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Protokoll / Minutes

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1. Opening and welcome

E. Warren, President US Luge welcomes the participants of the 72nd FIL Congress and is pleased that everyone has made the long journey to Lake Placid and that the FIL Congress is being held here.

A short video about Lake Placid is played.

A. Walden, CEO and President of ORDA in Lake Placid welcomes all participants to the FIL Congress.

For his part, **FIL President Einars Fogelis** warmly **welcomes** the congress participants and **officially opens the 72nd FIL Congress 2024**. He is delighted to be able to greet the delegates in person.

President E. Fogelis welcomes **FIL Honorary President Josef Fendt** and **FIL Honorary Member Harald Steyrer**.

FIL Honorary Member Svein Romstad is unfortunately unable to attend.

Vice President Natural Track and Public Sledding S. Buta as well as **M. Prock** are unable to attend the 72nd FIL Congress for personal reasons.

He welcomes and congratulates the new and re-elected Presidents and Secretaries General on their new positions and warmly welcomes them to the FIL family.

A special greeting goes to **Irina Gladkikh, Associate Director, Winter and Recognized Sports and IF Relations, IOC Sport Department**, to the **representative of the OC OWG 2026 Milano-Cortina Normunds Kotans**, to the Chairman of the Athletes' Commission and executive board member **Leon Felderer**, to the **representatives of the national federations**, to the **representatives of the agency RGS**, **Rudi Größwang Jr**, the **logistics partner DHL** with **Martina Zerle**, to all track operators, to all media representatives and to all other congress participants.

This is followed by a minute silence in **remembrance** of the **luge officials and former athletes who died** last year.

Representatively, President E. Fogelis names:

- **Dr. Jochen Fritzweiler/GER**
*died on 14. July 2023 due to an accident at the age of 83,
FIL Ethics Officer 2022/2023*
- **Hans Plenk/GER**
*died on September 10, 2023 at the age of 86,
Olympic silver medal in Innsbruck 1964, 5-time medal winner at World
Championships, including WCh gold in 1965*
- **Ewald Walch/AUT**
died on October 27, 2023 at the age of 84,

Olympic silver medal 1968 in Grenoble (doubles), World Championship title 1960 in Garmisch-Partenkirchen (doubles), World Champion 1969 and 1970 on the artificial ice track in Königssee (doubles), further medals at World and European Championships

- **Dmitry Feld/USA**
*died on January 10, 2024 at the age of 68,
longtime coach and marketing manager for USA Luge*
- **Othmar Hofer/AUT**
*died on May 19, 2024 at the age of 85,
European Champion natural track 1974 (doubles), Chairman of the
international jury of the Mitropacup, European Cup - Intercontinental Cup
natural track, planning of natural tracks internationally, recipient of the FIL
Silver Medal of Honor*

Minute of silence in remembrance

President E. Fogelis declares that the invitations and the agenda had been sent to the NFs on time and, after there were no requests to speak, establishes that the 72nd FIL Congress has been duly convened.

Information will be provided on the further course of the congress and the supporting program.

Agenda item 12 "*Reports from the SLIDE 2026 strategic plan working groups*" will be held before agenda item 9 "*Finances*".

2. Determination of attendance and voting rights

Secretary General D. Bell welcomes the congress participants and takes attendance. At the time of the opening of the Congress, **27 members/NFs are seated with voting rights** in the meeting room.

The FIL 72nd Congress (1st congress day on June 14, 2024) is attended by

27 National federations with seat and vote

0 Provisional members

Simple majority = 14

2/3 majority = 18

3. Approval of the minutes of the last Congress

Congress resolution 01/24

The minutes of the 71st FIL Congress 2023 in Bucharest/ROU are approved.

-unanimous-

4. Honors

President E. Fogelis and Secretary General D. Bell present the following awards to representative A. Gough/CAN:

FIL Medal of Honor in silver:

- **Marleen Vierboom/CAN**
- **Harry Salmon/CAN**

5. Admission of new members

There are no motions for the admission of new members.

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 from the executive members and officials can be found in the congress dossier. The dossier was made available to all national associations in advance by e-mail / FTP server.

6.1 President

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

6.2 Secretary General

*Please find the congress report of Secretary General Dwight Bell in **enclosure 2**.
A video with highlights from last season was also played.*

President E. Fogelis thanks **Secretary General D. Bell** for his report and gives the Executive Board the opportunity to make additions.

7. Discussion of the work reports

President E. Fogelis gives the executive board and congress participants the opportunity to ask questions about the reports.

J. Leahy/USA: The costs for the production of the live feed at World Cups are very high. In VP Th. Schwab's report, one proposed solution to reduce costs is to install fixed cameras. Is there already a more precise plan?

VP Th. Schwab: The report states that more permanently installed cameras are to be installed and hand-held cameras are to be dispensed with. This will reduce costs somewhat. The costs for TV production are skyrocketing, but the quality should also continue to improve. It may be possible to install new camera systems when new tracks are built/converted, but these will also have to be replaced after a few years as the quality will no longer be sufficient and the cameras will be exposed to environmental influences.

E. Warren/USA: What criteria will be used to select the track for Plan B of the OWG 2026 if Plan A does not come into effect?

President E. Fogelis: N. Kotans will say something about this later. To date, 3 tracks are being considered for Plan B. The FIL has already sent questionnaires and risk assessments to the IOC. The next steps for the selection will be taken by MiCo.

N. Kotans/MiCo: We are of course looking for geographical proximity, the cost factor plays a role and the extent to which all requirements are already in place on site. A working group has been set up within MiCo to look at how all the requirements we have for the Olympic Games can be implemented on an existing track. All these factors will contribute to the decision-making process.

President E. Fogelis: The FIL will only evaluate this decision from a sporting perspective.

M. Rinaldi/ITA: Is there any news about the sponsor for the natural track?

VP Th. Schwab: The economic situation is very difficult. My idea is to find a joint sponsor for natural track and artificial track.

J. Leahy/USA: Report - Further development of standardized sled parts - Are there discussions on standardized material?

VP A. Zöggeler: A. Sics will present a report on this later. The standardized parts are then compatible parts for all nations, which also means that they are interchangeable. Production is possible with the standardized dimensions themselves. The introduction involves costs - but it is an important step for the future

VP Th. Schwab: The natural track report states that ski slopes are being considered as new venues. How exactly will this work and how can we imagine the tracks?

A. Castiglioni: There are still many unanswered questions. The tests in winter will show how the concept develops in detail. The idea behind it is to make the sport more accessible.

J. Ahlberg/SWE: If you read VP S. Buta's report, it is a positive look in the direction of the natural track. However, according to VP Th. Schwab, the economic situation is not very good. It is somewhat difficult to assess the situation.

President E. Fogelis: The aim is to make natural track sports accessible to the public. The new sleds are now also being tested on snow.

E. Warren/USA: Why are the numbers of participants in doubles competitions falling? What can we do about it?

VP C. DeINegro: We have seen different numbers for doubles, the executive board is clearly positioning itself in favor of doubles. This will hopefully help the NFs with further planning and investments.

M. Böhmer: There is a lack of training runs, although this discipline needs more training runs. In the future, more training runs will be offered, especially for juniors.

The congress participants have no further questions on the reports.

15 MINUTE COFFEE BREAK

8. Preliminary discussion of motions

(Immediate vote on motions that do not require further discussion)

Motions are voted on by acclamation.

8.1 Motions relating to the statutes

Dr. Ch. Krähe explains the following amendments to the Congress. He proposes that these be voted on in a block.

- Motion 1 (FIL executive board)
Membership in the FIL (§ 2.3.2 of the statutes)

- *Payment of the FIL membership fee as a prerequisite to be able to exercise the rights as a full member of the FIL.*

- Motion 2 (applicant Chairman of the Ethics Commission/FIL executive board)
Amendment of the statutes - Presidium (§ 4.5.1)
 - *FIL Presidium member may not be President of an NF at the same time*
 - *Reason: Avoidance of conflicts of interest in the FIL Presidium*

- Motion 3 (Motion by the Chairman of the Legal Committee)
Substitute nomination (§ 4.5.6)
 - *Justification: The FIL bodies should be able to function at all times. If a member of a body actually to be elected by Congress is absent, a temporary replacement of this member is required to ensure the ability to function.*

- Motion 4 (applicant FIL Presidium/FIL executive board)
Amendment of the statutes - Finances (§ 4.6.3)
 - *Amendment to further guarantee the issuance of credit cards*
 - *Reason: Internet banking systems do not have the ability to process a single subscription up to a certain amount limit. For this reason, banks will not be able to issue FIL credit cards in the future.*

- Motion 5 (applicant Athletes' Commission / FIL executive board)
Substitute election of an athletes' representative (§ 4.12.3)

L. Felderer explains the motion to the congress

 - *If an athlete representative resigns, a replacement should be elected (at World Cups or World Championships)*
 - *Justification: The premature resignation of an athlete representative results in the position being vacant for a certain period of time. This poses a challenge for the commissions, weakens their ability to work and places an additional burden on the remaining representatives.*

- Motion 6 (FIL executive board)
Amendment of the Code of Honor (1.1.2 of the Code of Honor)
 - *In the future, the FIL Medal of Honor will only be awarded to deserving officials of the NFs*
 - *Justification: The FIL Medal of Honor was introduced to recognize deserving sponsors and supporters.*

There is a brief discussion on motion 1 regarding the English translation.

A 2/3 majority is required for the approval of motions 1-5:

Congress resolution 02/24

All motions 1 - 6 to the statutes are approved in their submitted form.

- 27 votes in favor -
 - 0 votes against -
 - 0 abstentions -

8.2 Motions for the IRO

All IRO motions have received at least a 2/3 majority of the responsible expert commission or the motions that the executive board must deal with were unanimously recommended to the congress for approval by the executive board.

Artificial Track (motions 1-51)**Sport Area**

VP C. DelNegro presents the motions of the Sport Commission.

- Motion 1 (to § 1 approved by the executive board)
- Motions 2-5 (to § 2)
- Motions 6-14 & 16-23 (to § 3)
- Motions 24-25 (to § 4)
- Motions 36-38 (to § 8)
- Motion 42 (to § 10)
- Motion 43 (to § 11)
- Motions 44-47 (to § 12)
- Motions 48-49 (to enclosure 4 Olympic Rules)

There are requests to comment on the motions, which can be clarified quickly.

Congress resolution 03/24

The congress approves the IRO motions 1-14, 16, 18-25, 36-38, and 42-49 of the Sport Commission Artificial Track.

Motion 17 is approved in its present form, including the amendments in the table presentation.

- 25 votes in favor -
 - 1 vote against -
 - 1 abstention -

Technical Area

VP A. Zöggeler provides brief information on the motions of the Technical Commission.

- Motion 15 (to § 3)
- Motion 26 (to § 4)
- Motions 27-34 (to § 5)
- Motion 35 (on § 7 approved by the executive board)
- Motion 39 (to § 8)
- Motions 40-41 (to § 10)
- Motions 50-51 (to enclosure 5 of the IRO)

H. Ruetz/AUT: Austria has sent a letter to the Presidium respectively to President E. Fogelis and Executive Director Ch. Schweiger regarding the standardized components. The motions will now be voted on tomorrow. In principle, we welcome the changes, but there are a few points that still need to be clarified.

Congress resolution 04/24

Congress approves the IRO motions 15, 26-35, 39-41 and 50-51 of the Technical Commission Artificial Track.

- 27 votes in favor -
- 0 votes against -
- 0 abstentions -

Natural Track and Public Sledding Motions (1 - 8)

Director of Sport and Technology Natural Track and Public Sledding A. Castiglioni presents the IRO motions of the Natural Track Commission to the Congress.

- Motion 1 (to § 1 approved by the Executive Board)
- Motion 2-3 (to § 2)
- Motion 4 (to § 4)
- Motion 5 (to § 7 approved by the executive board)
- Motion 6 (to § 10)
- Motion 7 (to supplement 2 of the IRO)
- Motion 8 (to supplement 3 of the IRO)

Congress resolution 05/24

The congress approves the IRO motions 1-8 of the Commission Natural Track and Public Sledding.

- 27 votes in favor -
- 0 votes against -
- 0 abstentions -

8.3 Other motions

Dr. Christian Krähe explains the general motion regarding Russia. The congress must vote on the motion.

Motion 1:

Approval of the executive board resolution from September 23, 2022 regarding Russia (necessary according to the statutes). (**enclosure 3**)

The situation has not changed since last year's congress - according to the FIL statutes, point 4.5.8, the resolution must be approved or rejected by the Congress.

A. Andreeva/RUS: *The situation is not easy for us. We support the statutes and promote the sport. It is difficult to keep the athletes enthusiastic about the sport. There is a danger that we will lose the sport of luge in Russia. We hope that we will soon be able to return to international luge and take part in FIL competitions together.*

T. Hartsula/UKR: *We believe it is more important to survive than to have the right to take part in international competitions. Some of the Russian athletes actively support the war. The athletes could take a clear stand.*

A simple majority is required for the following resolution:

Congress resolution 06/24

Congress votes to approve the resolution of the executive board of September 23, 2022 regarding Russia.

- 21 votes in favor -
- 1 vote against -
- 3 abstentions -

12. Reports from the "SLIDE 2026" strategic plan working groups

- Sport Director AT / M. Böhmer (**enclosure 4**)
- Technical Director AT / A. Sics (**enclosure 5**)

Requests to speak on the reports by M. Böhmer and A. Sics:

S. Riewald/USA: *If a nation has 2 good women's doubles sleds, only one can qualify as they have been reduced to 11 sleds.*

M. Böhmer: *Due to the low athlete quota and the preservation of the team relay, unfortunately there is no other option.*

VP C. DelNegro: *If we can't fill up the 11 places, there is a possibility that a second sled from an already qualified nation can qualify.*

S. Riewald/USA: *It is understandable that standardization is necessary. Are there also restrictions in terms of the cost of the parts? If the costs are set so high by the countries in which the parts are then produced, the countries that we want to help with standardization are not helped either.*

A. Sics: *We did not discuss the costs in the technical commission. The company Wimmer is currently calculating the prices, which will be announced as soon as we have the necessary information.*

VP G. Balme: *With regard to the qualification procedure, the nations will be reduced by 5-6 countries, which will mainly affect the small countries.*

M. Böhmer: *That's right, but we must also try to retain the large associations. A balance must be struck. For 2030, we are working on increasing the athlete quota so that several nations can participate in the OWG again.*

A. Sander/GER: *The costs of standardization are enormous for Germany. Can the implementation in the youth be extended until 2030?*

Sics: *We can still discuss this. The current plan is for implementation to take place after the YOG 2028.*

H. Ruetz/AUT: All the developments of recent years and the material cannot be reused. By changing the material, many smaller nations will not have the opportunity to develop further. It's also about equal opportunities and making it easier to learn the sport.

M. Böhmer: With the rule adjustments, we are currently trying to attract more nations and create more medal and participation potential (FIL Cup, mixed event, education...).

A. Sics: It is also a motivation for the smaller federations that think they have no chance anyway. It's a great opportunity for precisely these nations.

VP A. Zöggeler: The two largest nations, which are already investing a lot of money in development regardless of the changeover, would have to invest in exactly the same way. The smaller nations should not be influenced and unsettled by the high costs, as the costs for them are significantly lower. Safety is also promoted by standardization (wider sled position - wider bridges, deeper shell).

H. Campbell-Pegg/AUS: What happens to the old sleds? Do they all have to be disposed of?

VP A. Zöggeler: The individual parts from the general class can still be used in the junior class until 2028. This may also be extended until 2030. After that, the standard parts will also be implemented in the junior category.

L. Felderer: How difficult will it be to find new manufacturers for the sled parts?

A. Sics: We have to find these together with the NFs and are happy for any feedback.

L. Felderer: What if one manufacturer produces a better product than the other? How should that be judged?

A. Sics: We want to make a good product for the future and will pass on the information from the measurements to future manufacturers.

Th. Schwab: The changes are necessary, but it will be a difficult path. The right material has to be found and produced.

A. Gough: It is crucial that there is cost parity and that the parts cost the same for all nations.

A. Sander/GER: Is there already a fixed idea to change the material of the doubles for the 2026/2027 season? I think that could also play an important role for the national associations.

A. Sics: We first need to find out how things are going with the singles. Then we will have discussions with the national associations and the technical commission about how to proceed with the doubles.

M. Hatton/GBR: If the nations with technical experience are allowed to build their own parts, then we are getting too far away from standardization. The parts should be bought from a manufacturer.

H. Ruetz/AUT: Th. Schwab, in your experience, what has changed as a result of standardization in mono bobsleigh?

VP Th. Schwab: In mono bobsleigh, the aim was to reduce the cost of manufacturing a bobsleigh. From a sporting point of view, the top athletes in our sport can race with different sleds from different manufacturers and the result will always be the same.

VP G. Balme: More manufacturers need to be found and if it's not a standardized sled, then it's not a fair competition situation.

A. Sics: It is difficult to find a producer for this. Our aim is to produce better sled components. We in the technical commission believe that this is the right way for us. The suppliers from the countries that are at the forefront are good suppliers and also help the smaller nations to progress.

LUNCH BREAK

Secretary General D. Bell checks attendance. On the afternoon of the 1st congress day, **27 members/NFs are seated with voting rights** in the meeting room.

The FIL 72nd Congress (1st congress day in the afternoon, June 14, 2024) is attended by

27 National Federations with seat and vote

0 provisional members

Simple majority = 14

2/3 majority = 18

... continuation of the reports of the "SLIDE 2026" strategic plan working groups

- Director of Sport and Technology for natural track and public sledding / A. Castiglioni
and expert for natural track and public sledding / G. Mühlbacher (**enclosure 8**)

J. Ahlberg/SWE: *It's easier to get the children on sleds than on skis. It's also a lot cheaper. I think this is a great opportunity for our sport.*

E. Byrne: *How high is the risk of injury with the professional sleds?*

G. Mühlbacher: *The sled is easy to steer and brake, not like the plastic sleds you can buy everywhere. The risk of injury with the plastic sleds is very high.*

- Vice President Marketing / Th. Schwab (**enclosure 9**)
- Social Media / M. Dengler-Paar (**enclosure 10**)

L. Felderer: *Other federations, such as the IBU and the IBSF, do lots of fun interviews with athletes. Is something like this planned for us?*

M. Dengler-Paar: *Normally we have all our interviews on YouTube. As already mentioned, it's a different format. However, I did something along those lines for Canada Luge last season, which worked well. It's good to have your ideas and we should think about doing short interviews, maybe for the stories that are online 24 hours.*

L. Felderer: *We have a lot of high-quality videos and content, which is very good for the viewers who already know the sport. I think a few funny videos and interviews with the athletes will also reach people who don't know the sport yet. That could attract some new fans.*

J. Wang/CHN: *The popularity of luge in China on social media is surprisingly, but not unexpectedly, very high and luge has become the most popular sledding sport in China. The young generation really appreciates the format of luge. We should continue to promote this to generate more fans for the sport of luge.*

Further reports will follow on the 2nd day of the congress.

9. Finances

9.1 Approval of the annual statement of accounts (April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024)

Vice President of Finance G. Balme presents his financial report for the past year 2023/2024 to the Congress. (**enclosure 11**)

J. Leahy/USA: The costs at US Luge have exploded in recent years. If you look at the FIL financial statements, we are well over budget. You have to ask yourself how we as federations are supposed to survive in this world.

VP G. Balme: That is correct and it is a challenge for all of us. We must try to increase income and reduce expenditure.

E. Warren/USA: Travel costs are very high and should be reduced in the future. A lot of savings can be made in this area.

Ch. Schweiger: We book the trips centrally via the FIL office and get very good prices for the flights. However, accommodation has become extremely expensive, we have no influence on this and the competitions usually take place in the high season.

E. Byrne: How high are the costs for ITA/anti-doping?

VP G. Balme: The costs for ITA/Anti-Doping are around 300.000€, this includes all anti-doping costs.

VP G. Balme gives the congress the opportunity to ask further questions.

The congress participants have no further questions.

Congress resolution 07/24

The 2023/2024 annual financial statements are approved as presented.

- 27 votes in favor -
- 0 votes against -
- 0 abstentions -

9.2 Approval of the budget proposal (April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025)

Vice President G. Balme presents the current draft budget 2024/2025 to the congress. (**enclosure 12**)

M. Hatton/GBR: A graphical representation of the current and the upcoming financial year would be better for the future so that this can be better compared.

VP G. Balme: I will be happy to implement this suggestion next year.

E. Byrne: What will the €70,000.00 in the development program be used for?

VP G. Balme: This budget is for the FIL coaches, who are employed on a temporary basis.

Congress resolution 08/24

The annual budget 2024/2025 is approved in its present form.

- 27 votes in favor -
- 0 votes against -
- 0 abstentions

President E. Fogelis thanks **Vice President G. Balme** for the prudent management of the finances.

10. Report of the control commission and discharge of the executive board

The Chairman of the Control Commission **D. Prentice** informs about the audit at the FIL office from May 3 - 5, 2024 and about the audit report.

The President and the Executive Board are very prudent with the management of financial resources and act in the interests of the athletes, the national federations, the tracks, and the event organizers.

He thanks the FIL office and VP G. Balme for their good cooperation and submits a motion to the Congress to grant discharge to the Vice President of Finance, the Presidium and the entire executive board.

Congress resolution 09/24

The FIL executive board is granted discharged.

- 27 votes in favor -
- 0 votes against -
- 0 abstentions

11. Determination of the membership fees

Congress resolution 10/24

The annual membership fee is set at € 100 as previously.

- 27 votes in favor -
- 0 votes against -
- 0 abstentions

Brief information from Executive Director Ch. Schweiger on the further schedule for the day after the end of the congress.

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

Saturday, 15.06.2024

9:00 a.m.

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

A special greeting goes to **Dragomir Cioroslan (United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee)**.

Determination of attendance and voting rights 2nd congress day

The **Secretary General D. Bell** takes attendance.

At the time of the opening of the 2nd congress day, there are **27 members/NFs with seats and votes** in the meeting room.

The FIL 72nd Congress (2nd congress day on June 15, 2024) is attended by

27 National Federations with seat and vote

0 provisional members

Simple majority = 14 votes

2/3 majority = 18 votes

Continuation of 12. Reports of the working groups strategic plan "SLIDE 2026"

- Safe Sport Unit FIL / St. Harris (**enclosure 13**)

L. Felderer: *Is there an exact timetable for when everything is to be implemented?*

St. Harris: *Once the guidelines have come into force, the aim is to implement and apply them for the coming competition season, as well as to continue the reporting system and involvement in education for athletes and coaches.*

VP Th. Schwab: *There are several areas, such as good governance and sexual violence, that need to be covered. Have we done a risk analysis for all the sections so we know where the big risks are in those sections?*

St. Harris: *In terms of Safe Sport, all of these areas of abuse that are there, depending on the situation, are certainly potential risks. Any one of those areas could be a risk, which is why the directive covers all of those abuses. In my opinion, there is no better or worse, all risks must be assessed equally.*

VP Th. Schwab: *I am not 100% satisfied with this answer. I think we need a clear analysis for each area where the high, medium and low risks lie and this analysis must be updated every two years. The results are often very surprising, I see that in my association. The athletes need to feel comfortable and need a person, possibly also younger contact persons, to whom they can turn.*

St. Harris: *That's right. Athletes can turn to another athlete, the Athletes' Commission, coaches or officials, who will be the final contact.*

VP C. DeINegro: *When will your survey be sent out and how will it work?*

St. Harris: *The questionnaire will be sent out in the next few weeks and should be returned to us by August at the latest. We will then evaluate it.*

J. Leahy/USA: *I would consider appointing an independent body that is responsible for all cases, especially those involving minors. That way, no cases are reported to the FIL and there can be no accusations of a cover-up.*

St. Harris: *Good advice, we are currently still in the development phase but will take this idea on board.*

L. Felderer: *Steve, could you please go into more detail about the reporting options.*

St. Harris: *Reporting will be possible by e-mail using a form. And there will certainly be more options on the platforms to make reporting as easy and free as possible.*

L. Felderer: So we're looking for the right system for this important issue, because right now a policy is nice, but it doesn't solve problems.

