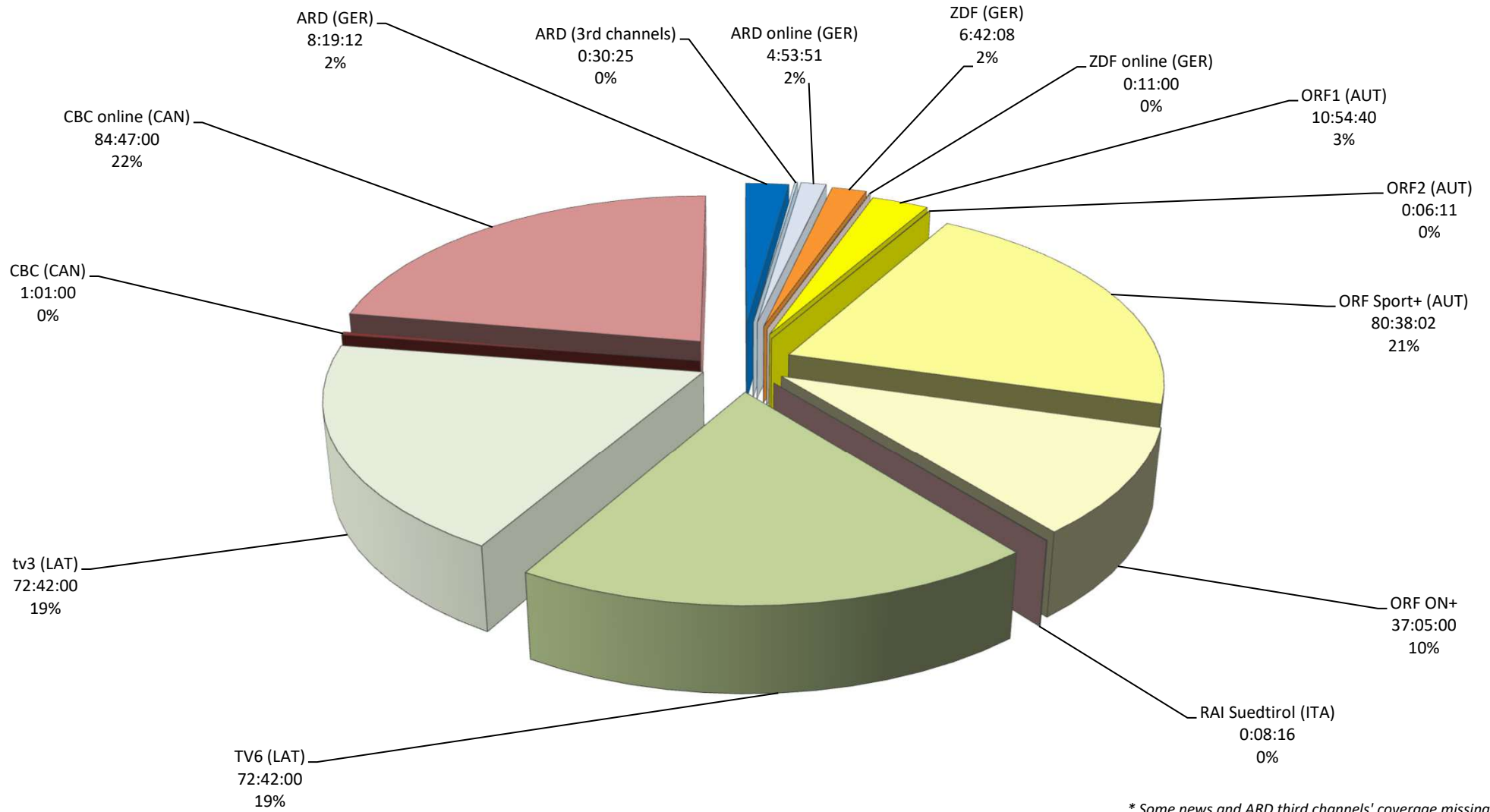


**TV Exposure 2023/24 - Compared to previous season: Audience by Event (000)**



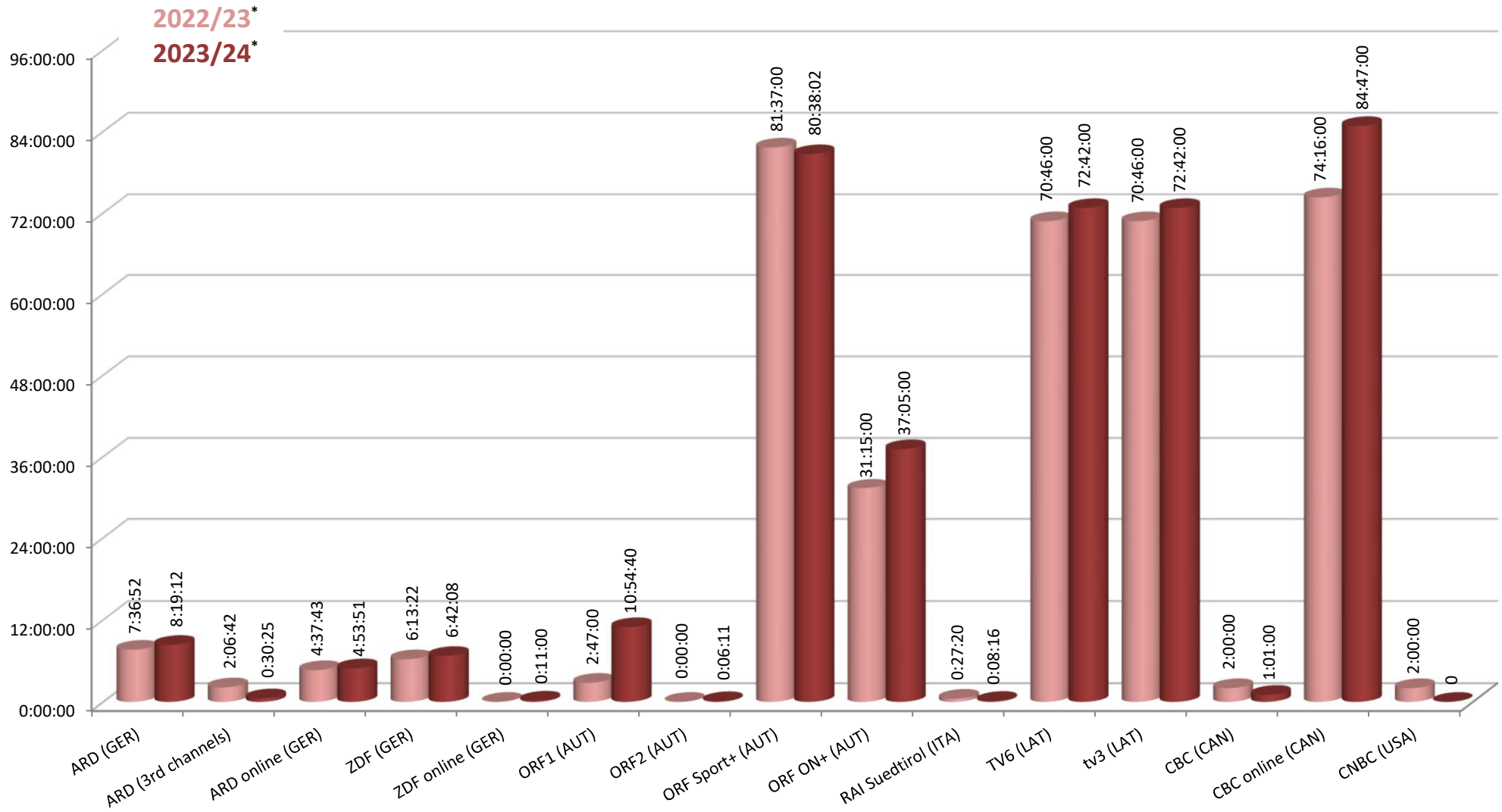
\* Some news and ARD third channels' coverage missing;  
