



FIL BULLETIN

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Dear Friends of our sport,

I am pleased to inform you below about important decisions made by the FIL Executive Board at its meetings in Hallbergmoos near Munich, Germany, and Berchtesgaden, Germany, as well as Resolutions adopted at the 74th FIL Congress in 2026 in Berchtesgaden, Germany:

For Artificial Track:

The awarding of the Continental Championships is confirmed in its submitted form, all in “race-in-race” mode:

General Class:

58th European Championships / 7th EBERSPÄCHER World Cup – Cortina d’Ampezzo, Italy

16th Americas-Pacific Championships / 7th EBERSPÄCHER World Cup – Cortina d’Ampezzo, Italy

12th Asian Championships / 2nd Eberspächer World Cup – Yanqing, China

Junior:

48th Junior European Championships / 3rd JWC – Königssee, GER

16th Americas-Pacific Junior Championships / 3rd JWC – Königssee, GER

Youth:

2nd European Youth Championships / World Youth Series Europe – Altenberg, Germany

2nd Americas-Pacific Youth Championships / World Youth Series North America – Lake Placid, USA

2nd Youth Asian Championships / World Youth Series Asia – PyeongChang, South Korea

The Youth A race series “Continental Cup” has been renamed the World Youth Series.

The current race calendars are available on the FIL website at https://www.fil-luge.org/en/results?event_category_id=1&event_season_id=34

Assignment: Jury/Technical Delegate for the WCh and JWCh in Continental Cup

54th FIL World Championships in Innsbruck, Austria

Jury:

- BRUGGER Kurt, ITA (Chair)
- SHATTUCK-OWEN Zianibeth, USA
- EGGER Reini, AUT
- ZIMMERMANN Michael, GER (Alternate)
- MELAS Karoline, NOR (Alternate)

Technical Delegates:

- SICS Andris, FIL
- GILLY Reto, SUI
- MAYREGGER Otto, AUT
- SICS Juris, LAT (substitute)
- HOLZHÄUSER Claudia, GER (alternate)

42nd FIL Junior World Championships in Winterberg, Germany

Jury:

- Evita KÖHNE, GER (Chair)
- Franz ENDERLE, AUT
- Zianibeth SHATTUCK-OWEN, USA

Technical Delegates:

- JASENCAKOVA Maria, FIL
- MAYREGGER Otto, AUT
- Jörg ALTENHOFF, GER

The Continental Championships will be conducted with the same jury and technical delegate (TD) lineup as the corresponding World Cup, Junior World Cup, and World Youth Series events.

For the Alpine luge discipline:

The 2026/2027 Alpine luge race calendar is approved by the Executive Board in its submitted form.

The current Alpine luge race calendar is available on the FIL website at https://www.fil-luge.org/en/results?event_category_id=1&event_season_id=34

Assignment of officials for Alpine luge (ECh, JWCh)

The FIL World Championships in Innsbruck, Austria

Jury:

- NIEMETZ Thomas, GER (Chair)
- KAMMERLANDER Thomas, AUT
- HERBST Dietmar, ITA

Technical Delegates:

- SCHWARZ Herbert, FIL
- MARKT Manfred, FIL
- ROWOLD Oliver, FIL

The FIL Junior European Championships in Jaufental, Austria

Jury Chair:

- HOLLAND Moritz Tobias, GER

Technical Delegate:

- MARKT Manfred, FIL

Valid for the artificial track and Alpine luge:

- Allocation of Advertising Surface on Helmets for 2026–2030

The FIL Executive Board confirms that the FIL advertising rights on protective helmets, in accordance with IRO §7, paragraph 3, will be transferred to the National Federations through and including the 2029/2030 season.

Pre-Homologation and Homologation Process for the Innsbruck-Igls Luge Track:

Regarding the pre-homologation and homologation of the luge track in Innsbruck-Igls, the following executive board resolution was adopted:

The FIL Executive Board confirms the schedule and the planned list of participants for the pre-homologation of the track in Innsbruck. Olympiaworld Innsbruck must be informed immediately of this executive board resolution, particularly regarding the fact that a homologation certificate for luge can only be issued after the successful completion of the ITW in November (November 15–18, 2026). In the event that the pre-homologation process reveals that the track will not be suitable for luge racing by the time of the ITW in November 2026, Olympiaworld must either take out cancellation insurance or guarantee full reimbursement of travel and cancellation costs for national federations that have registered for the ITW/ITP.