St. Harris: I agree with you on that. Our goal is for people to know where to find the platform, what it is and how to deal with it.

L. Felderer: Which cases can be submitted to this hotline/reporting system?

St. Harris: All cases that have to do with Safe Sport or Sport Integrity.

L. Felderer: For example, when there was deliberate braking at the WC last season, this would be a Fair Play report. Can this also be submitted and how is it handled?

St. Harris: All incoming reports must be checked to see whether they violate our guidelines, statutes or regulations and then further steps must be taken.

M. Böhmer: In case of a rule violation during a competition, there is also the way for coaches to file a protest, this goes to the jury, the jury decides and if there is a suspicion of a violation, Andris Sics as TD has the right to check the sleds.

L. Felderer: The problem is that this can only be done by the coaches. A reporting system where you can remain anonymous would allow for more cases.

E. Warren/USA: When all the completed surveys come in, it would be interesting for all of us to see where our weaknesses are and where we need to do a better job of meeting our obligations.

St. Harris: Yes, we will carry out a corresponding analysis.

13. Information from the 2026 OWG OC on the preparations for the luge competitions in Milano-Cortina/ITA

A video presentation on the OWG Milano-Cortina 2026 is played.

Normunds Kotans presents the current status of the new luge track to the Congress.

E. Fogelis: Can you go into more detail about the test event? In what format will it take place?

N. Kotans: We still have to decide, but it won't be a World Cup.

M. Böhmer: We have the ITW and the test event in fall 2025. If we do a WC, we will limit the number of participants, as there are clear rules for limited participation. When we do a test event, we don't have any rules on participant limits. Each athlete can do as many runs as they need to.

S. Riewald/USA: Are there any deadlines or a timetable for when Plan B comes into effect?

N. Kotans: We need the track in Cortina, that is clear. The exact timetable still has to be determined and also which factors have to come into force in order to initiate Plan B.

E. Fogelis: We will also discuss this topic again on Sunday in the joint meeting with the IBSF.

H. Ruetz/AUT: For a project of this size, there is normally a construction schedule with milestones. Currently, the only milestone is the pre-homologation in March 2025. What is the current status and what milestones are there until completion?

N. Kotans: The timetables are being drawn up with the aim of holding the pre-homologation in March 2025. I don't currently have an exact timetable, but everyone is aware that the milestones must be set in such a way that the target can be achieved by March 2025.

14. Presentation of the OCs of the 2025 FIL Championships

T. Farstad/CAN introduces the WCh Artificial Track in Whistler/CAN 2025 with a presentation.

G. Stähli/SUI informs the congress about the JWCh Artificial Track in St. Moritz/SUI 2025.

15. Resolution on motions

15.1 Motions to the statutes

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

15.2 Motions to the IRO

VP A. Zöggeler informs the congress that the motion from the Technical Commission is to be voted on in accordance with the table presentation. (**enclosure 14**)

He gives the national federations the opportunity to comment on this motion.

H. Ruetz/AUT: The motion is missing the final goal, which is not clearly defined. In addition, the transition period for juniors should be extended.

VP A. Zöggeler: It should not be a problem that we extend the transition period for juniors until 2030.

J. Leahy/USA: As we all talk about how expensive the sport of luge is, I think this is an opportunity to create a more even or fair playing field. It can also be a big help for the smaller nations. The strategy we are looking at is good for all of us.

Congress resolution 11/24

The Congress approves the motion of the Technical Commission for the mandatory use of standardized components in general class from the 2026/2027 season and in the Juniors from the 2030/2031 season. However, standardized components can be used immediately.

**- 23 votes in favor -
- 2 votes against -
- 0 abstentions -**

30 MINUTES COFFEE BREAK

15.3 Other motions

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

16. Awarding of the FIL Championships through 2028

16.1 Presentation of the applicants

Applicants for the organization of FIL Championships through 2028 at the latest are:

Artificial Track:

- WCh Artificial Track 2028: Königssee/GER

Th. Schwab/GER gives his presentation for the WCh Artificial Track 2028 in Königssee/GER.

Natural Track:

- WCh Natural Track 2025
- JEM Natural Track 2025

No valid applications have been received officially.

16.2 Vote

WCh Artificial Track 2028 in Königssee/GER

Congress resolution 12/24

The Congress awards the FIL World Championships Artificial Track 2028 to Königssee/GER.

- 27 votes in favor -
- 0 votes against -
- 0 abstentions -

*J. Leahy/USA: Asks when he can submit the motion for the organization of the 2029 WCh.
E. Fogelis: Applications can be submitted immediately.*

WCh and JEM natural track 2025

Congress resolution 13/24

The Congress decides that the Executive Board should determine the awarding of the Natural Track World Championships and Junior European Championships Natural Track 2025.

- 27 votes in favor -
- 0 votes against -
- 0 abstentions

17 Elections in accordance with the statutes

17.1 Appointment of the election committee

President E. Fogelis proposes the following people to the congress for appointment to the **Election Committee**:

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

There are no counter-proposals from the NFs.

Congress resolution 14/24

The Election Committee consists of Dr. Ch. Krähe, V. Vavruskova and G. Beck.

- 27 votes in favor -
- 0 votes against -
- 0 abstentions -

President E. Fogelis hands over the leadership of the Congress to the Election Committee.

The Election Committee has appointed **Dr. Ch. Krähe** as election director.

Dr. Ch. Krähe informs the congress that each candidate has the opportunity to present themselves to the congress for 5 minutes.

Congress resolution 15/24

The congress decides that the elections will take place by acclamation.

- 27 votes in favor -
- 0 votes against -
- 0 abstentions -

17.3 Election of the FIL Ethics Authority

- Karl-Friedrich Schauhoff/GER

Karl-Friedrich Schauhoff/GER is elected as the new FIL Ethics Authority (unopposed) by acclamation.

17.2 Election of the substitute member of the Control Commission

- Derek Prentice

Derek Prentice is elected as a substitute member of the Control Commission (unopposed) by acclamation.

President E. Fogelis takes over the leadership of the congress again.

18 Determination of the congress venue 2025

73rd FIL Congress 2025

An application has been submitted to host the 73rd FIL Congress in 2025:
Tampere / FIN

74th FIL Congress 2026

There is also an application to host the 74th FIL Congress in 2026:
Berchtesgaden / GER

President E. Fogelis gives the congress participants the opportunity to share their objections for today's vote. As no one has any objections, the 2026 congress venue will also be voted on today.

Congress resolution 16/24

The 73rd FIL Congress 2025 will take place in Tampere/FIN and the 74th FIL Congress 2026 in Berchtesgaden/GER.

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

19 Miscellaneous

Executive board member and President of the Romanian Federation S. Ticu informs that the Romanian Bobsleigh and Luge Federation will be 100 years old this year. She thanks everyone for the many years of cooperation and presents the President of USA Luge E. Warren and FIL President E. Fogelis each with an award as a token of appreciation.

Secretary General D. Bell gives a short information about the FIL-IBSF-ORDA Joint Meeting on Sunday.

President E. Fogelis thanks all congress participants for their constructive work and the good atmosphere at this year's FIL Congress. Special thanks go to ORDA and USA Luge for their excellent help with the organization.

He thanks the interpreters M. Grauer and J. Klinghammer for their impeccable work and presents them with a gift. R. Dayton, J. Freeman and J. Trembley from ORDA are also presented with gifts.

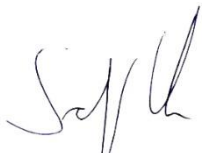
He wishes everyone a good start to the new season and, above all, good health.

President E. Fogelis officially closes the 72nd FIL Congress in Lake Placid/USA.

See you at the 73rd FIL Congress in 2025!

Minutes preparation: Diana Springl / FIL Office

For the content of the minutes:



Christoph Schweiger
Executive Director



Einars Fogelis
President

14 enclosures

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is an honor to address you today in the welcoming and Olympic spirit-filled town of Lake Placid, a place where we have experienced many memorable sporting events.

Last year was no exception; our season began right here and continued across three continents. Throughout the year, sports organizations worldwide strived to connect people, countries, and continents through sport. Unfortunately, despite these efforts, the geopolitical climate remains very tense. We see violence and aggression, along with their negative impacts on people and economic processes, which unfortunately also hinder the development of sports.

I am pleased that the unity and energy of our Federation have been powerful driving forces enabling us to achieve our goals and enjoy a very successful season. With the "SLIDE 2026" strategy, the future of our sport is clearly defined. We are making the sport more accessible, bringing it closer to the people. This season has seen excellent competition on both natural and artificial tracks, attracting a growing audience in person, online, and through media coverage. Our sophisticated mix of TV broadcasts and FIL live streaming offers the best way to experience sledding activities worldwide.

The Youth Olympic Games 2024 were exceptional from the FIL perspective, organized to the highest standards and building on Korea's rich Olympic heritage and organizational excellence. I extend my gratitude to everyone involved in this endeavor, including Olympic Solidarity, which provided two years of preparatory support to the young athletes. This support has broadened our capacity to collaborate with National Federations and has underscored the extensive efforts of the FIL team, coaches, the Organizing Committee in Korea, and our colleagues at the IOC. Indeed, the overall performance and the quality of the sporting results are crucial, aiding both us and the IOC in confidently shaping the foundational criteria for the development of the Youth Olympic Games.

The results achieved provide a solid foundation for athletes as they advance within the Olympic Movement in the future.

Our strategy closely aligns with the IOC's strategic document, AGENDA 2020+5, which emphasizes the importance of attracting a young audience. This is particularly vital in our Federation and our sport, known for being one of the most extreme, fastest, and most appealing. Today, our task is to demonstrate that we are a key player in the overall Olympic process.

The Olympic Games and the World Championships are undoubtedly the most prestigious platforms for Luge today, showcasing athletes from all continents and nations. Our goal is to ensure these stages are accessible to our members by meeting the established criteria.

We must consider factors such as climate change and its impact on winter sports, particularly in relation to the competition calendar, including the Winter Olympics. Additionally, we need to

account for the integration of new technologies in daily life, their contribution to work efficiency, and the optimal utilization of existing sports facilities. This is crucial when assessing event costs and the economic effectiveness relative to our objectives.

These and other relevant issues are continuously addressed in the daily operations of the FIL.

For a long time, our Commissions and Working Groups have been dedicated to developing innovative products and guidelines. I am pleased to report that these have been provided to our partners as valuable tools for future planning. Examples include the FIL sustainability program, which promotes environmentally friendly activities, and the Playbook we have developed, both of which significantly enhance our strategic vision and the planning of future initiatives.

Considering that the Olympics and sports are grounded in a long-term development strategy, all the points I've discussed above are crucial for securing a sustainable future.

Today, the most pressing issue we face concerns the venue for the Olympic Winter Games Milano-Cortina 2026, which will serve as a hub for sliding sports. The timeline for constructing the facility in Cortina has been exceedingly tight. This period encompasses both the official announcements made at last year's IOC session in Mumbai, which detailed the search for a sports facility outside Italy and the development of Plan B, and the recent announcements about the commencement of construction on their own track earlier this year. Of course, life has taught us that sometimes the seemingly impossible can indeed become reality.

I am deeply grateful to our partners in other Winter Sports Federations, the IOC, the Milano-Cortina Organizing Committee, and the FIL Expert Group for their cooperation and proactive efforts in advancing this process constructively.

In accordance with the FIL Executive Board's decision, our top priority is the Cortina track and the Olympic competitions hosted there. Achieving this goal is crucial for the future endeavors of the FIL and will significantly influence the development of luge, particularly in Italy. However, regardless of the circumstances, we are bound by a firm deadline for the track's pre-homologation—March 25, 2025. This deadline is directly tied to our utmost priority: athlete safety.

In collaboration with the IOC and MiCo, we have clearly identified the need for a Plan B, which is being developed alongside the ongoing processes in Cortina and will be activated if the construction schedule is not met. This contingency plan is also being refined by MiCo through negotiations with three potential Olympic organizers. On the FIL side, we have completed all risk assessments for Plan B to minimize potential costs. These documents have been submitted to our partners at MiCo and the IOC, from whom we expect decisions that will ensure the safe participation of our athletes in the 2026 Winter Olympics, with athlete safety and the secure conduct of the events as our top priorities.

Over the past year, we have addressed these and other issues through direct discussions with IOC leadership. This included a comprehensive presentation on the current status of athlete quotas, their impact on the development of the sport, and the collaborative efforts required to achieve the objectives outlined in AGENDA 2020+5.

We are not alone in this endeavor. The Association of Winter Sports Federations, now known as the Winter Olympic Federations (WOF), provides a shared platform that enables us to benefit from collective support and a jointly developed strategic plan, crafted under the guidance of FIL Secretary General Dwight Bell.

The current focus areas of WOF's activities align closely with broader trends:

1. Games Optimization
2. Updates on the Olympic Winter Games 2030 and 2034
3. The Future of the Youth Olympic Games
4. OQS (Olympic Qualification System) Update
5. Digital Engagement and Promotion for MiCo 2026

I addressed some of these issues at last year's Congress and, as evidenced by the above, we have developed concrete results and proposals for future development.

On the second point, IOC President Thomas Bach has appointed me as the WOF representative on the Future Host Commission, which is charged with facilitating a targeted dialogue for the Olympic Winter Games 2030 in the French Alps and the 2034 Games in Salt Lake City, Utah. The commission's report to the IOC Executive Board is the culmination of extensive hard work, and I am hopeful that the IOC Session in Paris on July 24 will make a historic decision securing a clear future not only for our sport but for the entire Olympic Winter Games.

Decisions on athlete quotas and the program are made approximately 3.5 years before each Games. As mentioned, we are prepared and ready for the upcoming round of negotiations. The most important aspect of ensuring the success of all these processes is our focus on athletes, their rights, and the FIL's involvement in day-to-day operations.

I extend my thanks to the Athletes' Commission for their efforts thus far, particularly last season, in actively engaging and crafting proposals for competitions under challenging weather conditions. This collaboration with the FIL Sport and Technical Directors has opened new avenues for competition planning, particularly in the latter part of the season. Regarding safe sport and athletes' mental health, these are driven by the FIL Integrity Unit, led by Steve Harris. We will delve into this topic more extensively during the Congress.

Teamwork, mutual support, and coordinated planning in athlete preparation are crucial in the FIL's operations, as is the efficient use of funding, particularly in collaboration with National Federations. Special thanks go to Fred Zimny and the FIL coaches, and to those Federations who have embraced our Partner Program by hosting international athletes for extended periods.

This sentiment was beautifully expressed by our ISU colleague, Fredi Schmid, who, during his first visit to the luge competitions in Altenberg at the World Championships, remarked, "You are not just sport, you are family."

This is the highest praise I have recently heard about the FIL.

Respect for family values and mutual solidarity is key to achieving our goals, bringing sport closer to people and people closer to sport.

In this regard, the accessibility of luge is crucial. I extend my gratitude to my colleagues on the Artificial Track Commissions for their work in developing new concepts and testing new equipment and competition formats for the upcoming season. I am confident that these initiatives will attract more athletes and new member countries, further opening opportunities for our Federation in the Olympic circuit.

Thank you to our colleagues on the Natural Track Commission for making decisive preparations for this Congress, aligning perfectly with our development strategy to make luge as accessible as possible worldwide.

Thank you to our sponsors and supporters, without whom our progress would be impossible.

I also appreciate the efforts of my colleagues on the FIL Executive Board and in the FIL Office. Through our united and focused efforts, we continue to modernize and streamline our processes.

Thanks to the coordinated efforts of FIL Executive Director Christoph Schweiger and FIL VP of Finance Geoff Balme, we are proud to present the budget for 2024/25 and a comprehensive report on our recent activities.

Finally, thanks to the athletes and your initiative, we enjoyed a fantastic season's closing evening in a vibrant new format. Keep going!

Together, we can achieve great things!

Yours,
Einars Fogelis



72nd FIL Congress Lake Placid USA

Report of the Secretary General

Dear Colleagues, I would also like to offer a warm welcome from my side to the 72nd FIL Congress here in historic Lake Placid, which hosted the 1932 and 1980 Olympic Winter Games. I would also like to thank our gracious hosts-ORDA and USA Luge for the excellent preparations for this Congress and for hosting a very successful World Cup race this past season-a long overdue return to World Cup racing to Lake Placid, following the difficulties that were posed by Covid-19. It is also impressive to see the commitment from the State of New York in supporting Luge and the other Olympic Winter sports. As many of you already know, the IBSF will hold its Congress after ours here in Lake Placid, and we will have a cross-over day where the Executive Boards of both Federations will meet on Sunday to discuss common goals for the sliding sports.

Together, we faced some challenges this past season with the double world cups and the unusual weather that brought warm temperature and rain. But through it all, you, the National Federations, and your teams prevailed for a very successful season highlighted by the World Championships in Altenberg and the exciting World Cup Finale in Sigulda. A special thanks to the Latvian Luge Federation for the fun and very entertaining Gala event in Sigulda following the final world cup race. It was a great way to wrap up the season.

I also wanted to highlight the successful Youth Olympic Games held in Gangwon Korea this past season. The preparations and execution carried out by our Korean colleagues were exceptional. Thank you, Ms. Park and the Korean Luge Federation, for your support for this important event. Our FIL team did a great job supporting this event. The Legacy Foundation created after the 2018 PyeongChang Games also continues to play a key role in developing luge athletes in Asia. I would like to thank the IOC Solidarity Department for the annual grants to support developing luge athletes in Countries underrepresented at the Olympic Winter Games. This support was critical to assist athletes in qualifying for the Youth Games in Korea, as a stepping-stone to the Olympic Winter Games.

The FIL continues to build on its commitment to offer a premium product to our traditional television audience and our internet-based programming which is a combination of Live Streaming/FIL Studio and pushing out interesting stories and clips out on the various FIL social media platforms. One of the biggest improvements this past season was the implementation of a new state-of-the-art and entertaining graphics package and technologies with our partners at Chyron and Hego. These improvements will also result in reducing the cost of broadcasting our events as more tasks can be done with fewer people or remotely, as well as meet our high priority, to bring the athletes' personalities and stories to the forefront, and better communicate what is going on during our events with our fan base. Through all of our efforts we saw significant increased views across all our TV audience and internet based social media platforms.

Speaking of Media, I have a short video that I would like to share with you showcasing highlights from last year's season. **PLAY VIDEO**

It is less than 20 months until the next Olympic Winter Games in Milano-Cortina. As pointed out in President Fogelis' report, there is a race to finish the new track in Cortina in time for the FIL and the IBSF to conduct the Pre-homologation in March of next year. This process is critical to ensure that the track meets our safety and technical standards. Your Executive Board

is monitoring this process very closely with the assistance of the IOC Games and Sport Departments. The Head of the FIL Track Commission, Markus Aschauer, is deeply involved, bringing many decades of track construction experience to monitor as well as share advice to our Italian colleagues in the hope that it can be finished in time for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games. As President Fogelis mentioned in his report, Milano-Cortina 2026 is also developing a Plan B in case the Cortina track is not ready in time. It is important to point out that this new track in Cortina will be completed regardless. We certainly hope for the Olympics but in any case, it will be a big boost to the sliding sports in Italy and it give the opportunity for the FIL to hold World Cups, World Championships as well as national and regional events into the future.

The Sport Manager for Luge at the Milano-Cortina Games is our experienced and trusted friend-Normunds Kotans. He is with us here at the Congress and will give you all an update on the status of the Cortina track as well as Plan B during tomorrow's session.

The FIL continues to oversee the implementation of our Strategic Plan-Slide 2026. As you know, many parts of this plan have already been implemented or are now in progress. Tomorrow, you will receive updates from the Chairs of the various Working Groups charged with carrying out this important work. One of those updates is related to our Natural Track and Public Sledding plans for this upcoming season. We are very pleased that the FIL will carry out a strategic effort for a versatile, accessible, and affordable form of luge that connects with the public. This includes offering a luge sled that can operate on snow and ice, is not expensive, and is widely available. The FIL is excited to see this program begin to roll out next season. You will hear more about the initiative tomorrow. It is our goal for the FIL to be a leading International Olympic Sports Federation, operating at the highest level for the sport of luge, and meeting the high standards of good governance.

Since our last Congress, the FIL along with the other Winter IFs have been working closely with the IOC to develop a strategy to sustain the Olympic Winter Games in the face of global warming and increased costs and risks of staging the Games. This collaborative effort has resulted in the IOC and now Milano-Cortina, as well as future Games hosts, aligning standards outlined in the FIL Playbook, to reduce unnecessary expenses at the Olympics. Further, the IOC and the Winter IFs have agreed on a strategy to identify and select future host cities with existing venues, experience in carrying out major sporting events, and favorable/sustainable climate conditions. As you may have already seen in the media, this effort has resulted in the IOC Session, prior to the Opening Ceremonies of the 2024 Paris Olympics, vote to approve-The Alps of France as host for the 2030 Games and Salt Lake City USA as host for the 2034 Games. This will ensure safe, reliable, experienced, cost effective and sustainable Games into the future. The IOC and the Winter IFs will continue to work closely together on other important goals, such as increasing athlete quota which will allow more athletes from more countries to compete in Olympic Winter sports.

I would like to thank President Fogelis and our Executive Board for their leadership this past year, along with our dedicated, hard-working staff. Also, thanks to the IOC for all the support, and all our sponsors and stakeholders. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve this past year as the FIL's Secretary General.

Thank you!



IRO Amendment 2024

Applicant: Executive Board	§: 1 point 3 Motion No.: 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> 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

Applicant: Sport Commission	§: 2, 1.2.6 Motion No.: 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

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

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

Applicant: Sport Commission/Executive Board	§: 2, 2.4	Motion No.: 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

Applicant: Sport Commission /Executive Board	§:3, 1.1.2	Motion No.: 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

Applicant: Sport Commission	§: 3, 5.2	Motion No.: 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

Applicant: Sport Commission	§: 3, 5.6	Motion No.: 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

Applicant: Sport Commission	§: 3, 6.1.1 Motion No.: 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

Applicant: Sport Commission	§: 3, 6.1.1 Motion No.: 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

Applicant: Sport Commission	§: 3, 6.3	Motion No.: 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: The reason is that the new text about the U23 European Championship is being added.

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



IRO Amendment 2024

Applicant: Sport Commission	§: 3, 6.3.2	Motion No.: 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

Applicant: Canada	§: 3, 6.5.4 Motion No.: 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

Applicant: Canada / Technical Commission	§: 3, 6.6.3	Motion No.: 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).

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- After the 1st Team Relay WC, the start order is the reverse order of the current Team Relay World Cup rankings (last to first place).

- New teams/NFs start at the beginning by draw.

- Order of disciplines per team: **women's singles / men's doubles / men's singles / women's doubles**

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

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

6.7.8 Competition schedule

- All **four** sleds of one team start one after the other from one start height.

- **The first sled starts with the start gate closed. Upon an audible and visual signal, the gate opens, and the timing begins.** Arriving at the finish, the athlete releases the contact to open the start gate by hand at the touch pad. The time is still running.

- The second sled may start as soon as the gate opens.

- The start of the third and **fourth** starter is analogous to the start of the second one.