Some TV networks did not provide audience figures

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**TV Exposure 2023/24: Air Time by TV (Hours)**



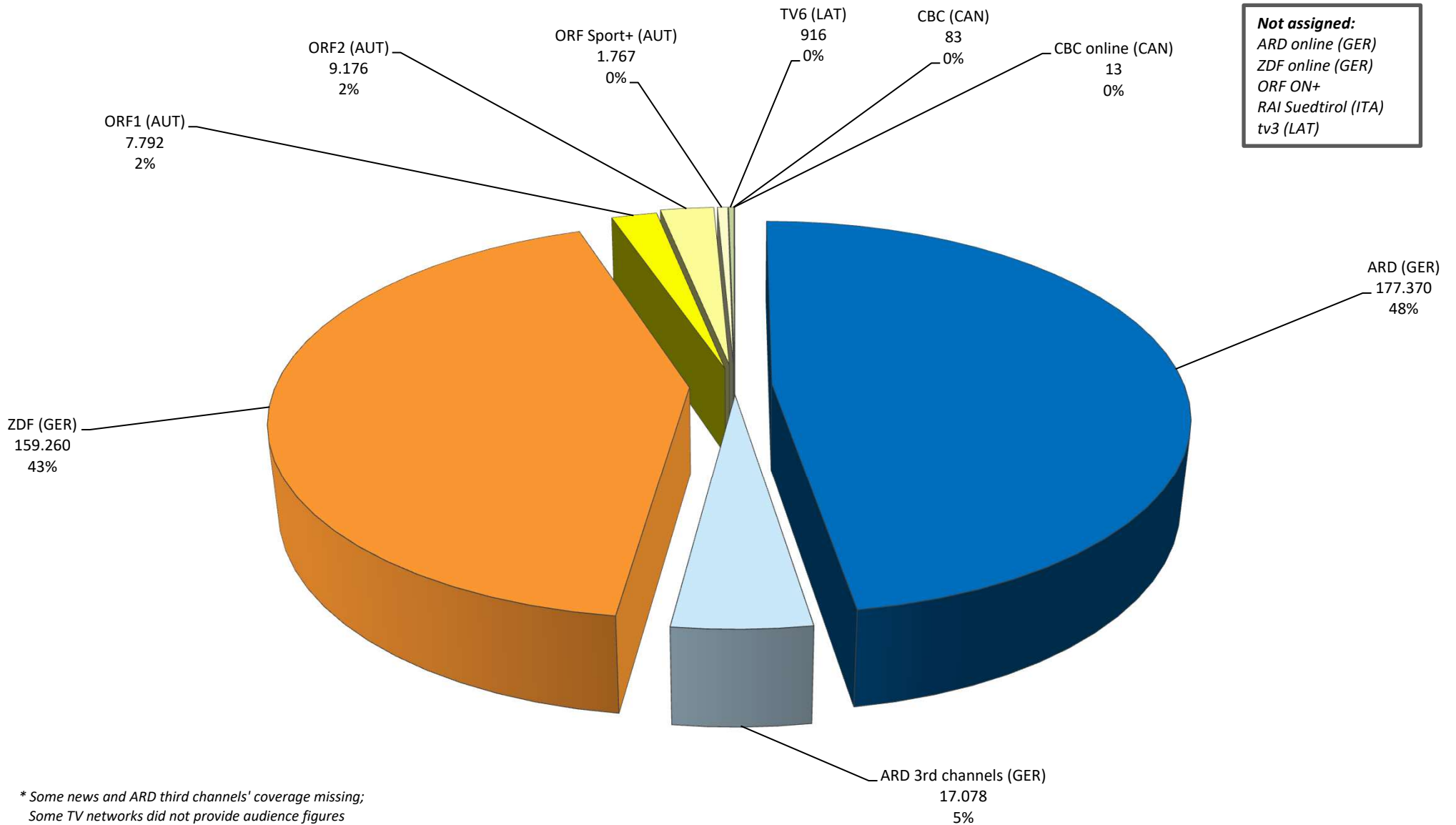