Please refer to **Enclosures 1 and 2** for the exact schedule of the pre-homologation process, as well as the participating athletes and coaches/support staff.

74th FIL Congress 2026 in Berchtesgaden, Germany

The **74th FIL Congress in Berchtesgaden, Germany**, was attended by **delegates from 37 national federations**. We would like to take this opportunity to thank **the German Bobsleigh and Sled Federation** for its support and assistance in organizing this Congress.

The following **important resolutions and decisions** were adopted during this Congress:

- **Extensive statute amendments proposed by the Executive Board**
 - This reflects the FIL's current organizational structure
 - Strengthens the authority of the directors
 - Updates in accordance with Austria's Association Act
 - The current statutes are available at <https://www.fil-luge.org/en/about-fil/statutes>
- **Strategic Plan "WE SLIDE FORWARD 2034" (Enclosure 3)**
 - Working document for all organizational units of the FIL
 - The updated FIL statutes reflect this strategic plan
 - Take into account developments within the Olympic Movement as well as realignments in Alpine luge and recreational sports
- **IRO amendment packages for artificial track and Alpine luge**
 - 38 motions from the Artificial Track Sports Commission
 - 6 motions from the Technical Commission for Artificial Track
 - 12 motions from the Alpine luge commission
 - These will be brought to your attention separately and include, among other things, an increase in advertising surfaces on racing attire and other competition clothing.
 - We will post the **updated IRO 2026 on the FIL website as soon as possible**. You will receive separate information regarding this.
- **General Motions**
 - Artificial Track: The FIL should organize a qualifying competition once a year in which only World Cup participants are eligible to compete.
 - Artificial track: There must be additional (larger) helmet sizes available for UVEX protective helmets.
 - In odd-numbered years, The FIL Congress will take place as an online or so-called hybrid congress (significant cost savings).
 - Agenda items 8.4 and 8.5 of the Congress, concerning the participation of Russian athletes and officials in FIL competitions and the definition of junior athletes from Russia and their participation in FIL competitions, will be discussed at an extraordinary online Congress in late September 2026.
- **New Membership Fee**
 - The annual FIL membership fee is increased to €500 as of the 2026/2027 sports year

On motion of FIL member federations, or on motion of the FIL Presidium/Executive Board, the following individuals were honored for their many years of service to the development of luge:

The FIL Medal of Honor

Awarded to distinguished individuals outside the FIL organization, upon recommendation by the FIL Executive Board:

- Fabio Saldini, CEO of SIMICO, for his contributions to track construction in Cortina, Italy

Certificate of Honor for the contribution to the organization of the 2026 Winter Olympics in Cortina:

- Stefano Longo, President of Fondazione Cortina
- Michele Di Gallo, Director General of the Fondazione Cortina

FIL Medal of Honor in BRONZE:

- Sungsik SHIN/ KOR
- Simon PAREGGER/AUT
- Manfred MARKT/AUT
- Sandra MARINER/AUT
- Alessandro GENUZIO/ITA
- Giorgia FAVERO/ITA
- Sebastiano DABALA/ITA
- Inārs KIVLENIEKS/ LAT
- Daniels FOGELIS/LAT
- Mārtiņš RUBENIS/ LAT
- Mihails ARHIPOVS/ LAT
- Rīks Kristens ROZĪTIS/ LAT
- Ingrīda AMANTOVA/ LAT
- Anna ORLOVA/ LAT
- Kaspars KONRĀDS/ LAT
- Dainis APARJODS/ LAT
- Kristaps MAURINŠ/ LAT
- Zintis ŠAICĀNS/LAT
- Mark HATTON/GBR
- Michael ZIMMERMANN/GER