- Starters number **2, 3 and 4** receive two signals (announcements / sound of a horn) indicating where the slider currently is, as an orientation to the time approximately remaining until the start.

- As soon as the **fourth** starter reaches the touch pad, the time stops and the overall time for the relay team is determined.

- Between the first and the second starter as well as between the second and the third starter a split time is kept between the opening of the start gate and the first light barrier in which the reaction time is registered.

- The start interval per team is fixed at approx. 4 minutes.

- If an athlete does not trigger the touch pad with his hand, that Team Relay team is disqualified.

6.7.9 Start order / Start preparation

- The athlete enters the start box and takes the starting position alone with his/her sled.

- Any help by a coach is prohibited (except in the case of a technical defect).

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

Start process

- **The first sled starts with the start gate closed (reaction start)**

- The **second, third, and fourth** athlete may only start when the start gate opens, the set of Team Relay lights turns to green, and/or an acoustic signal is heard.

- In the starting position, the athlete's sled or toe-caps may not touch or push open the start gate.

- Guidance: via the Team Relay lights, the position of the sled in the track will be acoustically or visually displayed two times for the athlete competing next.

- The first warning (single signal tone, Team Relay light red) on the 1st or 2nd third of the track, the second warning (double signal tone, Team Relay light changes to red/yellow) and is triggered in the 3rd third of the track.

Reason:

Adjustment based on decision made last year!

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



IRO Amendment 2024

Applicant: Sport Commission	§: 3, 6.8	Motion No.: 17
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Track	

Old text:

No old text

New Text:

6.7 Course of Mixed Singles / Mixed Doubles Competition

6.7.1 Eligibility to participate

Maximum two Mixed Teams per nation / per discipline may participate in the competition

Respectively (1 Men's Single / 1 Women's Single) and (1 Men's Double / 1 Women's Double)

Athletes participating in the Mixed Singles / Mixed Doubles competition must be qualified for the WC / NC or for the FIL World Championships.

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

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

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

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

6.7.2 Registration/entries

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

6.7.3 Start order World Cup / World Championships

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

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

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

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

World Cup rankings (last to first place).

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

6.7.4 Competition procedure

- Both sleds of a Mixed Team start from their original starting heights (Men/Men's start, Women/Women's start, Doubles/Doubles start)
- The first sled starts in a >normal< way within 20 / 35 seconds. Arriving at the finish, the athlete releases the contact to open the start gate by hand at the touch pad. The clock continues to run.
- The first sled starts with a reaction start. Upon an audible and clearly visible signal, the timing begins. Upon reaching the finish, the athlete manually triggers the touch pad to open the start gate. The clock continues to run. *
- The second sled may start as soon as the gate opens.
- Starter number 2 receive two signals (announcements / sound of a horn) indicating where the slider currently is, as an orientation to the time approximately remaining until the start.
- As soon as the second starter reaches the touch pad, the time stops and the overall time for the mixed team is determined.
- For the first and the second starter a split time is kept in which the reaction time is registered.
- If an athlete does not trigger the touch pad with their hand, that Mixed Team is disqualified.

Start area:

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

False start:

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

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

6.7.5 Maximum Measurements Finish touch pad:

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

6.7.8 Determination of the Mixed Singles / Mixed Doubles World Cup ranking:

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

***planned beginning in the 2025/season**

Reason:

Alternative for the Sprint discipline.

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

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

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



IRO Amendment 2024

Applicant: Youth/Development Commission AT	§: 3 6.9.3	Motion No.: 18
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Track	

Old text:

§ 3 6.9.3 Draw

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

New Text:

§ 3 6.9.3 ~~Draw~~ Start order seeded group A

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

Reason:

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

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

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

none



IRO Amendment 2024

Applicant: Youth/Development Commission AT	§: 3, 6.9.4	Motion No.: 19
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Track		

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

Applicant: Youth/Development Commission AT	§: 3, 6.9.6	Motion No.: 20
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Track	

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

Applicant: Sport Commission	§: 3, 7.2	Motion No.: 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

Applicant: Youth/Development Commission AT	§: 3, 9.	Motion No.: 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

Applicant: Sport Commission	§: 4,1.1.9 Motion No.: 24
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Track

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

Applicant: Sport Commission	§: 4, 2.2	Motion No.: 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

Applicant: Technical Commission	§: 4, 3.2.3	Motion No.: 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

Applicant: Youth/Development Commission AT	§ 5 1.2	Motion No.: 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	
Singles < Youth B		14 kg	
Doubles General Class	25 kg	30 kg	27 kg
Doubles Juniors, Youth A	25 kg	31 kg	30 kg
Doubles Youth B		24 kg	

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

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

Reason:

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

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

none



IRO Amendment 2024

Applicant: Technical Commission	§: 5, 1.2	Motion No.: 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
Singles Youth B		16 kg	
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

Applicant: Technical Commission	§: 5;1.3.4;g Motion No.: 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.

New 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.
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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

Applicant: Technical Commission	§: 5;1.3.5;f Motion No.: 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:

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.

Reason:

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



IRO Amendment 2024

Applicant: Technical Commission	§: 5, 2	Motion No.: 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

Applicant: Technical Commission	§: 5, 3.1	Motion No.: 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

Applicant: Technical Commission	§: 5, 3.1.1	Motion No.: 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

Applicant: Canada	§: 5, 3.2.1	Motion No.: 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

Applicant: VP-Marketing	§:7 Advertising Regulations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Track	Motion No.: 35
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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 cm².
- h)

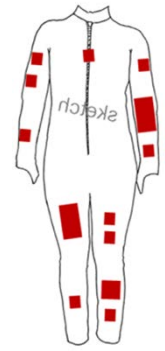


Figure: example of advertising on race suits

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 cm² on the back or lower side area of the helmet), as well as the athlete's name (maximum font height of 15 mm), is allowed in the rear area of the helmet without obstructing the official FIL advertising

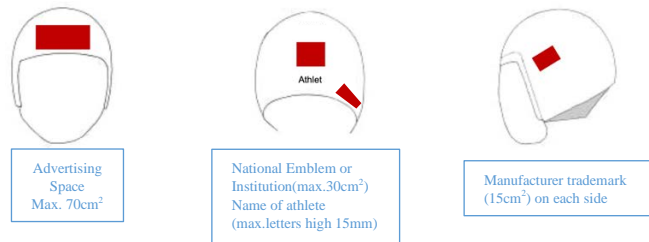


Figure: :example of advertising on the helmet

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. 7.5cm²) 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 cm²)
 1 manufacturer trademark and 1 sponsor on each side (max. 15 cm² each)



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 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.

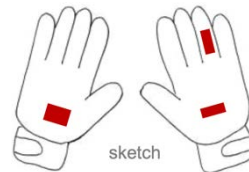
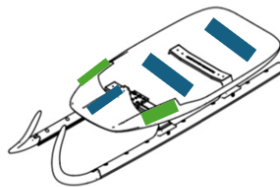


Figure: example for advertising on gloves

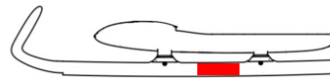
Max. 1 trademark of manufacturer on each glove divided into max. 2 parts.
Max. 15 cm² total space per glove

2.8 Racing Sled

- On the entire sled, in addition to the manufacturer's trademark, a maximum of six commercial markings may be displayed: maximum of three trademarks on the **bottom underside** of the sled. The size of the advertising surface on the bottom of the sled may not exceed 1000 sq cm. (The underside of the pod is defined from the highest point of the pod downwards.)
- Maximum of three trademarks may be placed on the top side of the pod. The total size of these trademarks must not exceed 600 cm². (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 cm², or two times 50 cm² each on the runners.



Top side of pod	max. 3 Trademarks
	max. Size 600 cm ²
Underside of pod	max. 3 Trademarks
	max. Size 1000 cm ²
Manufacturer	max. 100 cm ²
	or 50 cm ² 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

Applicant: Sport Commission	§: 8;1.1	Motion No.: 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

Applicant: Sport Commission	§: 8, 3.3.1	Motion No.: 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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~~d) All other registered participants for the World Cup will receive 5 training runs on two or three days of training;~~

~~e) Systematic training can be held on the first training day as part of the 5 or 7 runs offered.~~

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Travel day	Pay training 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

Applicant: Technical Commission	§: 8;4	Motion No.: 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

Applicant: Technical Commission	§: 10, 1.2	Motion No.: 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.

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- 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

Applicant: Canada	§: 10, 1.3	Motion No.: 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:

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Reason:

Only digital now!

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



IRO Amendment 2024

Applicant: Sport Commission	§: 11	Motion No.: 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

Applicant: <u>Sport Commission/ Executive Board</u>	§: 12.1	Motion No.: 44
	<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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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:

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"World Champion in Men's Doubles"

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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

Applicant: Sport Commission/Executive Board	§: 12, 4.2	Motion No.: 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:

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

Reason:

Has not been done for years

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



IRO Amendment 2024

Applicant: Sport Commission / Executive Board	§: 12, 6	Motion No.: 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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It is the obligation of the NF staging **FIL World Championships** to give pins or badges as gifts at no cost to the athletes and officials.

Reason:

No longer with the times

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



IRO Amendment 2024

Applicant: Sport Commission / Executive Board	§: 12, 8.1	Motion No.: 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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- h) The same procedure may take place at all international competitions.
- i) The medals are presented to the top three finishers by the FIL representative. By the representative's absence, the chairperson of the jury awards them in a festive ceremony.
- j) The announcement of the placed athletes for the award ceremony is made from position 3 to position 1.
- k) The placed athletes are obligated to appear punctually for the award ceremony.

Reason:

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



IRO Amendment 2024

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

1st run 1 - 12 (A) 13 – last start no. (B)

2nd run 1 - last place (according to placing after 1st run)

Doubles (women and men)

1st run 1 - 12 (A) 13 – last start no. (B)

2nd run 1 - last place (according to placing after 1st 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.

1st 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.

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

- ◆ 3rd 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

Applicant: Working Group Olympic Rules	§: Supplement 4, section 4	Motion No.: 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?:



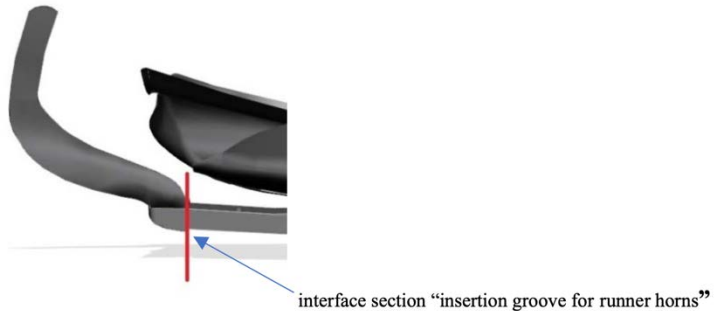
IRO Amendment 2024

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



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

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



IRO Amendment 2024

Applicant: Executive Board	§:1 point 1.3 Motion No.: 1
	<input type="checkbox"/> Artificial Track <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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

Applicant: Commission	§: 2, 1.1	Motion No.: 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

Applicant: Commission	§: 2, 1.2	Motion No.: 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">• European Championship (ECh)• American Pacific Championships (APCh)• Asia Championships (ACh)	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 and European Championships	“Race in Race” / at FIL World Chamionships
Continental Championships <ul style="list-style-type: none">• European Championship (ECh)• American Pacific Championships (APCh)• Asia Championships (ACh)	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

Applicant: Commission	§: 4	Motion No.: 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

Applicant: Commission	§: 7	Motion No.: 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

Applicant: Commission	§: 10	Motion No.: 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

Applicant: Commission	§: Supplement 2 Motion No.: 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

Applicant: Commission	§: Supplement 3 Motion No.: 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.



THE FASTEST SPORT ON ICE

REPORT SLIDE 2026

by Sports Director AT Matthias Böhmer



SUMMARY

1. IRO adaptations
2. Event organization
3. Luge coach education
4. MiCo 2026 qualification system



PRIORITY 4 /Development of our core sports

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- **Relaunch sport format /rethink/ revise all luge disciplines with a purpose to be more attractive in digital world (create a more dynamic and authentic outlook)**
- **Relaunch competition format to improve its tension and dynamics**
- **Sport development for small and new luge nations**



1. IRO Adaptations

Mixed Event

- Sprint replacement
- More dynamic
- Fast final result
- Inclusive
- Gender equal

Team Relay

- More excitement
- More dynamic
- Closed loop
- Graphic opportunities

FIL Cup

- Closes gap between Jr and Sr
- Clear way of sliding education
- „The only way to get better is competing in races“

Start Order

- NC upgrade
- Shorter races
- More appealing spectators



PRIORITY 2 /Being attractive for all media channels

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- **Move from sport-based to event-based programmes' in all FIL events**



FIL Playbook & FIL Brandbook



FIL Playbook

for event organizers
of luge World Cups and
Championships on artificial
tracks 2024/2025 Season

General regulations
Guidelines

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FIL Brandbook Artificial Track 2024/2025

- #Basics
- #Objectives
- # Style Guide
- # Advertising rights

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FIL Playbook & Brandbook

- **Individual events for individual cultures**
- **Clear framework for hosting FIL Events and using FIL Brands**
- **Communication is in the focus of our work with the Race Organizers**
- **Moving from sport-based to event-based FIL Events**



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- **Education programmes / manuals for coaches and athletes (including track lines)**



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Luge Coach Education



MILANO CORTINA
2026



Qualification System

Quotas and Participats



1. Women's & Men's Singles

3 Nations with 3 Sleds

5 Nations with 2 Sleds

6 Nations with 1 Sled

14 NF / 25 Sleds

2. Men's Doubles

3 Nations with 2 Sleds

11 Nations with 1 Sled

14 NF / 17 Sleds

3. Women's Doubles

11 Nations with 1 Sled

11 NF / 11 Sleds

Overall: 106 Athletes Quotas

4. Team Relay

11 Team Relays

How to qualify for the Games? - PART I

- Athletes participating in the 2026 OWG must be born before 1 July 2010 [C.1]

- Taking part in minimum 5 WCs, JWC or NC during the 2024/2025 Season and Olympic Season (until 12 January 2026) combined and have earned a combined minimum of 5 point from the mentioned races. [C.2.1]

Or

- Athletes must have earned the following combined minimum WC points by participating in 2 WC's (General Class) within the Olympic Season:

Men's & Women's Singles – 26 Points

Men's Doubles – 44 Points

Women's Doubles – 50 Points

How to qualify for the Games? - PART II

- Taking part in the ITP on the Olympic Track (Fall 2025)
 - ❖ *If out of Top 30 (Singles) or Top 18 (Doubles) of the 2024/2025 Over World Cup Ranking [C.2.2]*
 - ❖ *Athletes must complete a minimum of 10 timed runs on the 2026 Olympic Track from the official Olympic race start heights [C.2.2.2]*
- Athletes must start in 2 World Cup / Nations Cup races between 1-12 January 2026 or mandatory* participation in one (1) World Cup race between 1-12 January 2026 and FIL approved training of a minimum of twenty (20) runs between 1-12 January 2026. [C.2.2.2]

Allocation of NOC quota places

- Each NOC who has qualified athletes in each event (men's and women's singles and men's and women's doubles) will receive priority in ranking and will be allocated a minimum of one quota place for each event.
- For nomination, the Olympic Season World Cup Ranking List (General Class) will be used.

Draft Season Calendar 2025/2026



DRAFT - 2025 / 2026



2025	OCT / NOV					2025	NOV					2025	DEC / JAN					2026	JAN / FEB					2026	FEB/MAR					2026	MAR										
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QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – XXV OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES – MILANO CORTINA 2026

INTERNATIONAL LUGE FEDERATION (FIL)

LUGE

A. EVENTS (5)

Men's events (2)	Women's events (2)	Mixed events (1)
Men's Singles	Women's Singles	Team Relay
Men's Doubles	Women's Doubles	

B. QUOTA PLACES

1. Total quota places for discipline:

	Quota places	Host country quota places	Total
Men	56	3	59
Women	44	3	47
Total	100	6	106

2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee (NOC) (per sport/discipline and/or per event):

	Maximum quota places per NOC
Men's Singles	3
Women's Singles	3
Men's Doubles	4 (2 Teams)
Women's Doubles	4 (2 Teams)
Team Relay	1 Team Relay (one (1) man, one (1) woman, one (1) men's double (two (2) athletes), one (1) women's double (two (2) athletes) who are qualified and entered in their individual events
Total	14



F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline 19 January 2026, or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated according to D.2.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Unused Host Country Place(s) will be reallocated according to D.2.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
01 November 2025 – 11 January 2026	Event name and location*
16 January 2026	The FIL confirms in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained.
19 January 2026	The NOCs to confirm to the FIL the use of the allocated quota places.
20 January 2026	FIL to reallocate all unused quota places.
26 January 2026	Milano Cortina 2026 Sport Entries deadline
6 – 22 February 2026	Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026

* To Be Determined



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SUMMARY

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3. Luge equipment, all in one place

1. IRO Adaptations

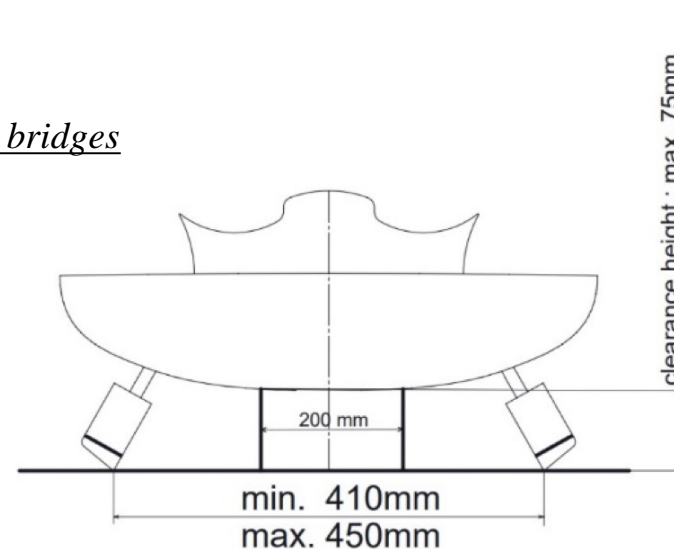
PRIORITY 4 /Development of our core sports

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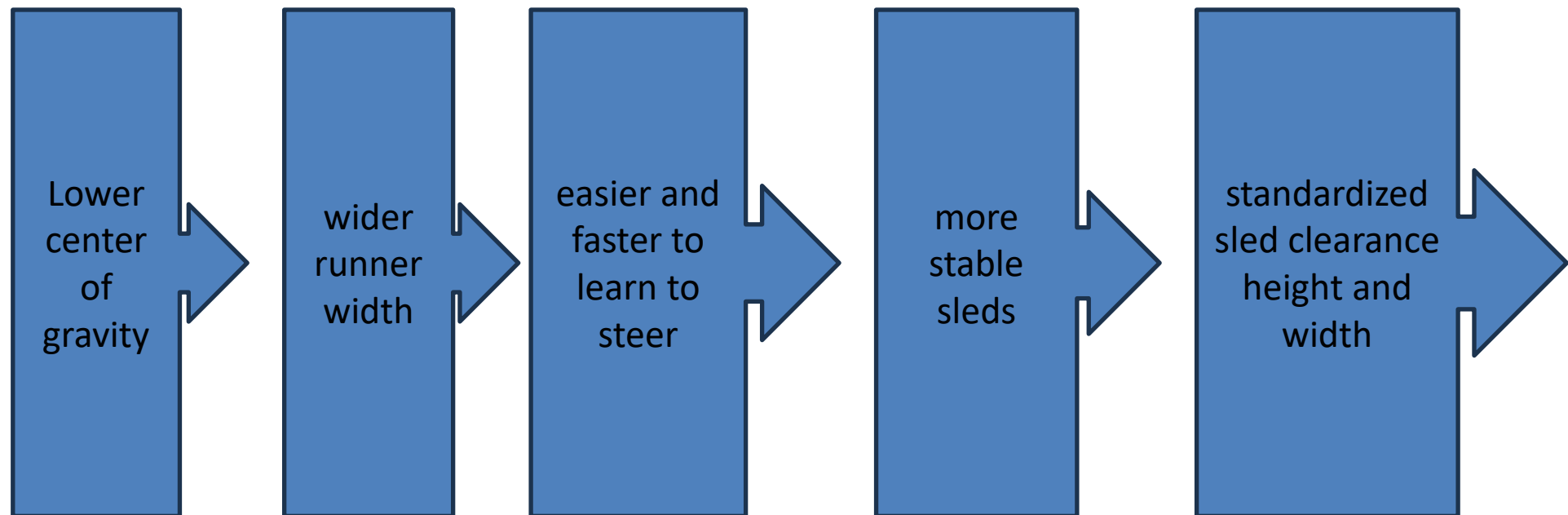
- Implementation of standard luge components to reduce development cost especially for new and growing nations, creating aftermarkets for leisure sliding, reduce education time for athletes and guarantee equal opportunities for athletes

Additional regulation for doubles bridges





1. IRO Adaptations





1. IRO Adaptations

PRIORITY 1 /Expansion of the FIL reach globally

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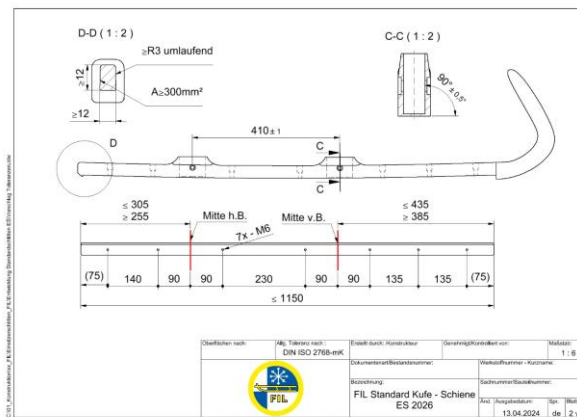
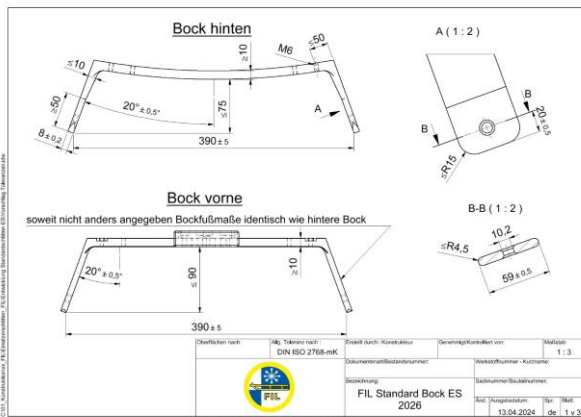
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Standardize single sleds parts

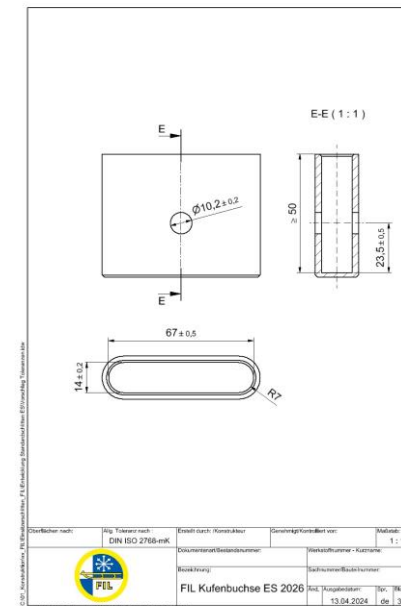
SEASON 2026-2027 General Class/ 2028-2029 Youth A, Junior Class