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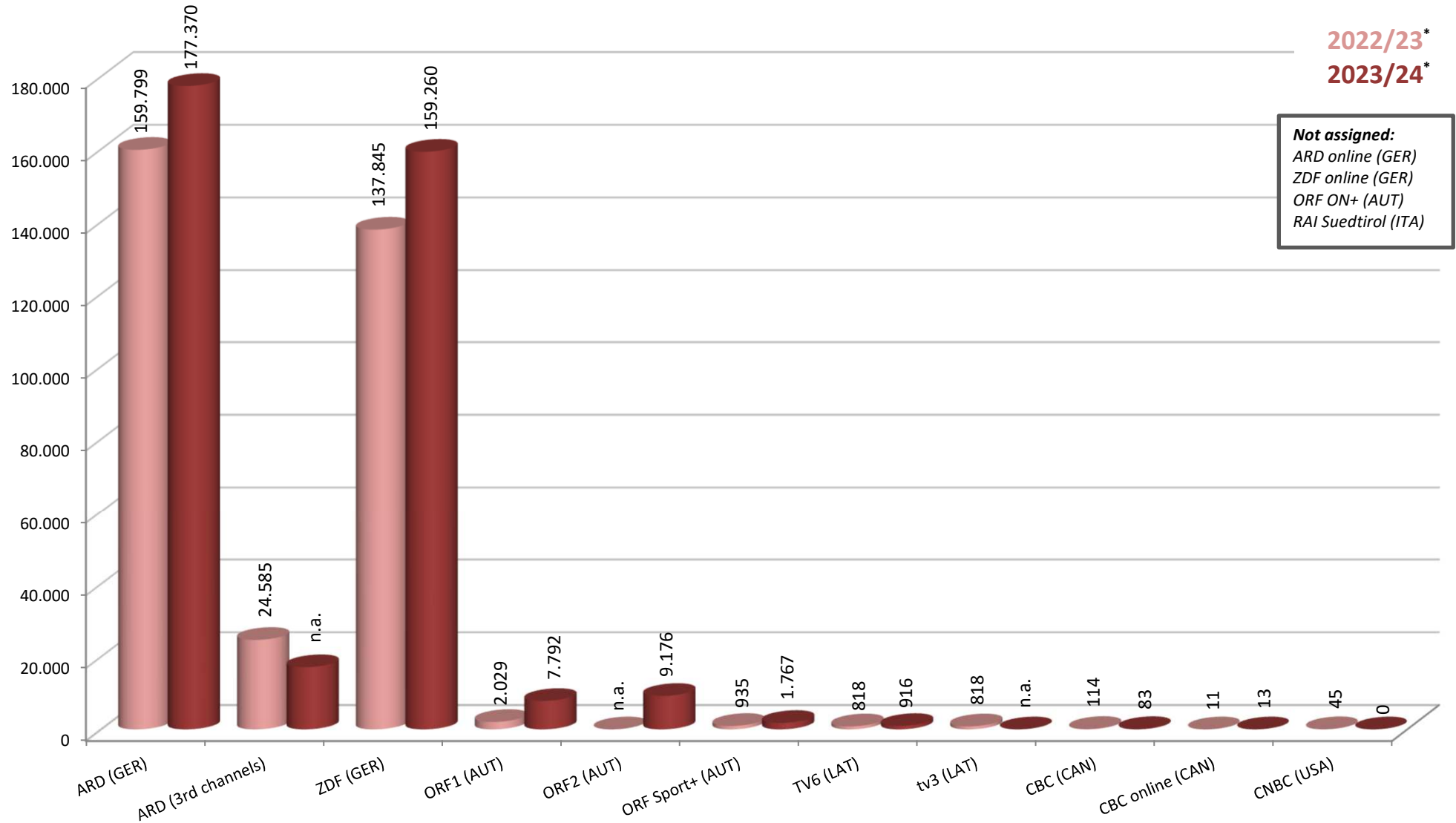
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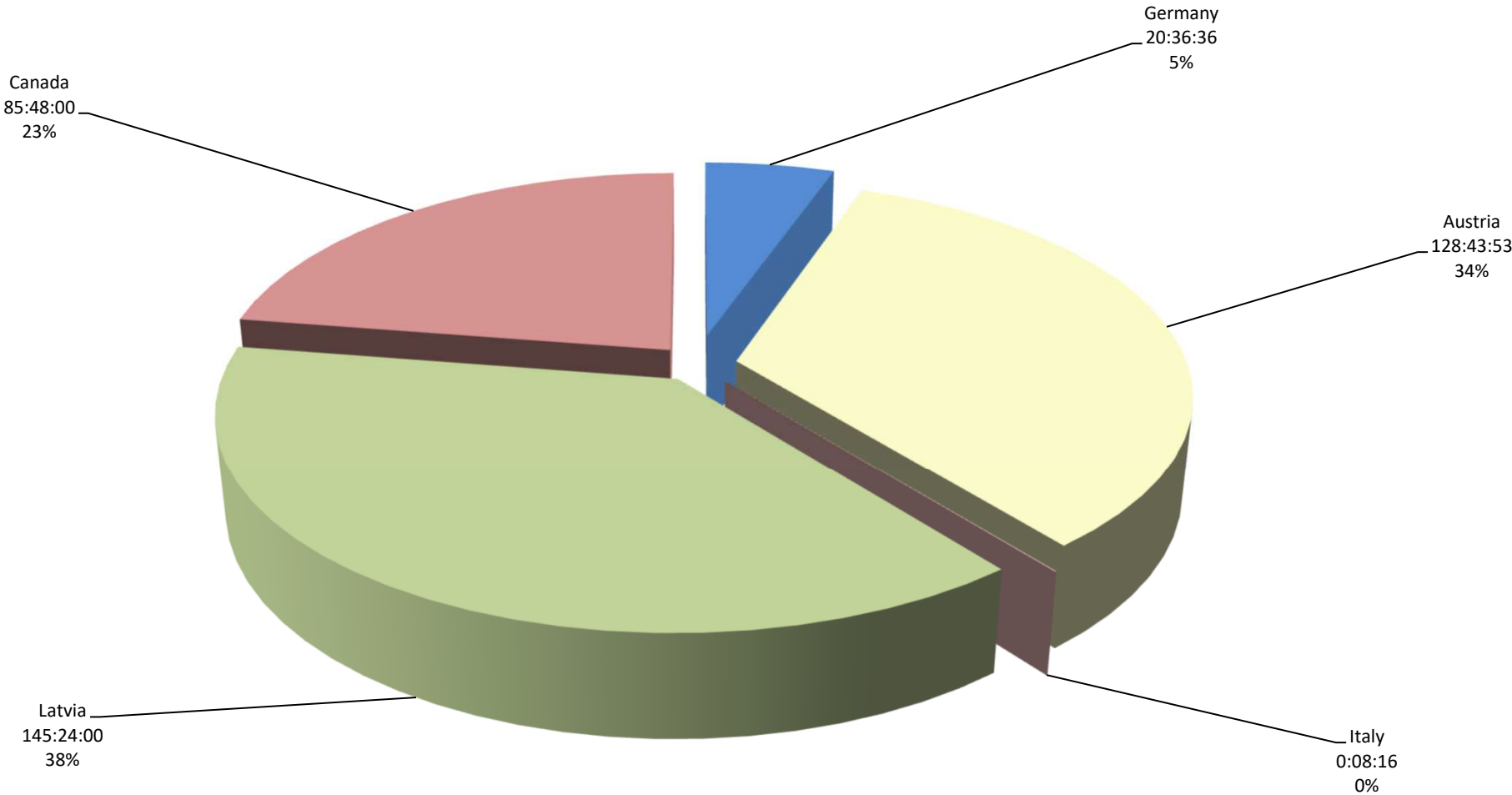


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