FIL Medal of Honor in SILVER

- Norbert LOCH/GER
- Margit DENGLE-PAAR/ GER
- Sorin BUTA/ ROU
- Rupert BRÜGGLER/ AUT
- Peter HEILINGER/ AUT
- Gerhard KLEINHOFER/ AUT
- Kurt BRUGGER/ ITA
- Vera ZOZUŁA/ LAT
- Dace ĀBELTĪŅA/ LAT
- Mark ARMSTRONG/ GBR
- Kerstin LÖSCH/ GER
- Hansjörg RAFFL/ ITA

- Peggy MOUSAW/USA

FIL Medal of Honor in GOLD

- Derek PRENTICE/GBR
- Maria Luise RAINER/ITA
- Erich BATKOWSKI/AUT
- Ioan APOSTOL/ROU
- Dr. Zane KRUZE/LAT
- Dace GODS-ROMANOVSKA/ LAT
- Normunds GRAVA/LAT
- John MOWRY/ USA
- Thomas ZIMMERMANN/ GER
- Holger HENDRICH/ GER
- Bernd ROSSMANN/GER

Honors, approved by the delegates of the FIL National Federations upon the motion of the FIL Executive Board:

FIL Medal of Honor in GOLD with Diamond:

- **Dr. Christian KRÄHE** for his **service since 1994 as Chair of the FIL Legal Committee.**

FIL Medal of Honor in GOLD with Diamond
Conferral of Honorary Membership in the FIL

- **Claire DelNegro** for **her 36 years of service to the FIL, including 28 years as Vice President of Sport Artificial Track.**
 - o Secretary General Dwight Bell paid tribute to Claire DelNegro's career as an athlete and her outstanding contributions as an executive member of the FIL in an impressive laudatory speech. The Congress participants honored Claire DelNegro's contributions with a standing ovation.

At the motion of the relevant expert commissions, the FIL Congress awarded the following championships (through 2030):

- *2030 Junior World Championships Artificial Track: OBERHOF/GER*
- *2027 Junior European Championships in Alpine Luge: JAUFENTAL/ITA*

The second day of the FIL Congress was entirely devoted to **the new elections required by the FIL statutes.**

The elections resulted in the following outcomes:

Executive Board:

The FIL President:

- Einars FOGELIS/LAT

The FIL Secretary General:

- Dwight BELL/USA

Vice President of Finance:

- Philipp TRATTNER/AUT

Vice President of Marketing:

- Thomas SCHWAB/GER

Vice President of Sport Artificial Track:

- Hans-Jürgen KÖHNE/GER

Vice President of Technical Matters Artificial Track:

- Armin ZÖGgeler/ITA

Vice President of Alpine Luge:

- Simon PAREGGER/AUT

Other Executive Board Members:

- Ashley WALDEN/USA
- Shuo XING/CHN

Vice President Australia/Oceania:

- Geoff BALME/NZL

Expert Commissions / Other Commissions:

Sport Commission Artificial Track:

- Mark GRIMMETTE/USA
- Klaus KOFLER/ITA
- Juris SICS/LAT

Technical Commission Artificial Track:

- Lubomir MICK/USA
- Robert TALEANU/KOR
- Christian THURNER/GER

Alpine Luge Commission:

- Alex GRUBER/ITA
- Gerald KAMMERLANDER/AUT
- Åshild Høva SPORSHEIM/NOR

Alternate Member of the Control Commission:

- Vlasta VAVRUSKOVA/CZE

FIL Court of Arbitration:

- Ben HEIJMEIJER/NL as Chair
- Dr. Manfred von CALL/ITA as Vice Chair
- Dr. Michal KULINSKI/POL

- Roman STAUDINGER/AUT
- Erin WARREN/USA

Legal Committee / Ethics Committee:

- Martin ABT/GER as Chair
- Klavs VASKS/LAT
- Sung-sik SHIN /KOR

Ethics Authority

- Dr. Christian KRÄHE/GER

Youth and Development Commission Artificial Track

- Mark HATTON/GBR
- Kevin FISCHNALLER/ITA

Additional Important Information:

• **Athlete Quotas OWG 2026**

The International Olympic Committee (IOC), at its latest Executive Board meeting on 7 July 2026, confirmed the athlete quota for the sport of luge at the **Olympic Winter Games 2030**. A total of **106 athlete quota places (53 men and 53 women)** have been allocated.