- Bridge width, height, angle
- Bridge legs thickness, hole position, radius

- Steels hole positions
- Runners box distance and position
- Safety runners back ends



- Runners Box measurements





2. Athlete outlook

PRIORITY 4 / Development of our core sports

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- Implementation new outlook of athletes so that the athletes look more like athletes, they look more dynamic and are able to walk like athletes
- New training shoes starting from season 2024-2025
- New Race/Training shoes season 2026-2027



2. Athlete outlook

PRIORITY 4 / Development of our core sports

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Develop scientifically based findings

- Effect of mass on the final result
- Effect of body size on aerodynamics



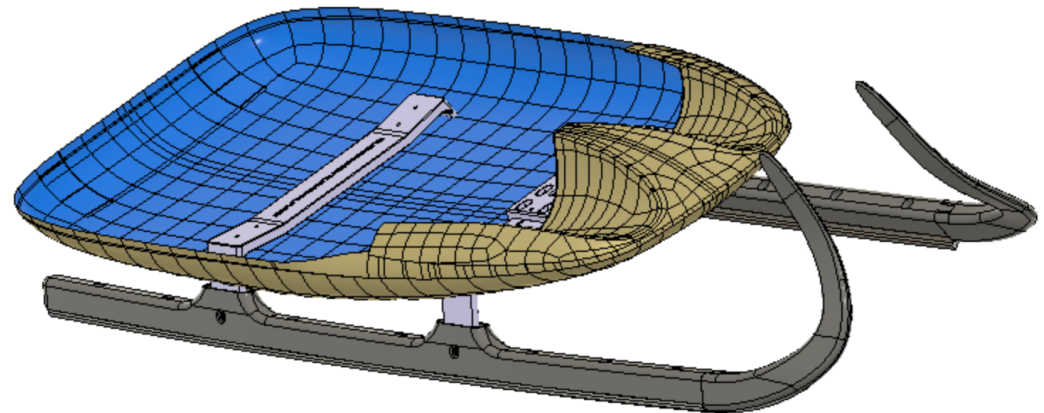
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3. Luge equipment, all in one place

- **FIBERGLASS (Youth, Junior)**



- **WIMMER (General Class)**





3. Luge equipment, all in one place

PRIORITY 3 / Increase participation in luge

Prepared by the working group led by Mrs. Natalia Gart

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- Sport development for small and new luge nations

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- All information in one place(FIL-LUGE.ORG)
- Where to buy equipment
- Where to find a coach
- where to prepare the sledge
- buy, sell sledges and their parts



Thank you for your attention



FUTURE WORKSHOP NATURAL TRACK & PUBLIC SLEDDING

The steering model

Established March 2024

WHY DO WE NEED IT – AN WHO WE ARE

THE FUTURE WORKSHOP NATURAL TRACK & PUBLIC SLEDDING

Jerome Almer



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Gerald Kammerlander



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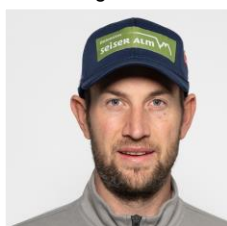
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WHAT IS ALREADY AVAILABLE – E.G. SLIDE 2026

STRATEGY PLAN SLIDE 2026

INCREASE OF MASS PARTICIPATION IN LUGE

Make sliding available to the general public and integrate sports into sporting activities to create the best growth in community

OUR ROADMAP FOR NATURAL TRACK LUGE TO 2026

OUR ROADMAP

- New attractive race formats
- New sport equipment
- Signing short, medium, and long-term sponsorship contracts
- Application for Olympic Games and YOG
- New platform around luge
- Status for public sliding - change
- Shows from all World Cup races

2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026

Expand and enhance events for basic/mass-participation sliding in winter sport areas

- Methodical literature for coaches and Application documents
- Active work of NFs with the developed Programme of Public Sliding
- Luge is a basic sport in the school program
- Development of the sliding club culture and organization of the amateur club competitions at different levels (schools, clubs, villages/cities, etc.)
- Possibility of transition of talented children (Amateur tournaments) to the professional sports

BENCHMARK SUCCESSFUL VISIONS AND STRATEGIES

BEST PRACTICE FOR STRONG VISION STATEMENTS

Google: „to provide access to the world’s information in one click.“

„Amazon’s corporate vision is to be Earth’s most customer-centric company, where customers can find and discover anything they might want to buy online.“

Tesla: „to create the most compelling car company of the 21st century by driving the world’s transition to electric vehicles.“

STEERING MODEL 2035

NATURAL TRACK & PUBLIC SLEDDING

THE STEERING MODEL

Vision statement



STEERING MODEL 2035 NATURAL TRACK & PUBLIC SLEDDING

Vision statement:

**Sledding becomes the
number 1 winter sport**

STEERING MODEL 2035 NATURAL TRACK & PUBLIC SLEDDING

Vision:

In 2035 everyone in the core region of sledding will be able to actively enjoy sledding within a half-hour radius.

He will find both a track and professional support from a trainer, supervisor or sledding guide.

There is a structure of races, clubs and federations with which we create the link between mass sport and racing.

The core region serves as a role-model for other countries and regions.

Sledding becomes benchmark in terms of sustainability for other winter sports.

STEERING MODEL 2035 NATURAL TRACK & PUBLIC SLEDDING

Goals I:

- In a previously defined “core region of sledding”, anyone within a 30-minute drive can actively enjoy sledding. This takes place on tracks or routes that are actively operated for sledding in the winter months.
- There is a sledding guide or trainer on site who has been trained by national institutions with international standards.
- We are encouraging more and more people to go sledding.
- We bring mass sport athletes to racing by creating a structure of races, clubs and federations that enables talents to progress from local races to the World Cup.

STEERING MODEL 2035 NATURAL TRACK & PUBLIC SLEDDING

Goals II:

- The core region serves as a role-model for other countries and regions. There is an active policy of rollouts to other regions. As soon as a region fulfills defined criteria it will be included in the core region (criteria needs to be defined, e.g. tracks, clubs, volunteers, winter sport region or tourism potential/history...)
- Where possible and useful, potential income is evaluated in the strategies and individual financial targets are created. These help to better finance sledding itself and to invest in further activities of the steering model.
- Sustainability targets needs to be defined (e.g. in terms of ESG: Environmental: CO2, energy, travel; Social: family sport, health, nutrition; Governance: ethical principles)

STEERING MODEL 2035 NATURAL TRACK & PUBLIC SLEDDING

Strategies:

Are to be defined

for each goal,

to match wir existing ideas and projects

and then implement them in working groups.

STRATEGIES WE START IMMEDIATELY -> SPEEDBOAT

Vision statement



STRATEGY SLED SPORTS EQUIPMENT (SPEEDBOAT)



Status: what happened so far

Reason why



The current sled is a highly developed high-tech product with no visual similarity to the standard public sled and can only be used on flat ice surfaces.

Goals



Create a sled that

- can be used on snow & ice
- is visual similar to the standard public sled
- has a dynamic performance & cool design
- has standardised & reasonably priced steels
- is available on the market as a public sled variant
- gives easy access for new or developing nations to NB

Pre-work done

3 prototypes purchased at Torggler, Bachmann, Lindauer.
All tested by athletes (AUT, ITA, SUI) on snow & ice.
Bachmann tested also on roller sled.



What we want to do 2024/25

- workshops with strategy team to finalizes design
- use sled producers or external product designer or developers knowledge
- Purchase 10 sleds for test races





Strategy team leader:
Gerald Kammerlander

STRATEGY RACE FORMATS (SPEEDBOAT)



Status: what happened so far

Reason why 	<p>Classic races are held on ice covered natural tracks. These are mostly in Austria and Italy and are becoming increasingly rare. As the difference between public sledding and racing is too big, leisure sledders cannot identify to the sport of luge.</p>
Goals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Find race formats that allow races to be held at new venues (nations)- Increase the attractiveness of the sport through new race formats- NOT insisting on classic luge tracks- Determine first new race formats by 31 March 2025- Enable races in nations without classic luge tracks by 2026
Pre-work done	<p>Ideas were collected regarding new race formats. It was checked and confirmed with the intended hosts if the planned races can be organized.</p>



What we want to do 2024/25

- Invitational Test Race Switzerland (Grindelwald)
- Invitational Test Race Norway
- Other Tests
- Workshops with the strategy team to develop the concept further and work out the next steps
- Consult marketing expert or expert from the ski sector



Strategy team leader:
Jerome Almer

STRATEGY SLED GUIDE (SPEEDBOAT)



Status: what happened so far

Reason why



In 2035 the availability of professional support (sledding guide, supervisor or trainer) should be guaranteed in the surrounding throughout the core region on every track.

Goals



- high-quality training for luge guides by national institutions with international standards (worldwide rules)
- to expand the reach training is included in other trainings like snow sports instructor or mountain instructor
- Strategy sled guide is self-financed (see AUT)
- training is offered in German and English
- Quality certification
- sports article industry (sellers) are trained
- establishing training programs for trainers from public sledding and racing (build a bridge)
- establish sled courses in school sports

Pre-work done

Strategy team created for steering model



What we want to do 2024/25

- workshops with strategy team to work out further concept and next steps
- offer training as a luge guide for snow sports instructors
- increase the number of luge guides





Strategy team leader:
Sandra Mariner

STRATEGY ROLLER SLEDDING (SPEEDBOAT)



Status: what happened so far

Reason why 	By roller sledding the sports can introduce to more and more people. Iced tracks are not necessary and this makes it easier to enjoy sledding all year round.
Goals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Encourage more and more children and young people to take up Sledding by use of roller sledding. (active participation stations, school projects, tour bus)- Promote active sledding around the whole year (connection between public sledding and racing)- Mid-term implementation of demonstration competitions near cities- Create tools to spread roller sledding
Pre-work done	Ideas were collected regarding the implementation of school projects and active participation stations.



What we want to do 2024/25

- workshops with strategy team to work out further concept and next steps
- School scouting at an existing roller luge competition (tour bus variant)



Strategy team leader:
Michael Scheikl

STRATEGY E-SPORTS (SPEEDBOAT)



Status: what happened so far

Reason why



Digital and VR world has not yet been used by sledding. Austrian Luge Association has developed VR luge simulator in collaboration with university, which will open up many new possibilities. A follow-up project aims to make the simulator / sled game even more realistic and better.

Goals



- Develop Better, more realistic controls
- transfer more tracks to the digital world
- The simulator should be used to teach the topic of "safe sledding"
- and encourage more people to do sledding in the real

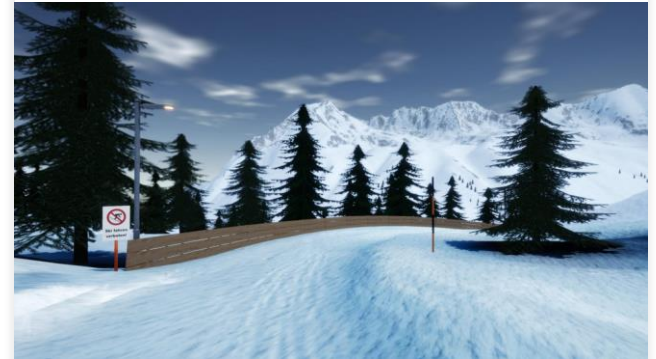
Pre-work done

VR luge simulator developed by Austrian Luge Association & university as part of a promoted pilot project. This is ready for use.



What we want to do 2024/25

- further development
- no budget needed for 2024/25



Strategy team leader:
Gerald Kammerlander

STRATEGY MARKETING, NEW MEDIA, DIGITALIZATION (SPEEDBOAT)

In clarification with Thomas Schwab (VP Marketing)

STEERING MODEL 2035

WHAT WE NEED

ORGANIZATION

Serves as sponsor, budget provider, highest authority for coordinating the basic direction.

**Steering
Committee
- open**

Works out vision statement, vision, goals, strategies, etc. Serves as Monitoring committee 1st instance: coordinates the individual strategies so that we work towards the common vision and goals

**Project
core team**

Working groups work out the individual strategies with experts and regularly coordinate these with the project core team (status, adherence to milestones, assistance required, etc.).

**Strategy
team 1**

**Strategy
team 2**

**Strategy
team 3**

**Strategy
team n**

BUDGET PROPOSAL 2024/25

	Euro
Project Core Team	29.345
Strategy Sports Equipment (Rodel)	22.375
Strategy Race Formats	79.190
Strategy Sled Guide	10.100
Strategy E-Sports	-
Strategy Marketing, New Media, Digitalizaiton	22.900
Strategy Roller Sledding (summer luge)	11.715
Other unexpected costs	-
Total	175.625

What we need....

MOST IMPORTANT

Ideas



People with passion



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**FUTURE WORKSHOP
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FIL LUGE

STRATEGY PLAN 2026 WORK VP MARKETING STATUS MAY 2024



AGENDA



Demands for marketing from the FIL strategic plan:

1. Standardization and modernization of TV production
2. Increasing distribution and optimizing the content in the area of social media
3. Implementation of a new marketing concept
4. Optimizing our event for a major event

What we has done in marketing as part of the Slide 2026 in the last years ?

TO DO'S STRATEGIEPLAN 2026

Marketing TV and Media



TV Production

- Camera plans are owned by FIL.
- Permanent optimization of camera positions.
- Influence on TV planning given by the FIL TV-coordinator.
- Directing of TV broadcasts by FIL.
- Livestreaming of all events
- FIL's own TV channel.



TO DO'S STRATEGIEPLAN 2026

Marketing TV and Media



6. USE OF NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR TV PRODUCTION

Graphic representation of speed, centrifugal forces, curve angles, steering inputs, etc.	✓
New TV graphics (owner is FIL)	✓
On-board cameras (simple technology, problem with tech. implementation for all participants)	X✓
Use of cable or rail cameras (issue of costs)	X
Use of drones (will be tested this and next year)	X

TO DO'S STRATEGIEPLAN 2026

Marketing TV and Media



New TV Concept

- A new FIL TV coordinator, Vera Bichler (AUT).
- Global tender for TV production.
- Establishment of a consistent core team of 5 people (TV director, floor manager, vision mixer, EVS operator, chief camera operator) (2024/25).
- FIL's own TV direction of all competitions (2024/25).
- Implementation of the FIL Studio into TV production (2024/25).
- Implementation of a new platform for professional SM content of FIL and national federations.

TO DO'S STRATEGIEPLAN 2026

Bereich Marketing TV und Media



5. EXPANSION OF FIL SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS FROM MARCH 2020 TO TODAY

- FIL YouTube channel with 5600 follower in May 2024 (1000 more than before the season) ✓
- Live streaming events are largely available. Problem media rights Germany, Austria and Latvia X✓
- Instagram: Followers 9050, distribution reach 1.8 million (December 2023 - March 2024) ✓
- Facebook: 39000 followers and distribution reach 2.8 million (December 2023 - March 2024) ✓
- X: around 500 tweets with press releases and news ✓
- First influencer event in November 2023 in Oberhof ✓
- The first given FIL Social Media Award this year ✓

TO DO'S STRATEGIEPLAN 2026

Bereich Marketing Advertising Strategy



Implementation of standards for a New marketing strategy (Corporate Design)

- New FIL competition branding as part of the marketing concept ✓
- Implementation of the new FIL World Cup logo ✓
- A new set design for the World Cup and World Championships ✓
- New design for TV graphics ✓

Next steps:

- Website redesign X
- FIL logo update X
- Redesign of printed correspondence materials X

TO DO'S STRATEGIEPLAN 2026

Marketing Strategy

Leaders Box



TO DO'S STRATEGIEPLAN 2026

Marketing Strategy

New Standard for Start Back Walls



TO DO'S STRATEGIEPLAN 2026

Marketing Strategy

Under ice advertising



TO DO'S STRATEGIEPLAN 2026

Marketing Strategy

New Standard for Graphic Design



51st FIL LUGE
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Oberhof (GER)

Men's Singles - Final Results

			TIME
1		AUT Jonas Mueller	1:25.478
2		GER Max Langenhan	+0.104
3		AUT David Gleirscher	+0.121
4		GER Felix Loch	+0.145
5		LAT Kristers Aparjods	+0.294
6		AUT Wolfgang Kindl	+0.429
7		GER Timon Grancagnolo	+0.489
8		GER David Noessler	+0.552
9		LAT Gints Berzins	+0.572
10		AUT Nico Gleirscher	+0.587

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TO DO'S STRATEGIEPLAN 2026

Marketing Advertising Standards



Implementation Standards and Guidelines



Playbook

Describes the sporting framework/infrastructure of our sport:

- Necessary personnel
- Provision of necessary rooms
- Framework conditions for holding competitions

Brandbook

Describes the media and visual appearance of the FIL:

- Design of advertising material
- Dimensions of advertising material
- Use of logos
- Names, titles, disciplines

TO DO'S STRATEGIEPLAN 2026

Marketing Advertising Strategy, Further Opportunities:



Illuminated advertising option



TO DO'S STRATEGIEPLAN 2026

Marketing Advertising Strategy, Further Opportunities:



Venue Dressing



TO DO'S STRATEGIEPLAN 2026

Marketing Advertising Strategy Options



TO DO'S STRATEGIEPLAN 2026

Marketing Optimize Events



IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES TO OPTIMIZE THE EVENTS HAS BEEN VERY DIFFICULT ABOUT:

- Two years of Corona pandemic
- War in Ukraine
- Economic crisis
- Autonomy of the organizers (different financing opportunities and options)

TO DO'S STRATEGIEPLAN 2026

Bereich Marketing Optimize Events



Conclusion:

- Events like the World Championships in Oberhof and Altenberg are good examples for races with event character
- Identification and promotion of World Cups that already have the character of events

Generally, we need following improvements:

- Shortening of competitions
- Optimization of schedules for spectators
- Implementation of modern and interesting competition formats
- We need attractive side events for spectators (Sport acts, Music, Children's programs)
- Warm-up areas for spectators
- Refreshment areas for spectators

OUTLOOK / NEXT PRIORITIES

Marketing

- Permanent development of set design / venue dressing
- Upgrade FIL website
- Upgrade FIL logo
- Evaluation of our market values
- Winter sports market analysis
- Planning next Olympic period
- Agreements and cooperation with our Partners and agency's
- Extend our contracts, and negotiate new contracts



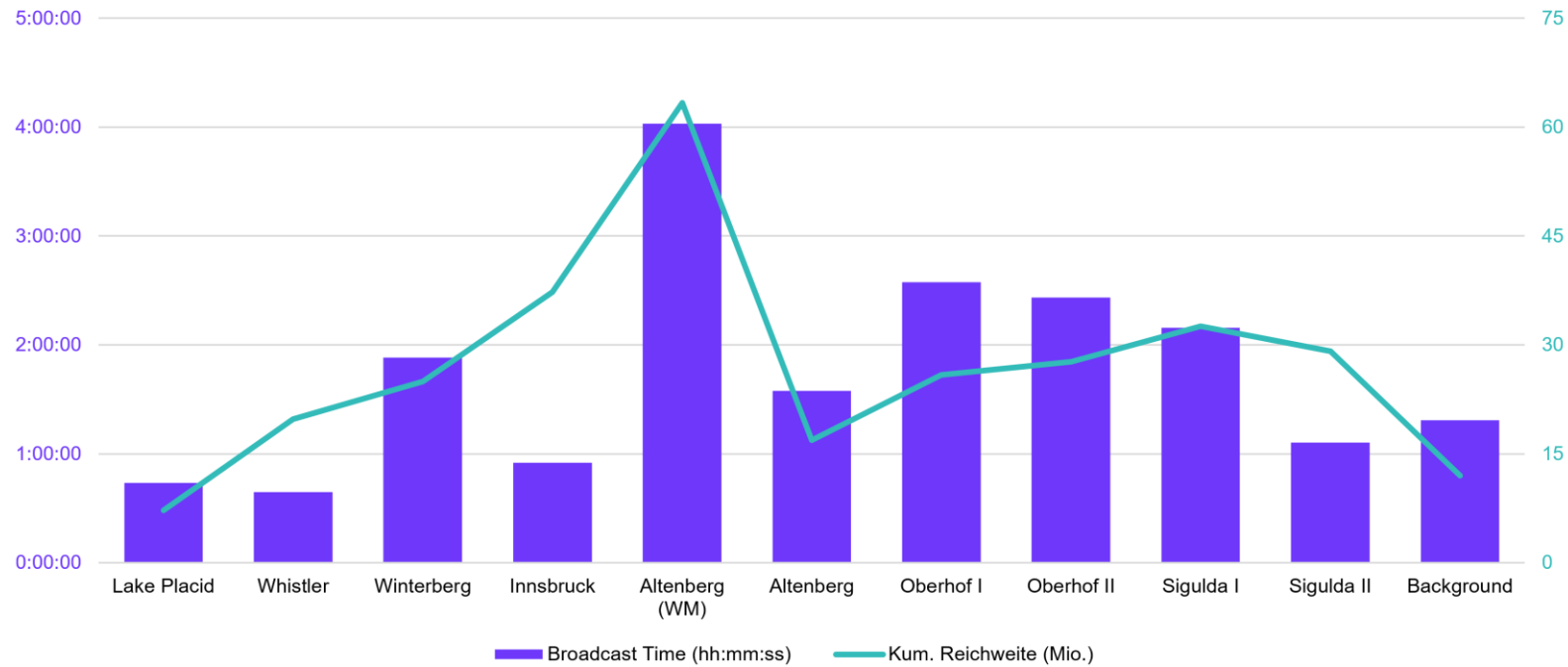
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Marketing, Market Analysis



TV MEDIA MONITORING

Nach Weltcup



OUTLOOK / NEXT PRIORITIES

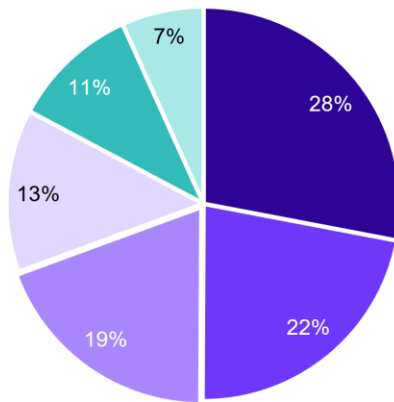
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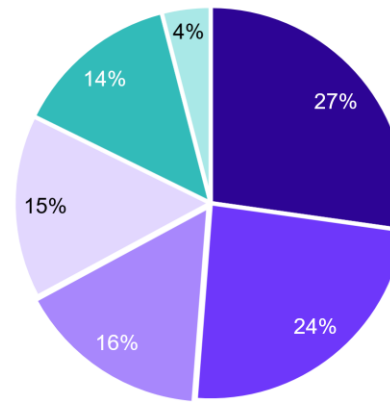
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Broadcast Time (hh:mm:ss)



- Einsitzer Herren
- Einsitzer Damen
- Doppelsitzer Herren
- Doppelsitzer Damen
- Team Staffel Mixed
- Background

Kumulierte Reichweite (Mio.)