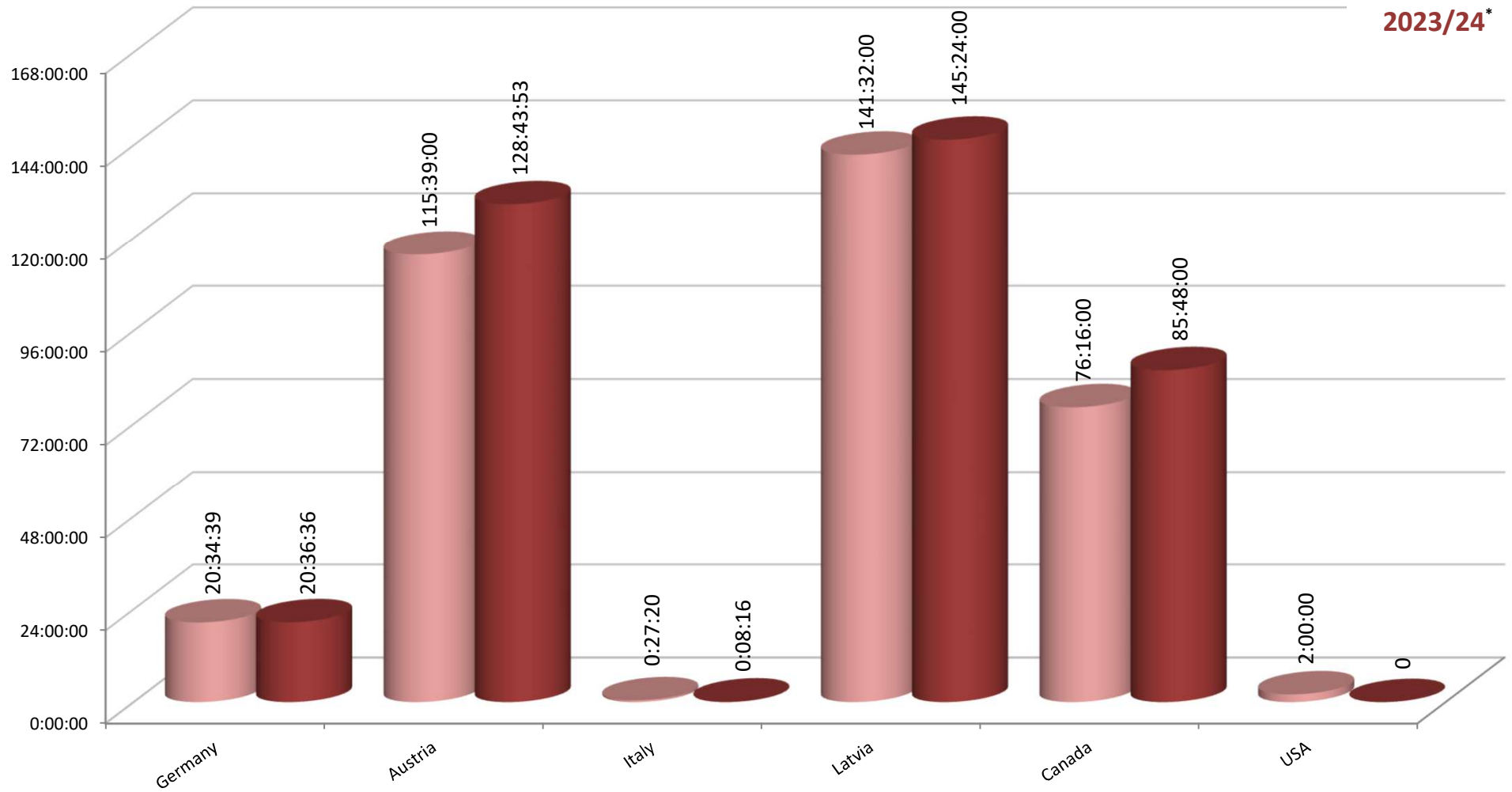
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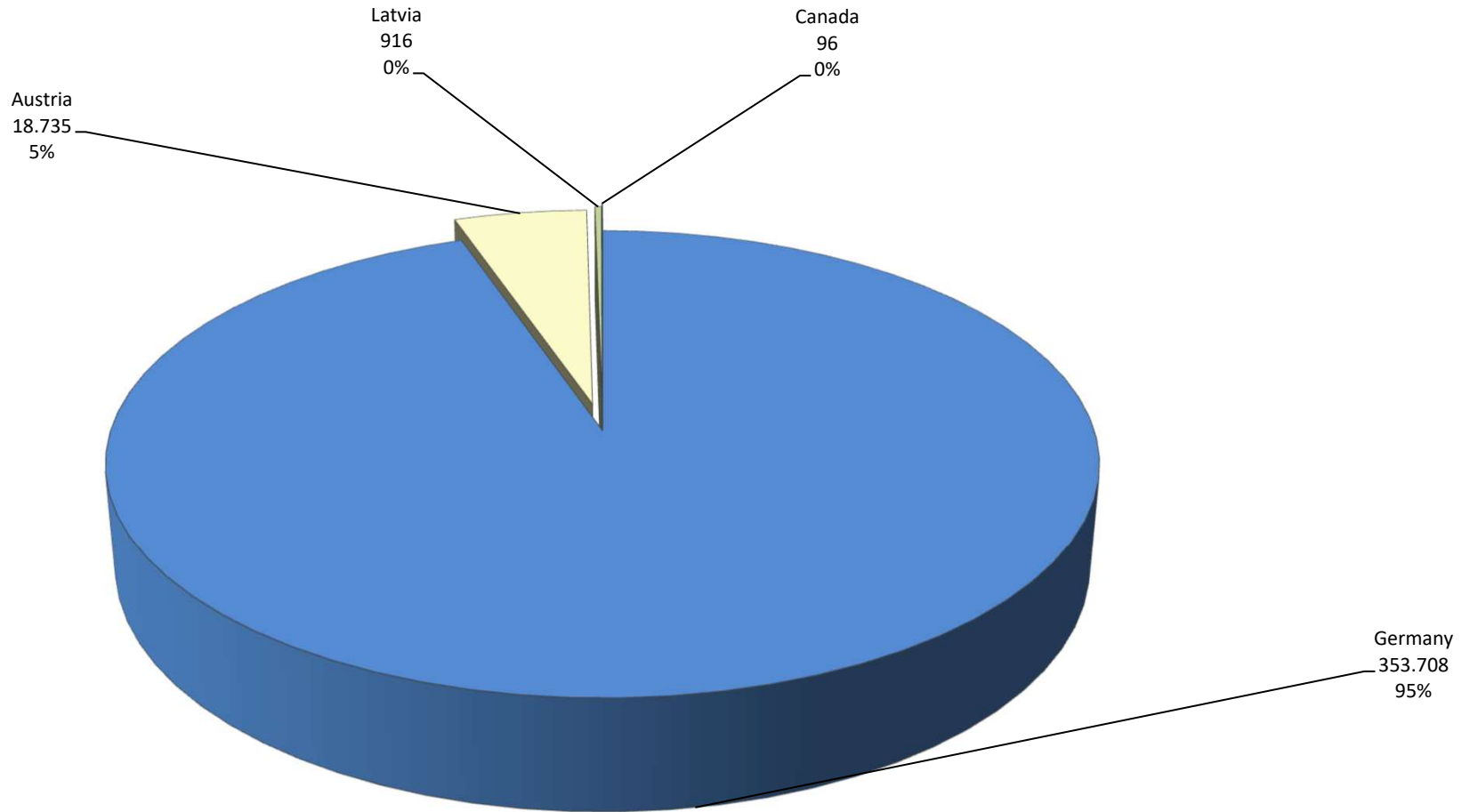
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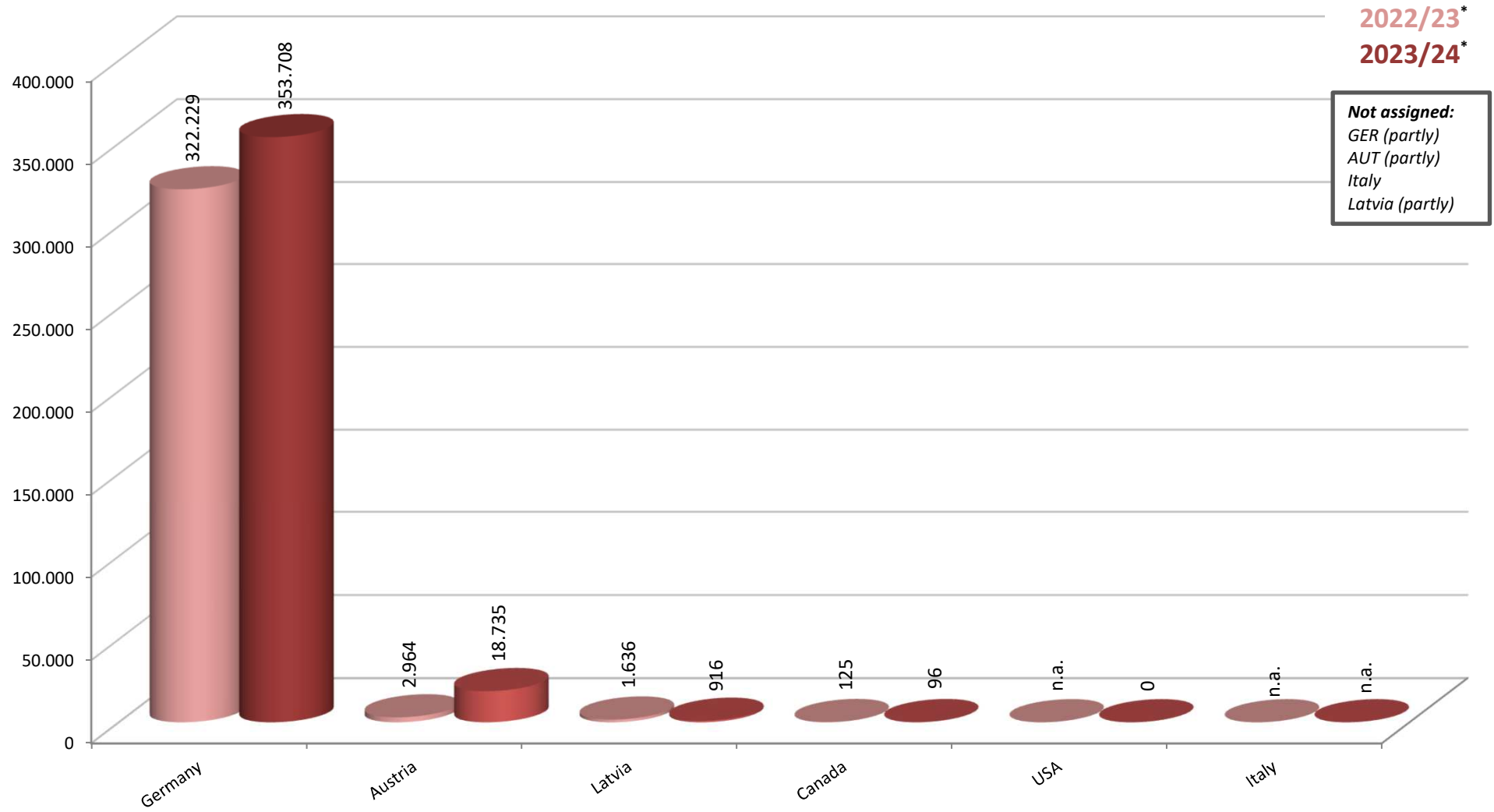
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**Not assigned:**  
GER (partly)  
AUT (partly)  
Italy  
Latvia (partly)

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## FIL Congress 2025

Dear Luge Federation and it's member countries:

Finnish Luge Federation is applying to be host for FIL Congress 2025.

Location would be city of Tampere in Finland.

Best regards,

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President of Finnish Luge Federation



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#### 74. FIL Kongress 2026

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,  
der Bob und Schlittenverband für Deutschland e.V. bewirbt sich für die Austragung des 74. FIL  
Kongress. Der vorgesehene Austragungsort ist Berchtesgaden.

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
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