



Guidelines for the Use of a Nonrigid Neck Protector for the 2024/2025 Season

The FIL Medical and Technical Commissions have agreed upon the use of semirigid neck protection for the 2024-25 season.

Company: At the writing of this policy the only commercially available product that meets the criteria set forth by medical and technical commissions can be purchased online from the company KAPSUL a company based in Ontario, Canada. The website is kapsultech.com

Product: The device is called Kapsul ATLAS Short Sleeve Shirt and is available in many sizes and a men's and women's design.

Sizing: The product must be sized appropriately to the athlete's size according to the manufacturer's sizing guide.

Medical: The use of this device does not require medical approval or prescription. The athlete should discuss the use of the device with their National Federation medical staff.

Modification: The product can only be used in the out of package form and not modified in any manner. The product will be inspected by the FIL official and can lead to a penalty if any modification is made to the original design.

Compatibility: The garment must be compatible with the participants' other safety equipment. This includes helmets and body suits.

Familiarization: The athlete should undergo activities off-track and during unofficial training to ensure that the product does not interfere with safety in official training and competitions.

Maintenance: The athlete needs to ensure that the garment is in the appropriate condition. The use of the garment in damaged state may lead to potential injury. It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure the garment is not in a damaged state.

Competition: The garment is permitted to be used in official training and competition. It must not be altered in any way and is subject to evaluation by FIL officials.

FIL Disclaimer: The International Luge Federation (FIL) assumes no responsibility for the use of the "Kapsultech" neck protection product. Participants and National Federations are solely responsible for ensuring the safe and appropriate use of the product in accordance with applicable regulations and medical advice. The use of the "Kapsultech" neck protection product does not imply endorsement or guarantee of performance by the FIL. Participants assume all the risks associated with the use of the product.

Alternative Neck Protection Procedure:

If the product meets the same technical specifications, is made from the same type of material, and is commercially available, it is permitted to use a neck protector from an alternative manufacturer.