- Einsitzer Damen
- Einsitzer Herren
- Doppelsitzer Herren
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OUTLOOK / NEXT PRIORITIES

Marketing



TV SPONSORENANALYSE

Überblick Eberspächer



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Sichtbarkeit



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Sponsoringkontakte



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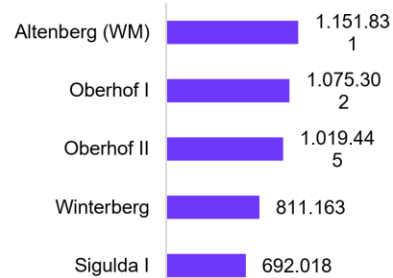
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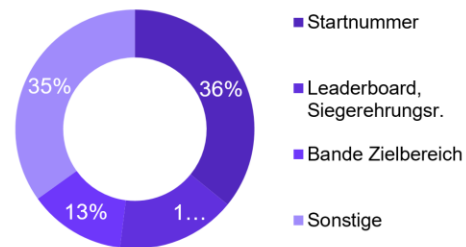
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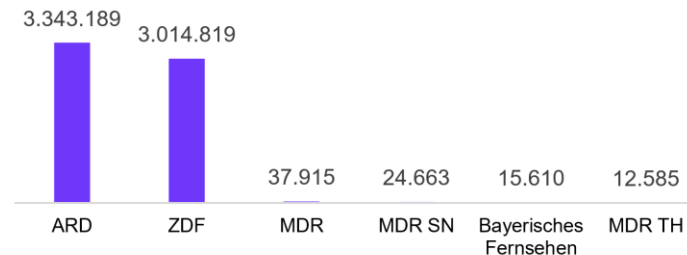
Top-5 Weltcups nach QI Media Value



QI Media Value nach Tool (Top-3)



Top-6 Sender nach QI Werbewert (€)



OUTLOOK / NEXT PRIORITIES

Marketing



TV SPONSORENANALYSE

Nach Werbemittel



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OUTLOOK / NEXT PRIORITIES

Marketing



TV SPONSORENANALYSE

Überblick Seiz

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SEIZ



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Sichtbarkeit



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Sponsoringkontakte



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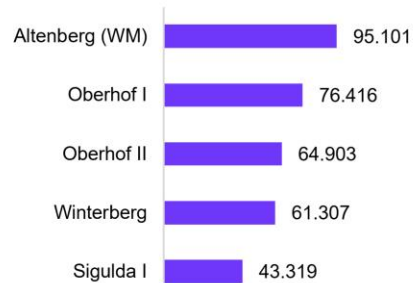
100% Werbewert



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QI Werbewert

Top-5 Weltcups nach QI Media Value



Top-6 Sender nach QI Werbewert (€)



OTHER FIL ENGAGEMENTS



Winter sports are being in a critical discussion by the public
Many people have critically questions about our sport: “Is it still up to date?”

TOPICS:

Heavy impact of our Sport on the environment

- High CO2 emissions due to the production of aggregate states
- Due to our extensive travel activities
- Due to our high transport volumes/cargo
- And final we have a discussion about our cost-intensive sports facilities

HOW ARE WE REACTING TO THE SITUATION?

- Cooperation with IBSF (common strategy and implementation measures)
- And we develop a strategic plan to optimize our CO2 emissions

WEITERE ENGAGEMENTS der FIL

Example for optimization CO2-emissions



Number of Tracks to visit:

16.12.2023 OPTIMIZE

Drag and Drop or [Select Files](#)

EXPORT

Index	Week	Date	From	Track	CO2 Travel [T]	CO2 Track [T]	Fixed
15	2023-KW50	11.Dec-17.Dec	HOME	Koenigssee	62.89	8.944	
16	2023-KW51	18.Dec-24.Dec	Koenigssee	ParkCity	222.988	7.186	
17	2023-KW52	25.Dec-31.Dec	ParkCity	Lillehammer	191.327	7.098	
18	2024-KW01	01.Jan-07.Jan	Lillehammer	Altenberg	25.022	9.802	
19	2024-KW02	08.Jan-14.Jan	Altenberg	Cortina	6.306	7.057	
20	2024-KW03	15.Jan-21.Jan	Cortina	HOME	64.694	0	
21	2024-KW04	22.Jan-28.Jan	HOME	Sigulda	68.512	7.049	
22	2024-KW05	29.Jan-04.Feb	Sigulda	Koenigssee	28.265	8.607	
23	2024-KW06	05.Feb-11.Feb	Koenigssee	HOME	62.89	0	fix

x Altenberg
x Koenigssee
x Lillehammer
x LaPlagne
x

CO2 Emissions of Tracks over Date (both cooling and heating)

CO2 Travel [tons]: 733.0 (92.9%)

CO2 Tracks [tons]: 56.0 (7.1%)

CO2 Total [tons]: 788.0

Side Conditions

Select Start Track: HOME x

Select End Track: HOME x



**THE CHALLENGES FOR THE FUTURE ARE
ENORMOUS.**

LET'S TACKLE THEM TOGETHER!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

THOMAS SCHWAB

INTERNATIONAL LUGE FEDERATION



SOCIAL MEDIA AS PART OF FIL COMMUNICATIONS

Social Media is more than just a platform for sharing moments

- *powerful tool to connect us*
- *inspire us*
- *carry our messages to a global audience*

Over the last two years our Social Media team for the winter season grew

Goals:

- *To celebrate the sport of luge*
- *Highlight athletes*
- *Bring the exhilarating experience of luge to every corner of the world*



THE NUMBERS

In total, FIL channels have been published in the last 24 months:

946 Facebook-Postings

558 Instagram-Postings (excl. Reels)

287 Instagram-Reels

About 16.000 Instagram-Stories and Facebook-Stories

994 Tweets on X

158 TikTok videos

142 Posts on Linkdin



FACEBOOK



FACEBOOK: DEVELOPMENT FAN NUMBERS UNTIL 2024

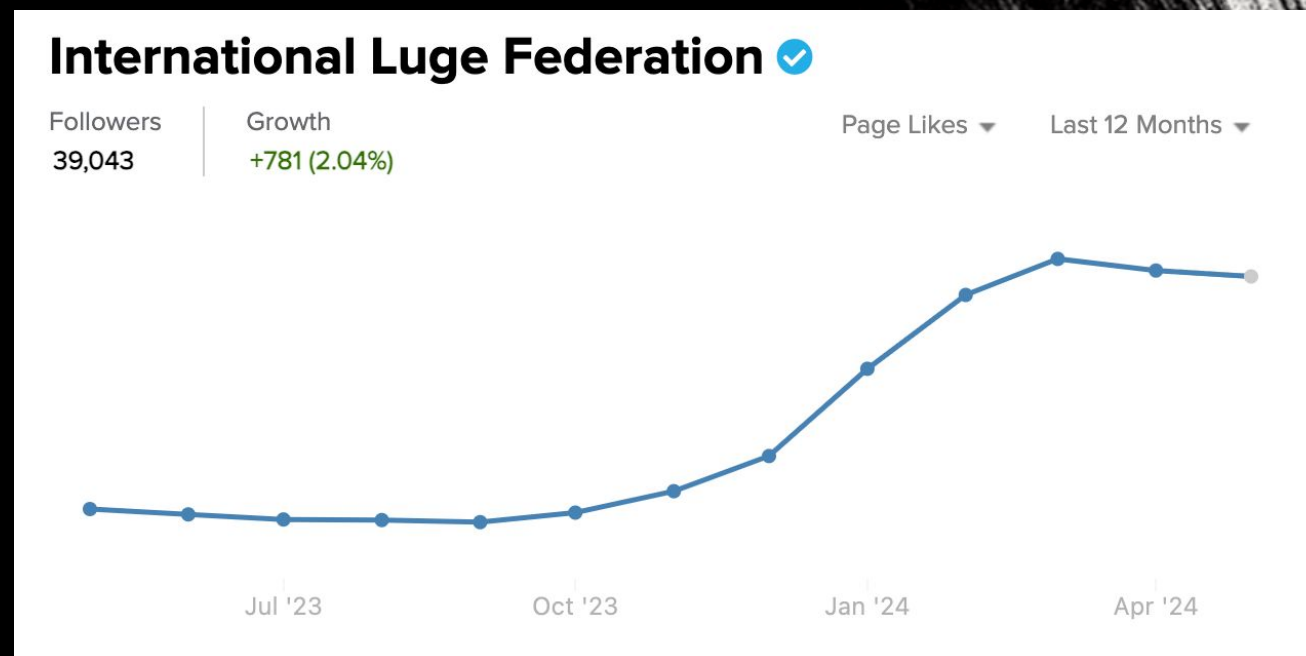
Status May 2024: 39,043 Followers

Status March 2023: 38,355 Followers

Status December 2021: 19,102 Followers

Over the year of 2021, 9,331 followers were generated. This represents relative growth of 95.5%. The number of followers almost doubled in the space of a year. Facebook has continued to grow steadily, although the curve has flattened.

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.



FACEBOOK: TOTAL REACH

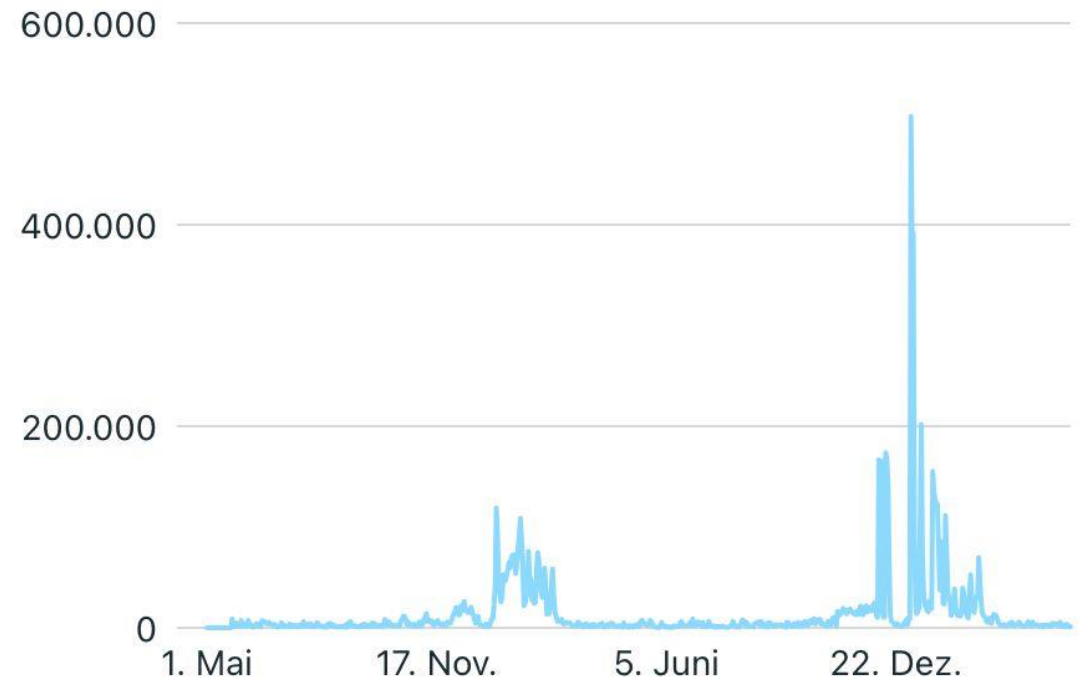
Last 24 months:

- During the last 24 month the total reach was 4,4 Million people on Facebook.
- Reach was at its highest during the winter seasonst from November till March with highlights in January and February 2024.

Reichweite

Reichweite auf Facebook ⓘ

4,4 Mio. ↑ 100 %



FACEBOOK: MOST SUCCESSFUL POST

Post with Largest Organic Reach:

- “9 competitions, 6 countries with medals” at the FIL Luge World Championships 2024 in Altenberg (Germany) Medal Table Post from January 29, 2024
- Reach was **161,077**, which was **2.843 %** higher than the average on Facebook
- It was made by a KI-based background photo in comic style



International Luge Federation ist hier: Altenberg bobsleigh, luge, and skeleton track. ...
Gepostet von Instagram · 29. Januar · Altenberg, Deutschland · 🌐

9 competitions, 6 countries with medals - The World Championships in Altenberg are over and we are so happy about this wonderful weekend! 🥳🥳

#LugeLove #FILuge #LugeWCh24 #Worlds #SachsenEnergie #Eiskanal #Altenberg #rudschnuggn #rodeln #Luge #lugeworlds24 #urlaubsregionaltenberg #sogehtsächsisch #visitsaxony

52nd FIL Luge World Championships
- ALTENBERG -

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
AUSTRIA	04	03	02
GERMANY	03	02	02
LATVIA	01	02	04
ITALY	01	00	00
USA	00	01	01
SWITZERLAND	00	01	00

OVERALL LUGE MEDALS

👍❤️ 1.652 43 Kommentare 237 Mal geteilt

👍 Gefällt mir 🗨️ Kommentieren 🔄 Teilen

FACEBOOK: SUCCESSFUL POSTS

International Luge Federation
27.845 · Gefällt mir · Angaben · 35.307 Follower

Beiträge · Info · Mentions · Reels · Fotos · Videos · Mehr

Intro
Welcome on the official Facebook Page of the International Luge Federation. For Athletes, Fans & Fans

Beiträge
International Luge Federation · 12. Januar · 242 Gefällt mir · 16 Kommentare · 31 Mal geteilt

International Luge Federation
Gepostet von Margit Dengler · 12. Januar · 242 Gefällt mir · 16 Kommentare · 31 Mal geteilt

42-year-old Jozef Ninis from Slovakia came out on top in the men's FIL Nations Cup in Innsbruck (AUT) on January 12. With a time of 50.255 seconds, he narrowly distanced the competition, consisting of the Latvian Gints Berzins (+0.023) and Andriy Mandziy (+0.071) from Ukraine. photos: FIL / Mareks Galinovskis
#LugeLove #FILuge #Nationscup #innsbruck

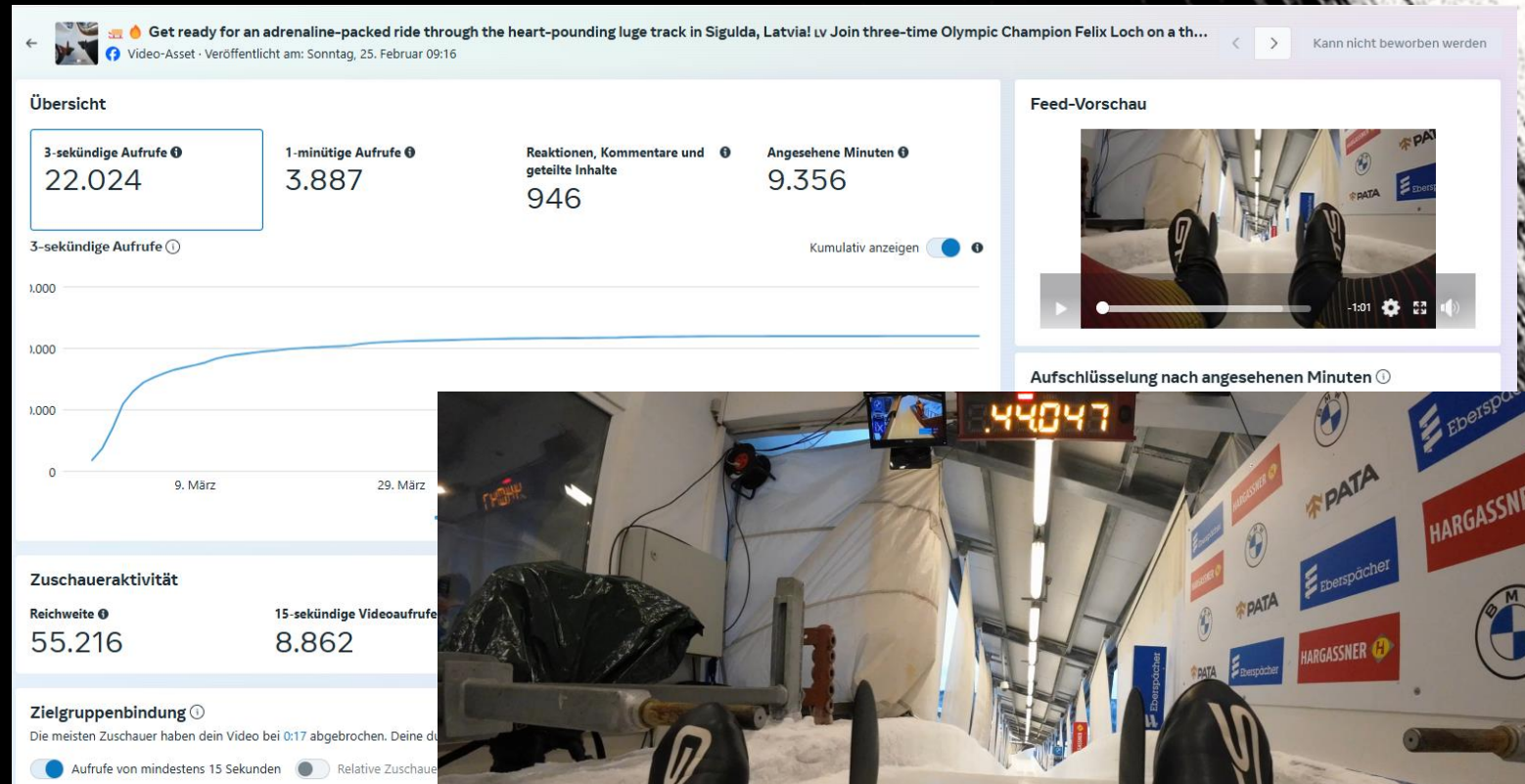
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FACEBOOK: MOST SUCCESSFUL VIDEO

Video with Largest Organic Reach:

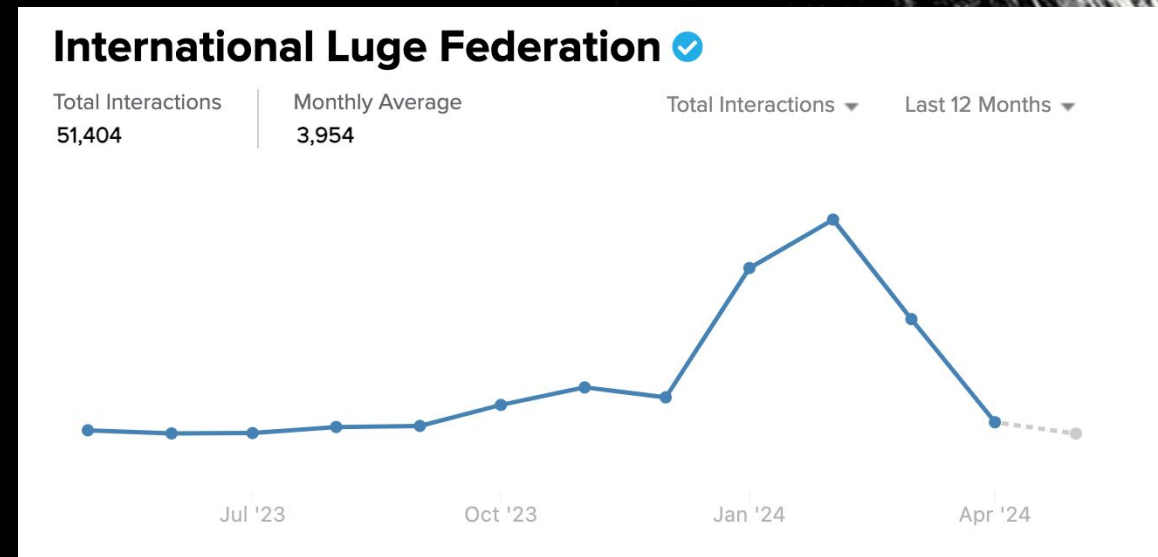
- POV Sigulda Track from February 25, 2024
- Reach was **55,216**
- 946 Reactions
- 44 Comments
- 89-times shared



FACEBOOK: REACTIONS, COMMENTS AND SHARED CONTENT

May 2023 – May 2024:

- This results in a total of around **51,404** reactions over the year.
- On average, **3,954** reactions were obtained per month.
- Content was shared over 1,900 times.
- At peak times, over 1,800 reactions were achieved in one day (January/February).



FACEBOOK & IG: STORIES

STORY INSIGHTS Jan. 1, 2024 – April 1, 2024:

68,000 people viewed the stories on the FIL account during the first three months of 2024.

About 16.000 Instagram- and Facebook-Stories

Portrait-Format

Videos from Margit and Eddy

Stories mostly put together for a Reel at the end



INSTAGRAM



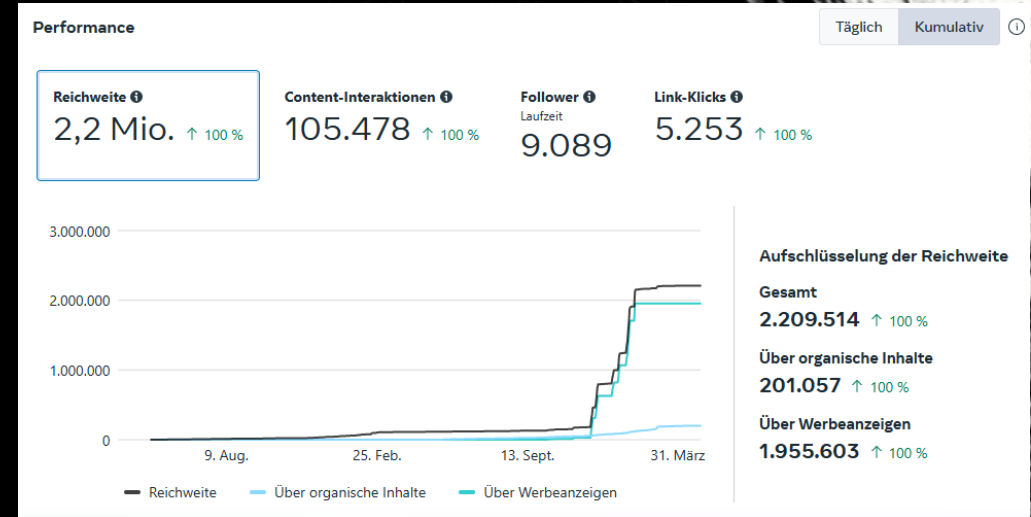
INSTAGRAM: DEVELOPMENT FAN NUMBERS

Status May 2024: **9,089** Follower

Status May 2022: **7,183** Follower

The number of fans on Instagram Followers rose from 7,183 (Dec. 31, 2021) to **9,089** (at May 25, 2024). This means that a further 1,906 followers were generated over the last 24 month. In summary, relative **growth of 26.53 %** was achieved. In the last 12 months the natural grows was 12.53 %). 38.1 % Women and 61.9 % Men.

The combined **reach** of all posts amounted to **2,2 Million**.



INSTAGRAM: SUCCESSFUL POSTS

March 3, 2024 Reel with Norbert Loch's farwell

- **80,600** Reach and 3,839 Likes
1,860 % higher than the average on Instagram
- 93,1 % of the viewers were not followers of the FIL IG account

The Post with the most comments was:

„Julia Taubitz becomes Sprint World Champion“
from January 26, 2024.

This Post had 101 comments and 2,383 Likes.

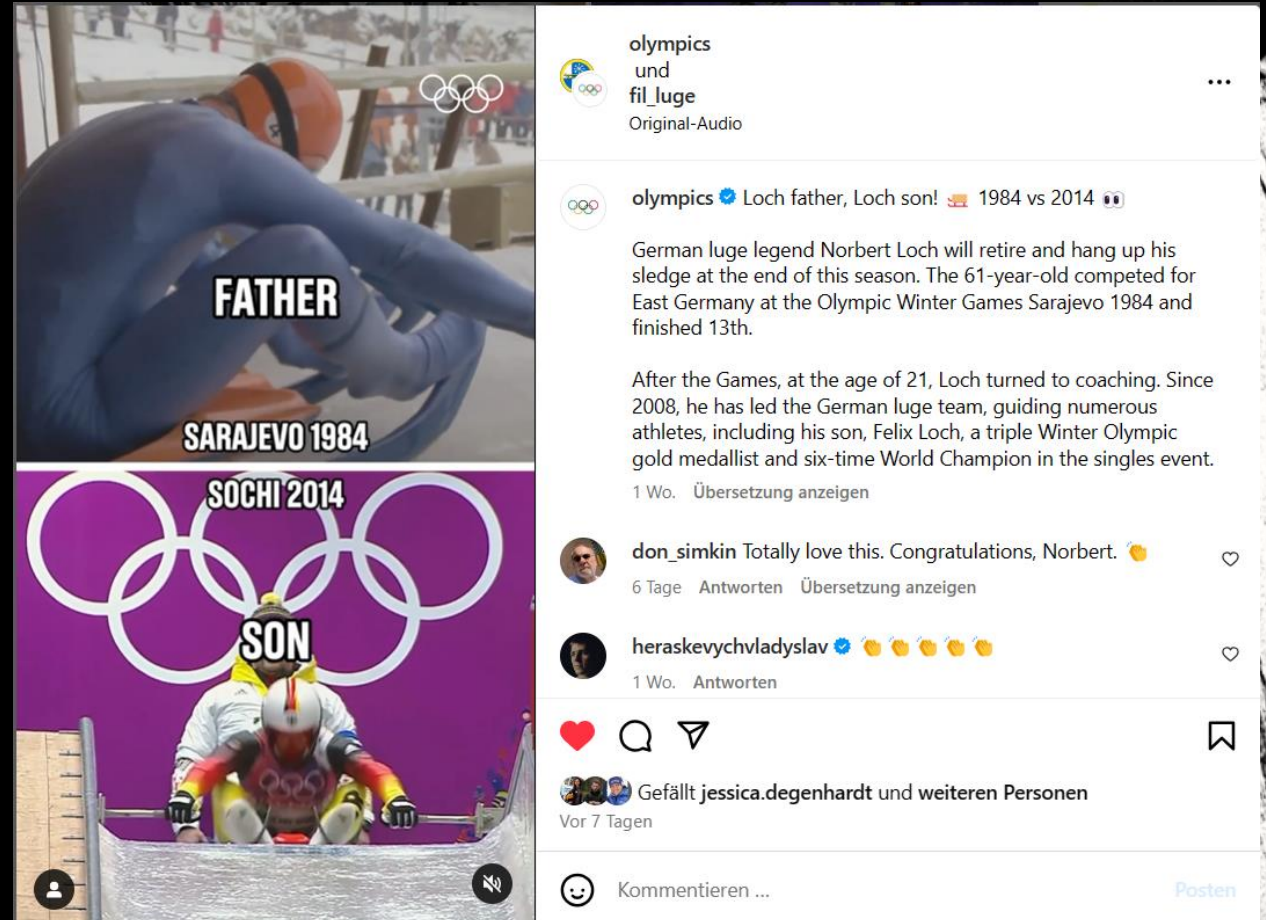


INSTAGRAM: SUCCESSFUL POSTS

March 7, 2024 IOC-Reel „Father and Son“

- 1.3 Million Views
- 781,447 Reach (accounts were reached)
- 39,400 Likes

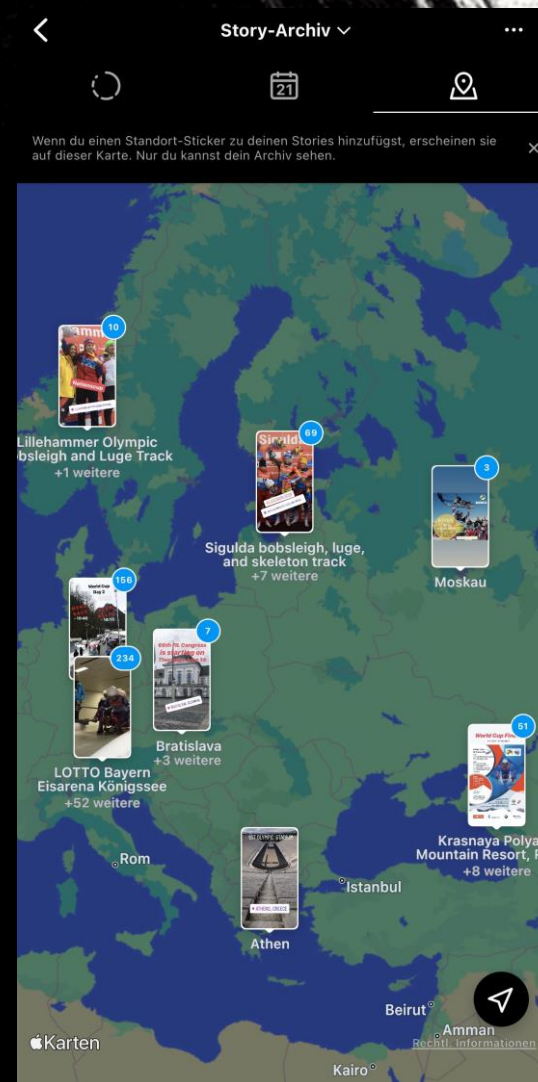
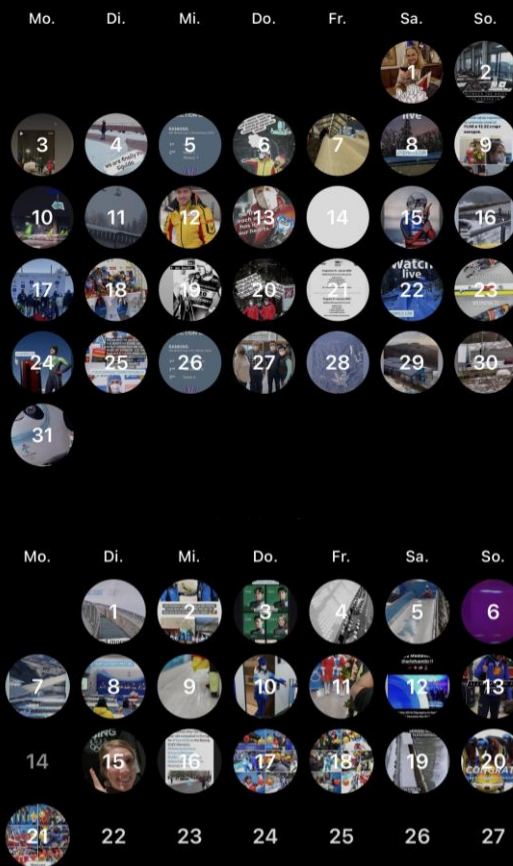
Collab-Partnerships are very valuable for both or more partners (up till 5 are possible).



INSTAGRAM: STORIES

STORY INSIGHTS :

- A total of around 16,000 stories were published.
- Cumulatively, the content generated a total reach of around 2.5 Million People.
- We are posting stories on IG & FB nearly every day.



INSTAGRAM: STORIES

22. Februar 17:26
Zu World Cup 23/24 hinz...

Overall World Cup Women's Singles

	OVERALL POINTS
Julia TAUBITZ	825
Madeleine EGLE	644
Anna BERREITER	572
Lisa SCHULTE	456
Ashley FARQUHARSON	450
Emil SWEENEY	445

10. Februar 12:19
Zu World Cup 23/24 hinz...

EBERSPÄCHER
LUGE WORLD CUP

WORLD CUP LEADER
HARGASSNER

WIN

Thomas Steu
Wolfgang Kindl

3. Mai 14:21
Zu WCh 2024 hinzugefügt

I'm so excited about the Team Relay race and to be racing with all these awesome people next to me. What a great way to end the weekend, and I'm so excited to see what comes next!

SUMMER BRITCHER

20. April 12:15
EBERSPÄCHER LUGE WORLD CUP

EBERSPÄCHER LUGE WORLD CUP 24/25

- LILLEHAMMER, 29 NOV. - 01 DEC.
- IGLS, 06 - 08 DECEMBER
- OBERHOF, 13 - 15 DECEMBER
- SIGULDA, 03 - 05 JANUARY
- ALTENBERG, 10 - 12 JANUARY
- WINTERBERG+56. EM, 17 - 19 JANUARY
- OBERHOF, 24 - 26 JANUARY
- 53rd FIL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS WHISTLER, 06 - 08 FEBRUARY
- PYEONGCHANG, 14 - 16 FEBRUARY
- YANQING, 21 - 23 FEBRUARY

[Fil-luge.org](https://www.fil-luge.org)



X - Platform



X: Numbers 2024

- 3,115 Follower on X
- 994 Tweets were published on X in the last 24 months.
- 937,100 Impressions from Dec. 5, 2023 till March 4, 2024
- 13,500 Link Clicks
- 379 Retweets
- 433 Replies
- 2.000 Likes in this 3 months.

← **FIL Luge** ✓
10.7K posts

FIL Luge ✓
@FIL_Luge

The official twitter feed of the International Luge Federation, FIL 🏆🏅 World governing body of luge #LugeLove #FILuge #Luge #Olympic #LugeMiCo26 #LugeYOG24

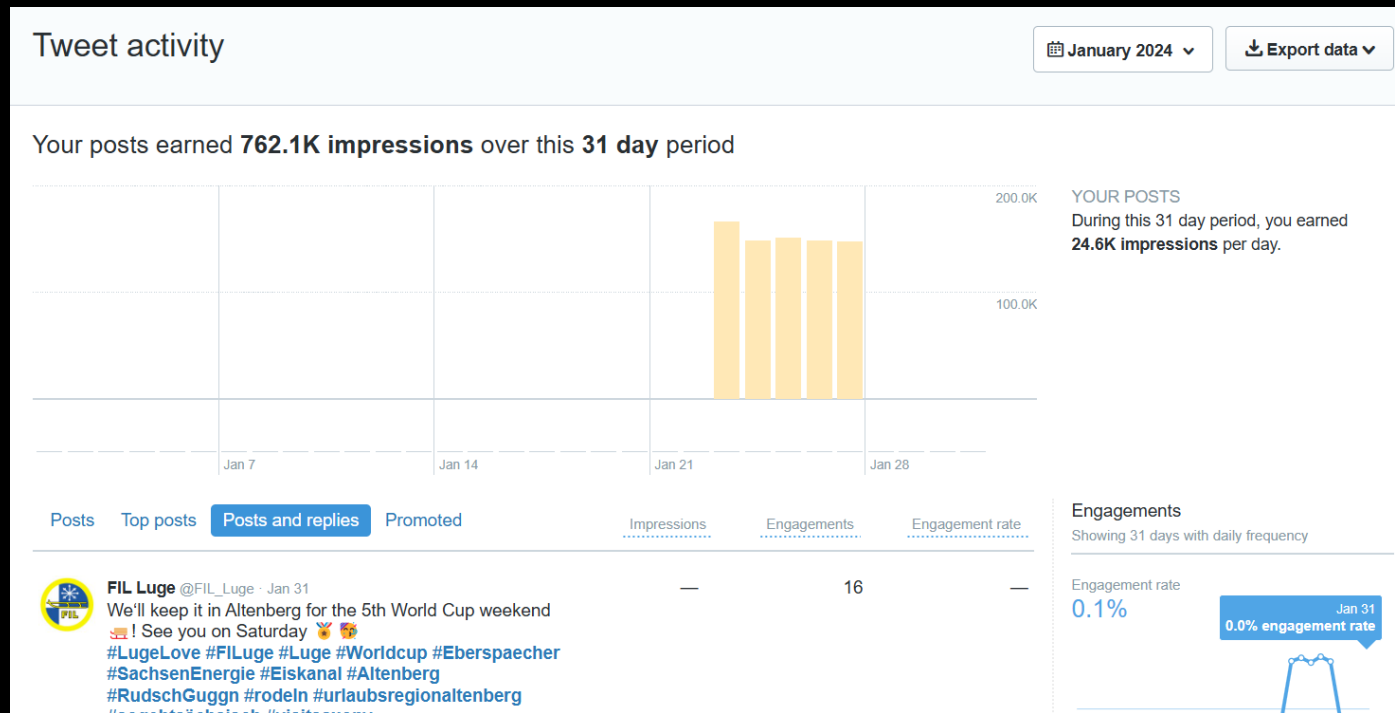
📁 Sports, Fitness & Recreation 📍 Germany 🔗 fil-luge.org
📅 Born January 1, 1957 📅 Joined October 2014

3,115 Following 3,182 Followers




X: IMPRESSIONS 2024

During 2024, an average of 24,600 impressions per day, about 800,000 impressions per month and in average 35 link clicks per day.



X: TOP-TWEETS 2024

Tweet activity ✕



FIL Luge @FIL_Luge
 Team Germany DE takes the victory in the final Team Relay of the Season!
 Anna Berreiter, Tobias Wendl/Tobias Arlt, Felix Loch and Jessica Degenhardt/Cheyenne Rosenthal slide to Gold 🏆 together


🇹🇻 Team LATVIA LV with Elina Vitola, Martins Bots/Roberts Plume, Kristers Aparjods...
pic.twitter.com/hfJClalV5

Impressions	359
Total engagements	36
Likes	12
Detail expands	9
Retweets	6
Media engagements	5
Profile clicks	4

Analytics Home Tweets More ✕ X Ads Help? FIL Luge ⌵

Tweet activity Dec 5, 2023 – Mar 4, 2024 Export data

Your posts earned **937.1K impressions** over this 91 day period




YOUR POSTS
 During this 91 day period, you earned **10.3K impressions** per day.

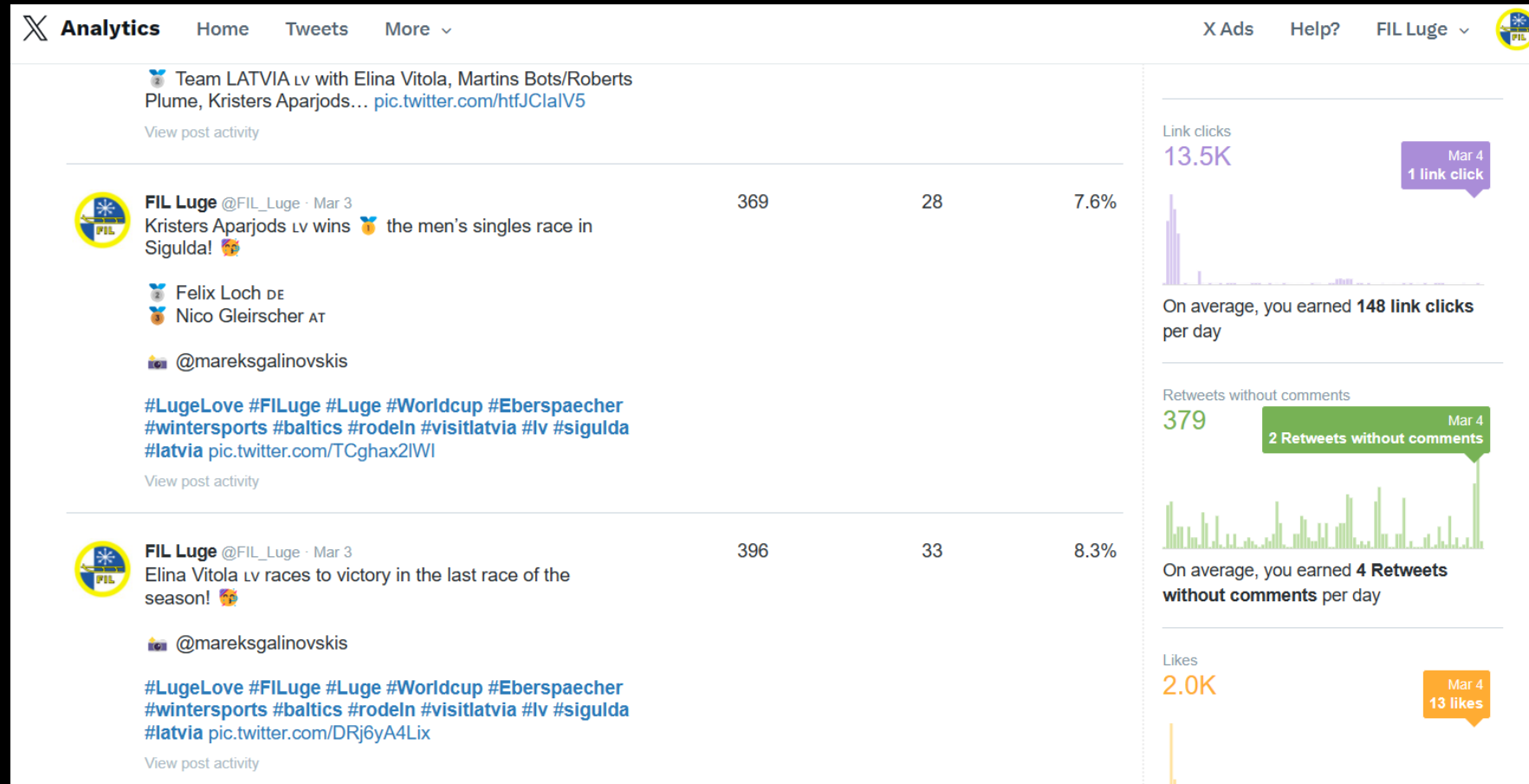
	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement rate
FIL Luge @FIL_Luge · Mar 3	359	36	10.0%

Engagements
 Showing 91 days with daily frequency

Engagement rate **6.4%** Mar 4 3.3% engagement rate

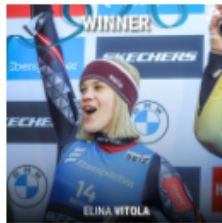



X: TOP-TWEETS 2024



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Tweet activity



FIL Luge @FIL_Luge
Elina Vitola LV races to victory in the last race of the season! 🏆

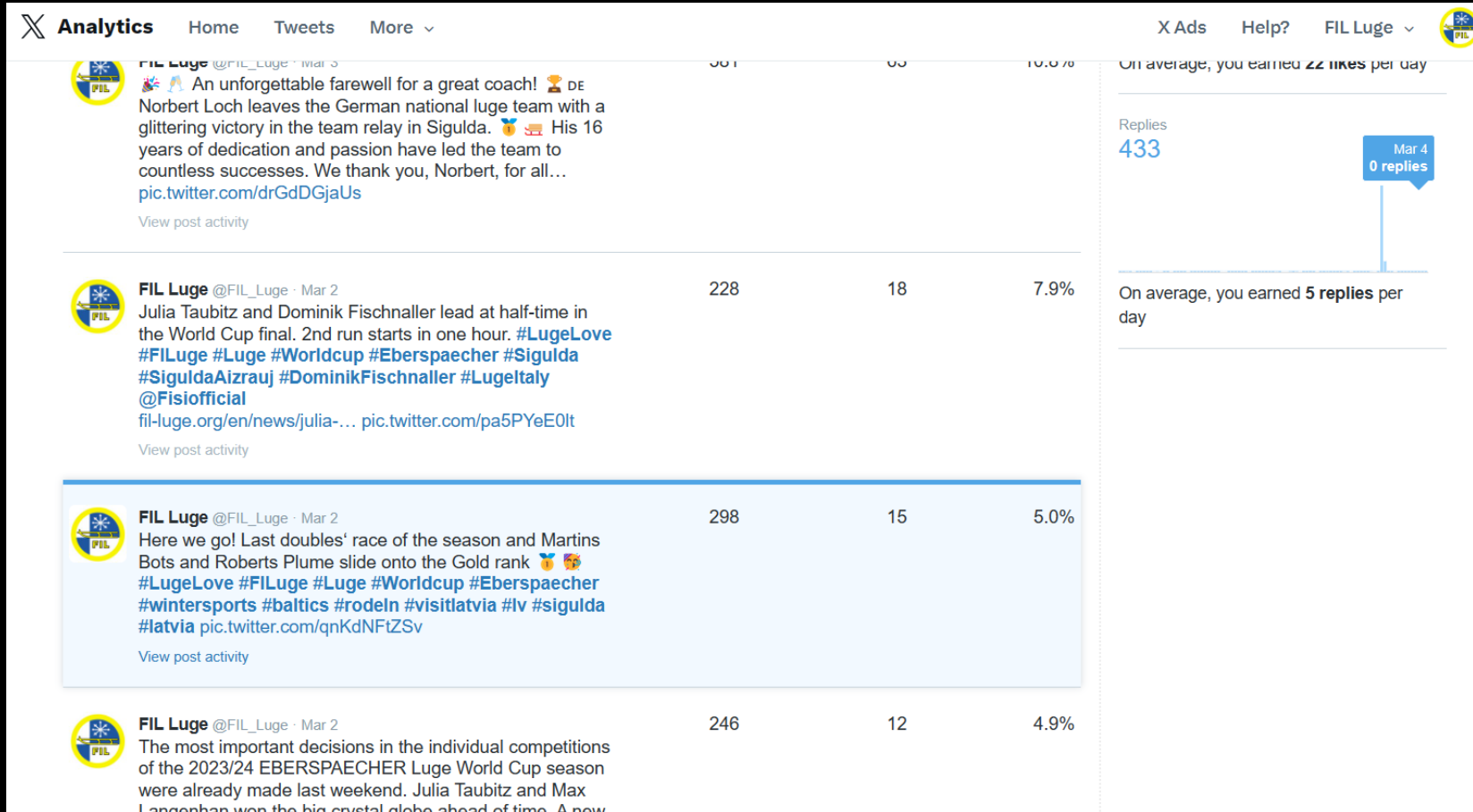
📍 @mareksgalinovskis

#LugeLove #FILuge #Luge #Worldcup
#Eberspaecher #wintersports #baltics
#rodeln #visitlatvia #lv #sigulda #latvia
pic.twitter.com/DRj6yA4Lix

Impressions	396
Total engagements	33
Likes	16
Retweets	8
Media engagements	5
Detail expands	2
Profile clicks	2



X: TOP-TWEETS 2024



FIL SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

 **YouTube**



FIL YOUTUBE CHANNEL

- 5,600 Subscribers on YouTube
- 3,500 Subscribers in fall 2022
- All races live : Geo-blocking in some Countries with TV contracts
- FIL Studio Show live
- Shorts
- Promotion of YouTube Channel



FIL Luge
@FILLuge_Channel · 5.67K subscribers · 605 videos
The fastest sport on ice. >
fil-luge.org/en/home and 3 more links
Customize channel Manage videos

Home Videos Shorts Live Playlists Community

Latest Popular Oldest

Portrait Luge World Champion Julia Taubitz preparing for the Home... 6:46

RELIVE - Team Relay | EBERSPÄCHER Luge World Cup -... 1:02:15

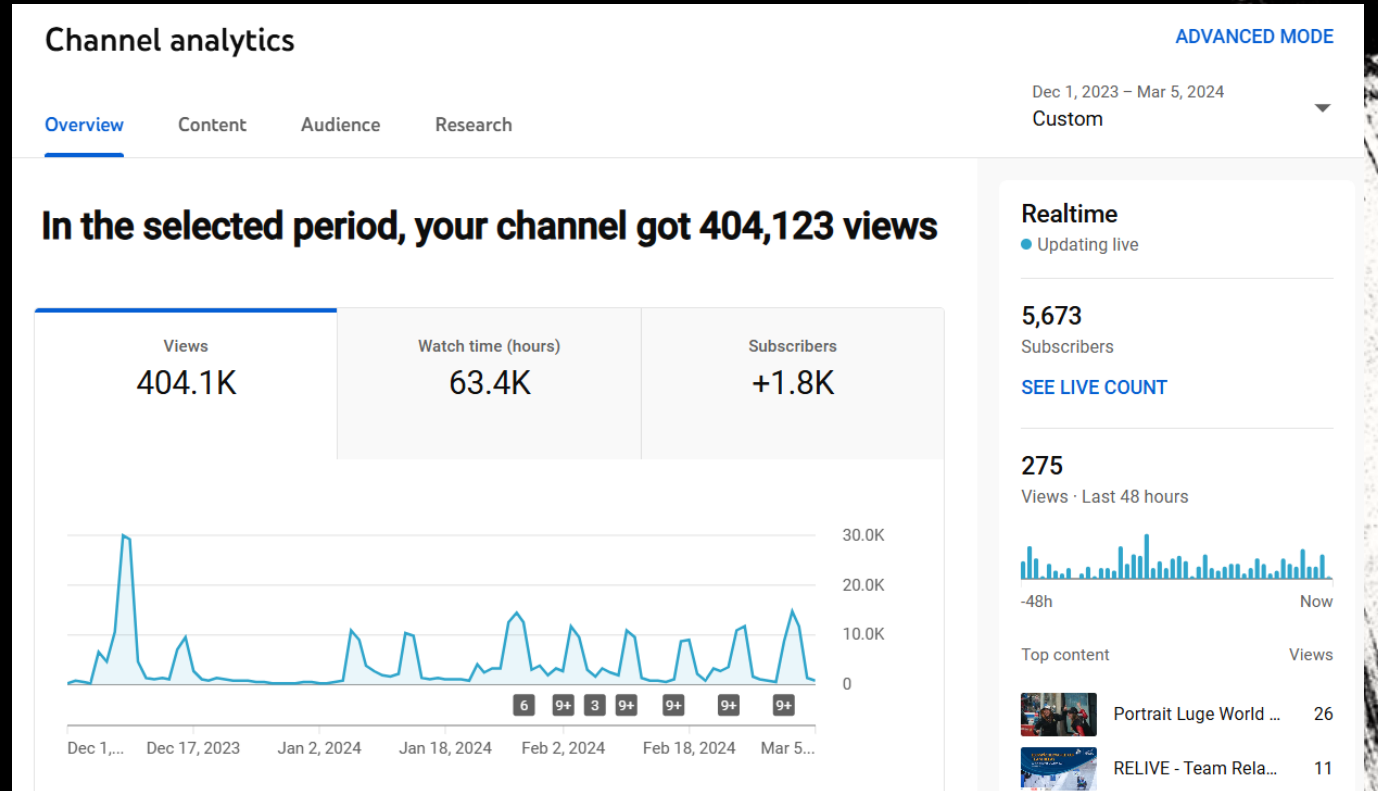
RELIVE - Men's Singles Run 2 | EBERSPÄCHER Luge World Cup -... 1:22:49

RELIVE - Women's Singles Run 2 | EBERSPÄCHER Luge World Cup -... 1:39:44



FIL YOUTUBE CHANNEL

- December 1, 2023 till March 5, 2024
- 404,100 Views
- 63,400 Hours Watch time
- 1,800 new Subscribers
- 5,600 Subscribers all together
- Most new viewers at the first weekend in Lake Placid: 19,332 new viewers, 3,386 returning viewers
- Over 2 Million Impressions
- 4:51 hours Average View Duration
- 605 Videos



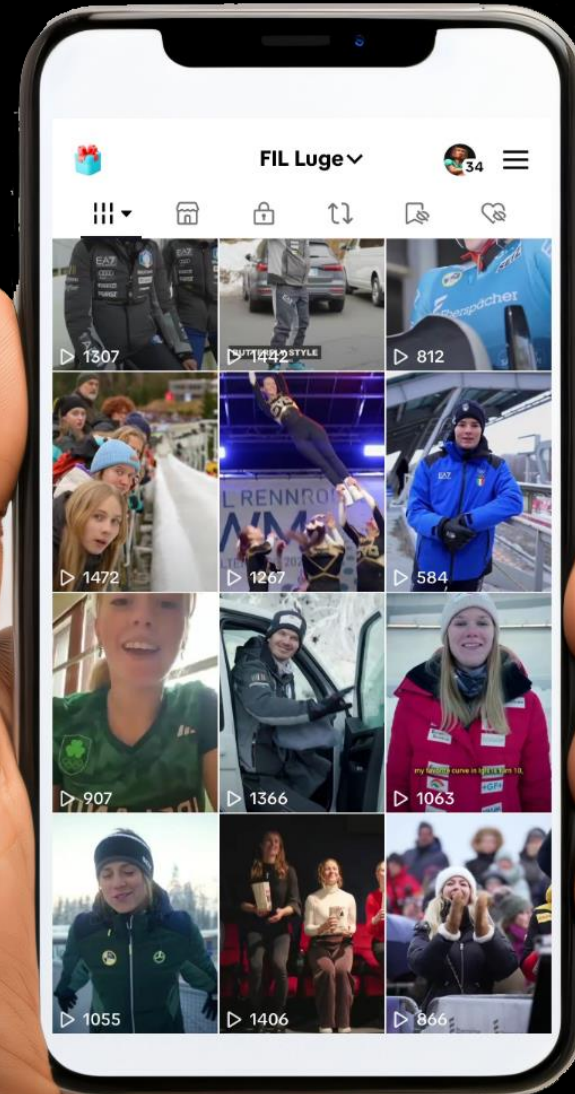
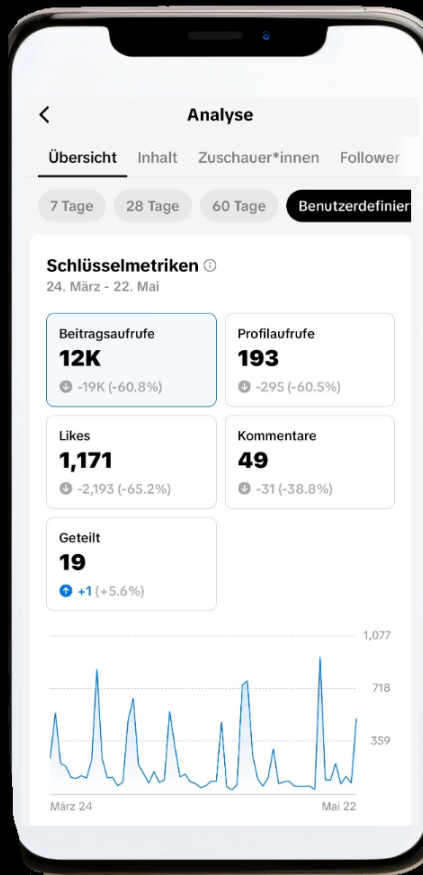
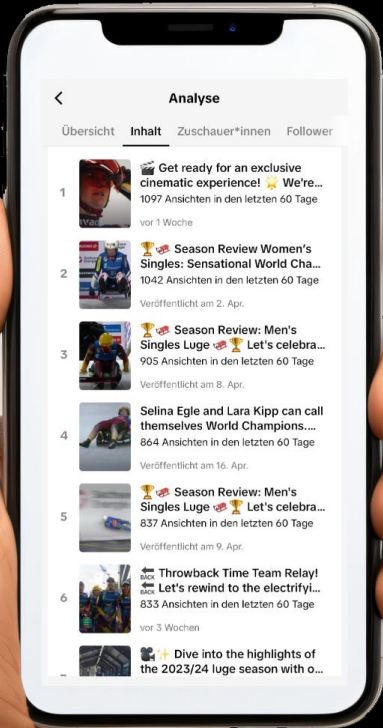
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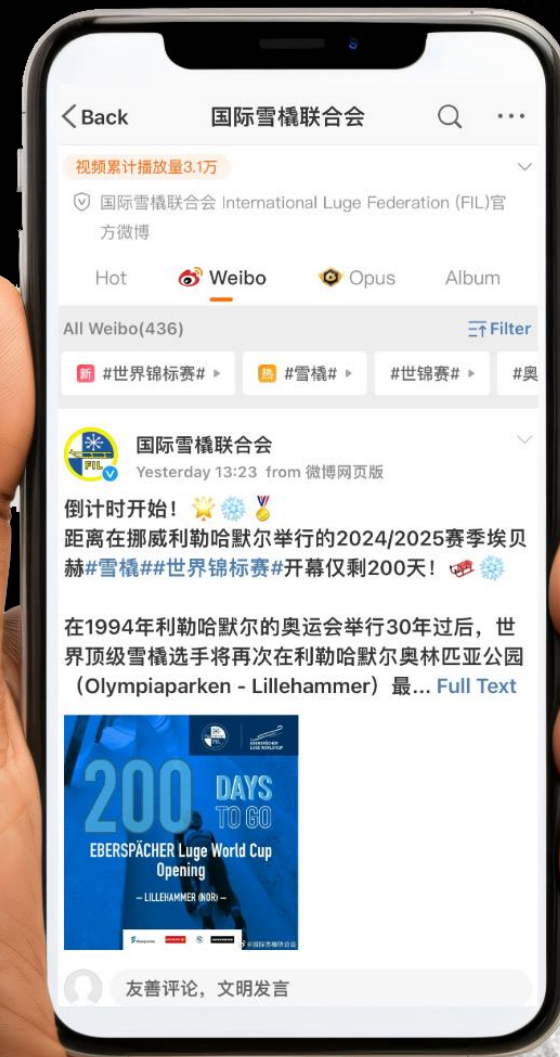
- 3,600 Follower on TikTok
- Since November 2019



WEIBO (CHN)



- 32,600 Follower on Weibo
- Since November 2021 with FIL account



LinkedIn



- 732 Follower at B2B Platform LinkedIn

International Luge Federation, FIL
731 Follower:innen
1 Monat •

Mark your calendars! The EBERSPÄCHER Luge World Cup Final is set to thrill fans in Yanqing, China from February 21st to 23rd, 2025! Get ready for three days of adrenaline-pumping action as the wo ... mehr anzeigen

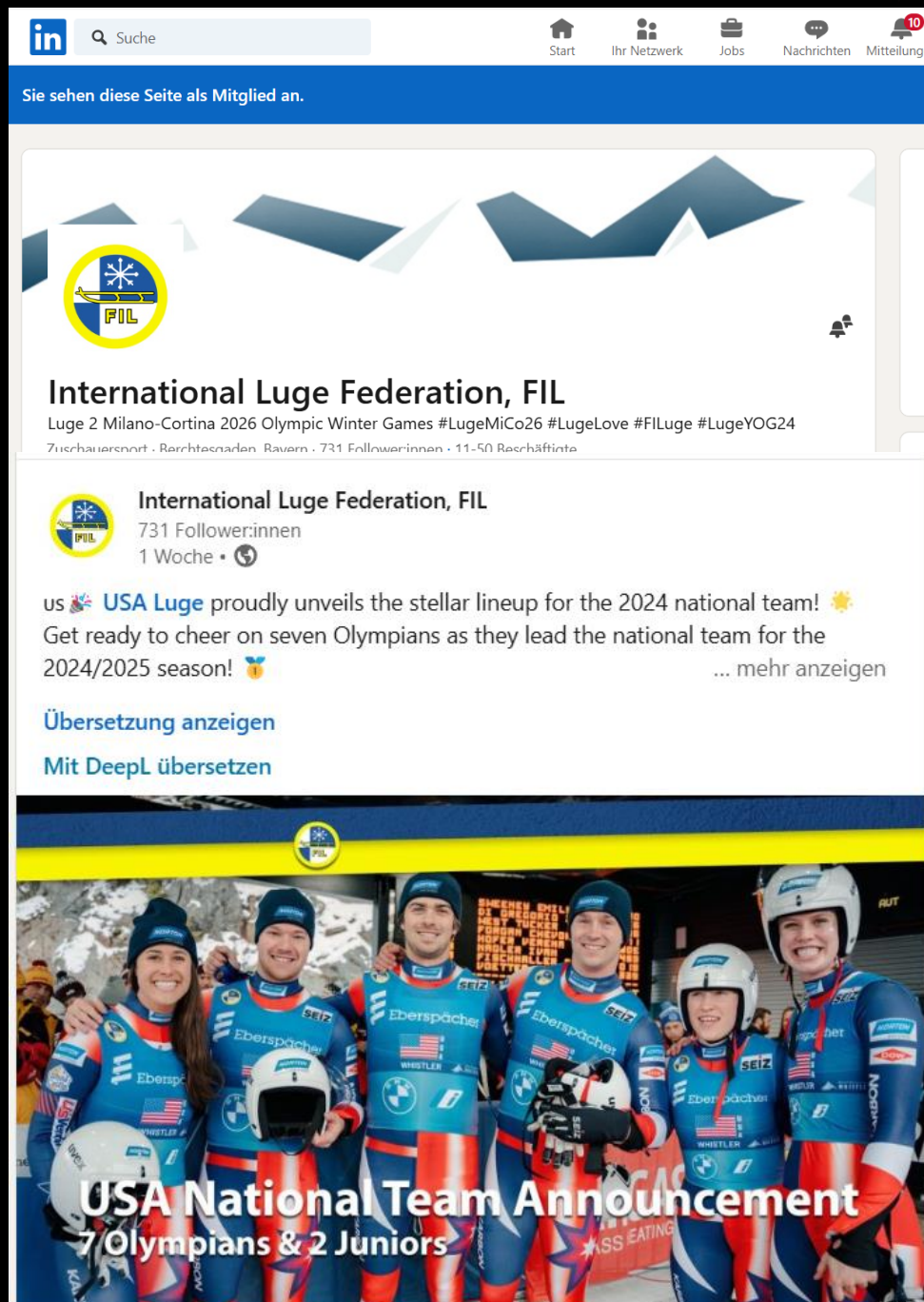
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LUGE WORLD CUP 24/25**

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- 09. YANQING, 21 - 23 FEBRUARY 🇨🇳

Stephan Sieber und 16 weitere Personen
1 Kommentar • 4 direkt geteilte Beiträge




International Luge Federation, FIL
Luge 2 Milano-Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games #LugeMiCo26 #LugeLove #FILuge #LugeYOG24
Zuschauersport · Berchtesgaden, Bayern · 731 Follower:innen · 11-50 Reaktionen

International Luge Federation, FIL
731 Follower:innen
1 Woche •

us 🇺🇸 **USA Luge** proudly unveils the stellar lineup for the 2024 national team! Get ready to cheer on seven Olympians as they lead the national team for the 2024/2025 season! ... mehr anzeigen

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USA National Team Announcement
7 Olympians & 2 Juniors

FIL SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS



SOCIAL MEDIA GOALS NEXT SEASON

- *Highlight our athletes*
- *Celebrate the sport of luge*
- *Grow our audience and followers*
- *Engage content and interactive experience*

OUR MISSION:

Encrease presence of luge sport on social platforms.



THANK YOU VERY MUCH

LET'S SLIDE TO 2026.



VP Finance Report to 2024 Congress in Lake Placid/USA

I would like to start my report by again thanking the Congress for electing me as FIL Vice President for Finance one year ago in Bucharest, Romania. Thank you for entrusting me with the management of the FIL's finances. It is now an honour to be able to present my first financial report to you.

From a financial perspective the 2023-24 financial year hasn't been easy for the FIL. Lingering post Covid-19 economics, wars and global inflation amongst other things have increased the FIL's operating costs, some such as travel, accommodation and TV production, live streaming and the FIL Studio much more than others. On top of the already budgeted increase for expenditure in 2023-24 our expenditure has also been impacted by some aspects of Slide 2026 (for example sled development for both artificial and natural track) and the FIL's response to the changing and challenging sport environment. These include, for example, changing media and TV dynamics, uncertainties with the Milano Cortina 2026 track and increasing governance requirements, all of which have also increased the workloads for many in the FIL. These factors, many of which have been reported on in more detail by my Executive Board colleagues and in other reports, have resulted unbudgeted expenditure.

The FIL's financial management processes have also had challenges during the 2023-24 financial year. By September it had become apparent that the bookkeeper we had employed since June 2022 did not have the skills or competencies the FIL required. We had been unable to obtain timely or accurate reports on our expenditure and despite considerable help and support there was no improvement. Earlier this year our bookkeeper resigned and left the FIL. It has since become apparent that that the 31 March 2023 financial closing was not as accurate as it should have been. This means that a significant amount of 2023 expenditure has had to be accounted for in the 2024 financial year.

Starting next year with the 2024-25 financial year, the FIL will produce a full set of audited financial statements - balance sheet, income statement and notes. This is a legal requirement. With this decision and the difficulties with our bookkeeper we engaged BDO Salzburg to undertake our bookkeeping and in due course prepare the required set of financial statements for a full audit. For the 2023-24 financial year ANA Vienna has undertaken agreed-upon procedures limited audit of the statement of assets and liabilities as has been done in the past by SOT Salzburg. Beginning with the 2024-25 year this will become a full audit.

We are still in a transition stage with BDO. However the reorganization of some duties amongst the staff in the FIL Office and planned changes to how we use our banks means that the day-to-day issuing of invoices and payment of accounts will continue to be undertaken in the FIL Office by our existing staff. So it remains business as usual for the National Federations to deal directly with the FIL Office for all financial matters. We are reviewing our procedures and processes for managing the financial support that the FIL provides, which is currently a time-consuming process. We may implement some new processes for the 2024-25 season.

Over the last year the Presidium has meet online with our investment bank, LGT in Lichenstein, at least quarterly. We are working hard with LGT to maximise the return on the FIL's investments within the parameters the Presidium and LGT believe are appropriate for an organization such as the FIL.

We recently began a review of our banking arrangements. The FIL uses banks in Austria, Germany and Lichenstein, with several accounts with each bank. Increased compliance requirements, especially with regards to anti-corruption and money laundering, have complicated moving money between banks and especially between countries. And as you will know banking transaction costs continue to increase. Currently most of our day-to-day banking transactions, our receipts and payments, go through the LGT Bank in Lichenstein. However LGT is more of an investment bank than a retail bank. Accordingly transacting our day-to-day activities through LGT is less efficient than through a regular retail bank and also LGT is not set up to seamlessly provide transactional information electronically into our bookkeeping system. On top of this there are now complications moving funds between Lichenstein and Austria. It is likely that moving most of our transactional banking to Sparkasse Salzburg could make our banking simpler, more efficient, less costly and our bookkeeping more straight forward. We are still assessing that.

As one final piece of background information I can report that last October the FIL established a limited liability company for the FIL's marketing and events. This limits the risks to the FIL of undertaking these activities, makes the contracting for these activities less onerous and provides some VAT advantages. The directors of the company are our Presidium, our Vice President of Marketing Thomas Schwab and an independent director. A separate financial report has been prepared for the company which has been incorporated into the financial reports in the Congress dossier. The

company has also been subject to an agreed-upon procedures limited audit.

With this background I would now like to speak about the Annual Statement of Accounts as set out in section 11 of your Dossier. The Annual Statement of Accounts is a consolidated report including both the FIL and the FIL marketing and events company.

I can report that for the 2023-24 financial year total revenue of €2,370,000 was €340,000 more than budgeted, an increase of 17%. However total expenditure of €4,773,000 was €835,000 more than budgeted, an increase of 21%. Together this means that the release from our reserves of €4,774,000 was €495,000 more than budgeted, an increase of 11.5%.

At our September 2023 meeting the Executive Board approved two significant items of unbudgeted expenditure. The first of these was to increase the remuneration paid to the Presidium by a total of €100,000 to recognize the continued increase in the requirements and time demands of our roles. The process leading to this decision was initiated and considered by the Executive Board without the members of the Presidium present.

The second decision was to provide €100,000 to the SLIDE 2026 projects for the standardized artificial track sled and natural track and public sliding's new sled concept, both of which have been reported on by our Vice Presidents.

At 31 March 2024 we had financial assets of €16,453,000. This was made up of:

- Liquid funds in cash and with our various banks totaling €1,401,000, and
- Investments with LGT Bank of €15,052,000. This includes our remaining distribution from the 2022 Olympic Winter Games (our Consumption Reserve) of €8,141,000 and our long-term investment fund (our Iron Reserve) of €6,911,000.

Other assets, including the FIL Office, total €1,763,000.

Liabilities, including the remaining balance on the loan taken out to purchase the FIL Office, total €936,000.

At 31 March 2024 the FIL had net assets (assets less liabilities), or equity, of €17,280,000.

The FIL will be able to manage the next one and a half years until we begin to receive revenue from the IOC for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games but we will need to manage our finances carefully if we are going to leave our Long-Term Reserve, the Iron Reserve, untouched.

To conclude my report I'd like to thank you all for your support during the past year.

I now move that the Congress approve the Annual Statement of Accounts for the year from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 and would be happy to take your questions. Thank you.

VP Finance 2024-25 Budget Presentation to 2024 Congress in Lake Placid/USA

It was challenge to put together the draft budget for 2024-25. It is difficult to see how we can increase revenue in the short term and we expect that costs will only go one way, and that is up!

Longer-term with the return of races to North America and Asia we hope that this will create sponsorship opportunities on those continents. We also hope that we will see an increase in funding from the IOC following the 2026 Olympic Winter Games. However with the various challenges facing Milano Cortina 2026 and the current global economic climate it is difficult to be confident of this.

In round numbers at 31 March 2024 we had net financial assets of €16,000,000, including our long-term investment fund (the Iron Reserve) of €7,000,000. If we want to leave this long-term reserve fund untouched it would mean that we have €9,000,000 of funds to use over the next two financial years, or in other words a release from reserves of €4,500,000 per year.

So far in this current Olympic cycle we have used €4,689,000 of reserves in the 2022-23 year and €4,773,000 of reserves in the 2023-24 year, which included some one-off items of revenue. If we are to avoid dipping into our long-term reserve fund, then without additional revenue we would need to reduce our current level of annual expenditure by around €500,000 each year over the next two years. If we were to do this, without fundamentally changing our racing programme, it would likely mean delaying or cancelling some of our SLIDE 2026 strategic initiatives (e.g. enhanced TV production, live streaming, FIL Studio, standardized sleds, Natural track & public sledding), reducing athlete and/or national federation support (e.g. participation, travel and sled transportation) or reducing our development programme.

Both the Presidium and Executive Board don't believe now is the time to do this, it's not the time to make cuts to our current programmes. While we will try to avoid having to use any of our Iron Reserve we accept that if we have to use some of it over the next two years then we should do that. At the same time we must continue to pursue further sponsorship opportunities, realise additional revenue or cost savings from our SLIDE 2026 strategic initiatives and be confident that the expected awarding of the 2030 and 2034 to host cities with existing sliding tracks will provide some financial stability for the sliding sports.

The draft budget proposes revenue of €1,945,000 which would be €395,000 down from the €2,340,000 in the past year. The reduction is due to less investment income as our Consumption Reserve reduces over the current Olympic cycle, no Winter Youth Olympic Games or FIL School funding from the IOC and of course we won't benefit again from the wind-up of the Association of International Olympic Winter Federations.

The draft budget proposes expenditure of €6,841,000 which would be €302,000 down on €7,143,000 in the past year. The significant cost changes from the past year are:

- FIL Office costs – up €50,000 for inflation and external audit costs.
- FIL Commission & Working Group Costs – up €29,000 primarily due to having the FIL Integrity Unit in place for a full year.
- Marketing & Public Relations Work AT – down €178,000 due primarily to reduced investment to enhance TV production, live streaming and the FIL Studio.
- Doping Tests – up €85,000 due to due to timing of ITA programme and payments.
- Subsidies for Event Organisers AT – down €86,000 due to the location of next season's races.
- Development programme AT – down €75,000 due to no FIL Schools, or if there are they will again be funded by the IOC.
- SLIDE 2026 – up €90,000 for implementation of natural track and public sliding strategy as presented this morning.
- TV Production incl. Agent Responsible for TV – down €94,000 due to expected cost savings from the new TV production, live streaming and FIL Studio strategy.
- YOG 2024 – down €124,000 due to there being no Youth Olympic Games this year.

To conclude my report, it's not all gloom and doom. One of my Executive Board colleagues told me to smile a lot during my presentation. I probably haven't done that enough but I can assure you that the Presidium, Executive Board and the FIL staff are working hard to manage our finances prudently. We are positive about the SLIDE 2026 and other initiatives already implemented or still to be implemented and that they will generate new revenues or reduce costs. We are also optimistic that the awarding of the 2030 and 2034 Olympic Winter Games to host cities with existing tracks, and our new disciplines, will bring us both stability and benefits.

I now move that the Congress approve the Budget for the year from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 and would be happy to take your questions. Thank you.

FIL Sport Integrity Unit

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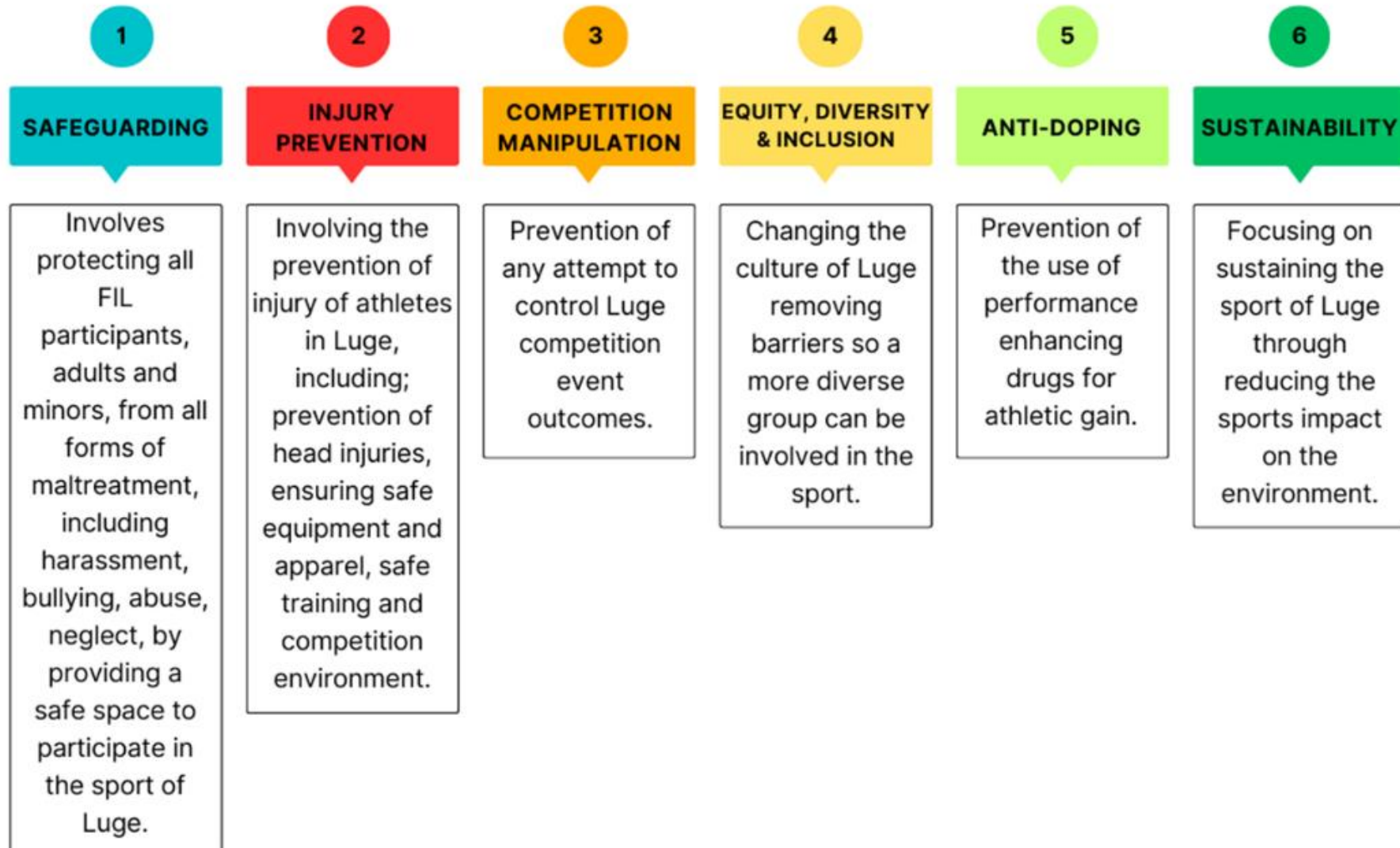
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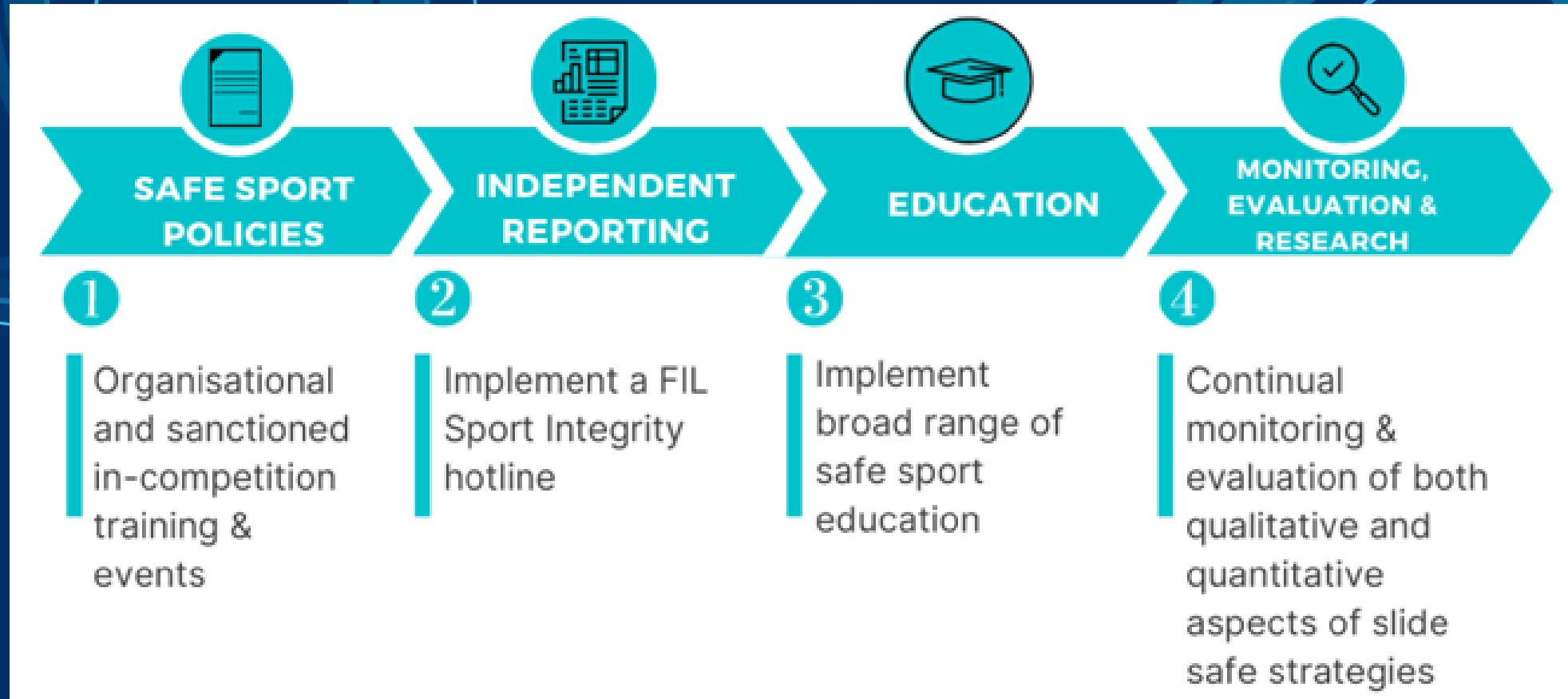


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All information reported will be treated in strict confidence and will be used solely for the assessment, case management, investigation of the complaint and follow-up related to any maltreatment or integrity issues reported. Your identity will not be disclosed to anyone except the FIL Sport Integrity Manager and any independent third-party investigator handling the complaint.

We encourage you to leave contact details so that complaints can be followed up in confidential consultation. However, if you wish to remain anonymous, you are welcome to do so.

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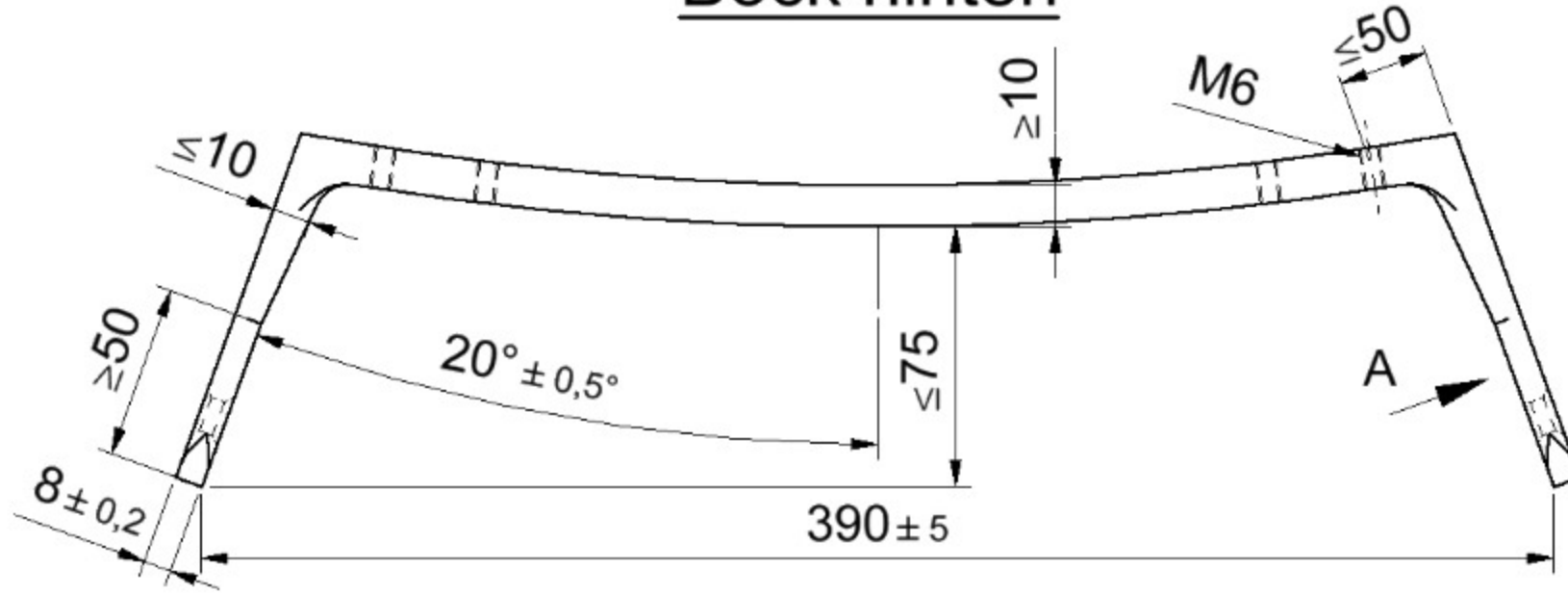
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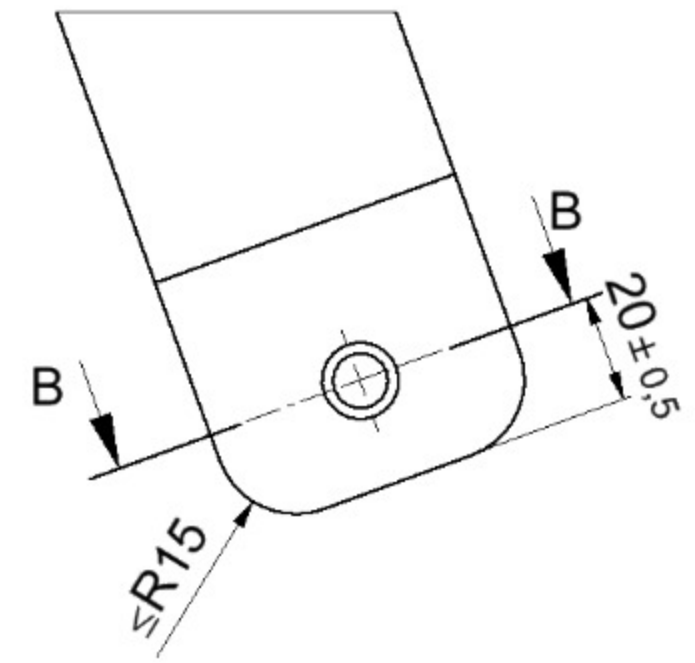


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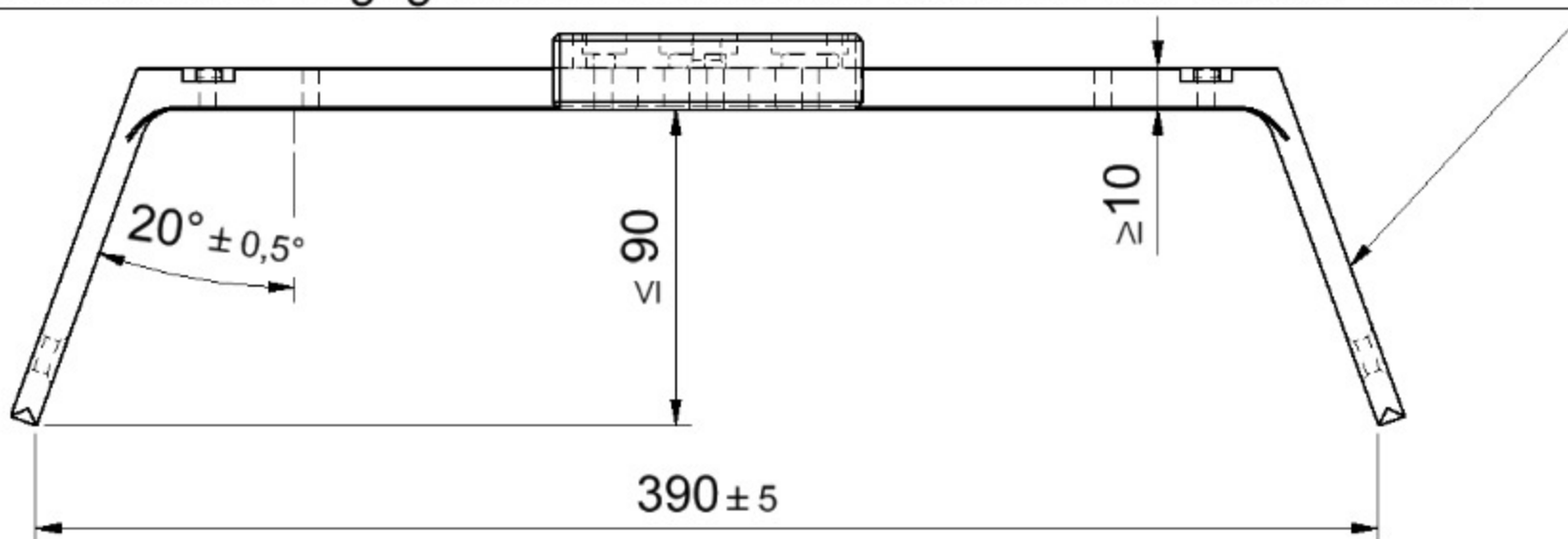


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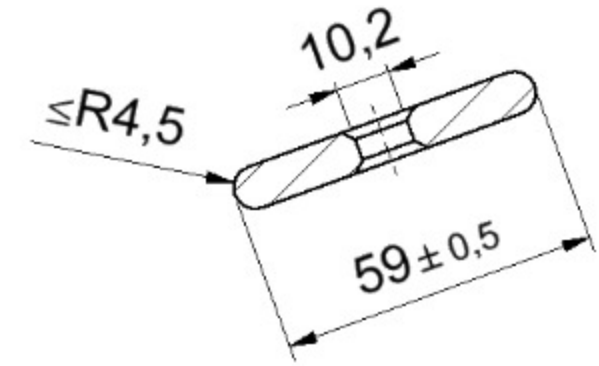


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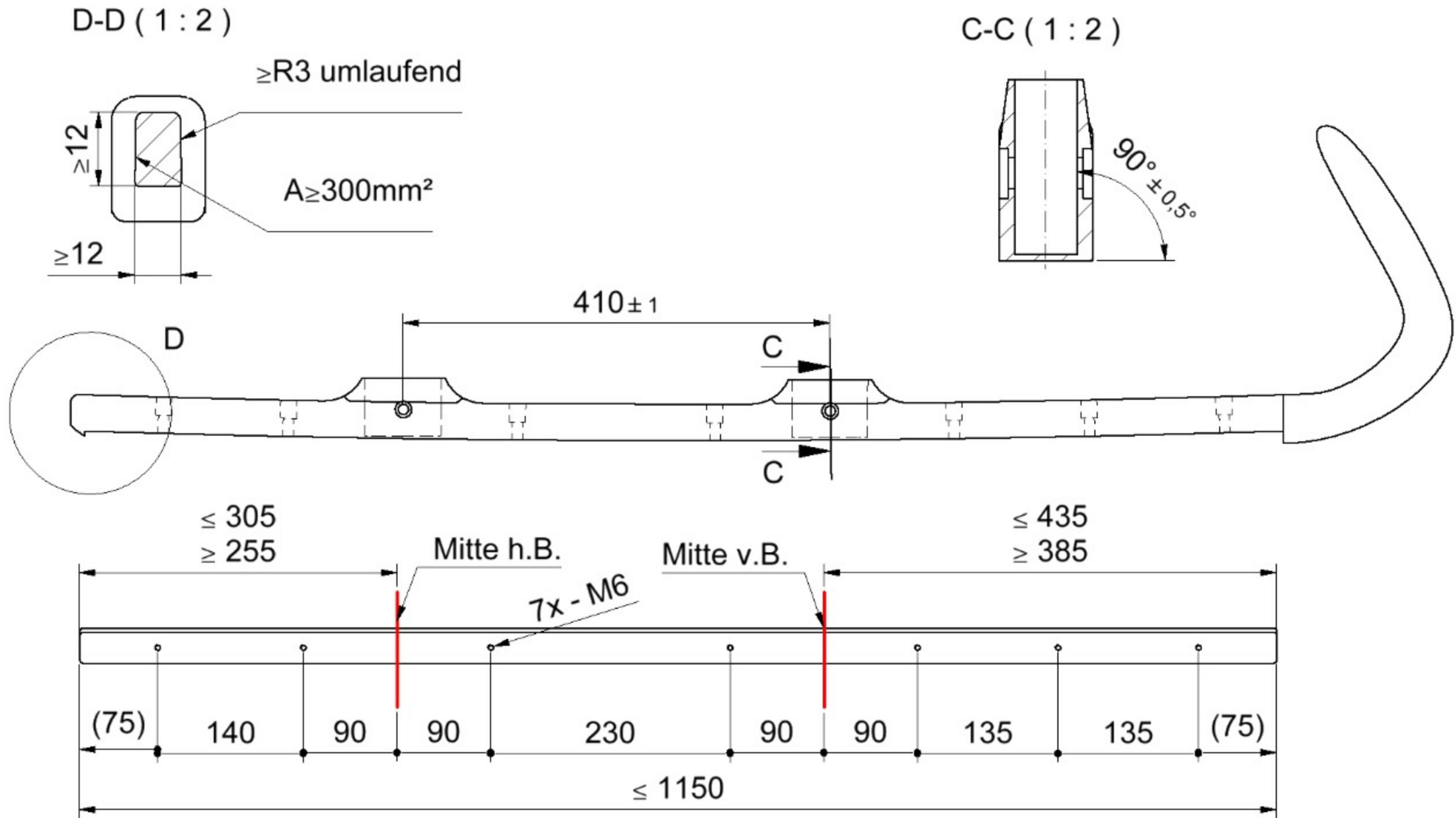
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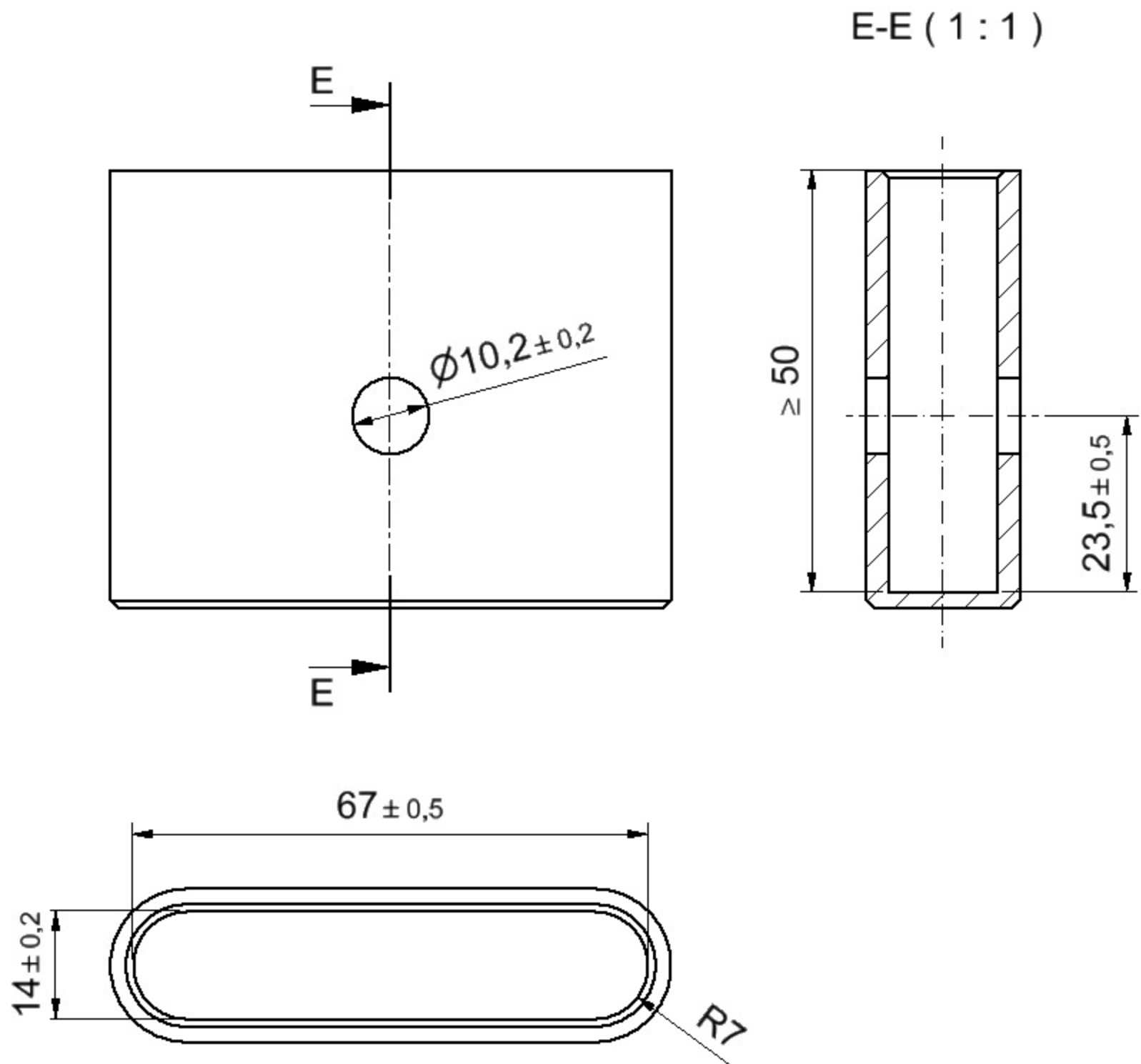
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