Furthermore, following the recommendation of the IOC Programme Commission, the IOC confirmed the five luge events Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, and the Team Relay as part of the competition programme of the Olympic Winter Games French Alps 2030.

• **Personnel**

As previously announced, the following staff members assumed their new positions or took on expanded responsibilities on June 1, 2026:

- **Egon THEINER** became the FIL's new **Communications and Public Affairs Manager** effective June 1, 2026
 - His contact information:
 - Email: press@fil-luge.org
 - Phone: +43 660 5951666
- **Alessandro GENUZIO** has been appointed **Social Media Manager** at the FIL effective June 1, 2026.
 - His contact information:
 - Email: socialmedia@fil-luge.org
 - Phone: +39 338 6547627
- As of June 1, 2026, **Patrick ÖFFL** has assumed the role of **Head of Broadcast** at the FIL.
 - His contact information:
 - Email: oeffl@fil-luge.org
 - Phone: +43 650 9112353

We ask that you support our new staff members to the best of your ability as they carry out their responsibilities—**without your active cooperation, press and social media activities and campaigns are not possible!**

At the same time, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to **Margit Dengler-Paar for her outstanding and dedicated work in the press and social media departments** over many years. Ms. Dengler-Paar has chosen not to renew her contract with the FIL.

- **Anti-Doping – Education**

We ask for your **active participation in the monthly ITA webinars for 2026.**

These will be published on the FIL website under “[ITA Webinars](#)” and additionally announced to the national federations via newsletter.

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

- **E-License**

In the upcoming season, applications for and issuance of the E-License for the FIL competitions on artificial track luge (Open Class, Juniors, and Youth A) as well as Alpine luge (Open Class and Juniors) will continue to be handled through the existing DokuMe platform.

Each national federation has been granted one (1) account for license management. For legal reasons, either the president, the secretary general, or the national federation representative must register as the contact person and be the first to apply for the “Federation License.”

In the next step, licenses can be renewed or new applications submitted. **Please note that the ADEL anti-doping certificate is mandatory for every athlete to receive a license, and it must remain valid for the entire sport year.** Please ask your athletes to keep this certificate up to date at all times.

NEW: Effective immediately, coaches, support staff, and officials also need a license.

For individuals who will be participating in FIL events, please follow the same procedure as for athletes and apply for an **Official License.**

Only these individuals can then be registered for events or apply for seasonal accreditation.

The required documents are available for download in DokuMe. Documents and registration [here](#).

-License fee: €10 per person per sport year

-License administration fee: €150 per account per year

-Online registration administration fee: 1 account free of charge; all additional accounts €200 per year

Billing is handled annually by the FIL office.

Starting July 20, 2026, National Federations can apply for the FIL licenses for the 2026/27 season.

- **Press Relations, Social Media**

In the post-Olympic 2026/2027 season, the FIL is planning three special communication campaigns:

- Season Opening in November 2026
- World Luge Day on January 17, 2027
- World Championships in Artificial Track and Alpine Luge in Innsbruck in early February 2027

We kindly ask you and your athletes to actively support the FIL's press and social media activities. This applies to both artificial track luge and alpine luge on natural track. We'd be happy to publish and share your contributions, photos, and videos!

Please send these to our Social Media Manager Alessandro Genuzio (socialmedia@fil-luge.org) and Communications Manager Egon Theiner (press@fil-luge.org). You are also welcome to plan projects and activities directly with them.

We would very much welcome **collaboration partnerships on Instagram**. If the FIL adds you as a collaboration partner (only five partners are possible), we would be delighted if you would accept this partnership. All parties benefit enormously from the increased reach this generates.

January 17, 2027 (the third Sunday in January) is World Luge Day

#WorldLugeDay #WeltRodelTag

Please take part in the FIL communication campaign. For further information, please contact Egon Theiner at press@fil-luge.org.

We will also be counting on your support when it comes to **updating athlete profiles on the website** and will be in touch separately regarding this matter. We would like to ask you now to help us update the athlete biographies and send us current information and portrait photos.

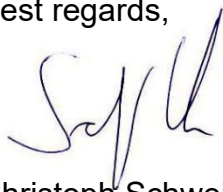
- **Request for Internal Distribution of Information**

Finally, we would like to ask you to forward this and other information to everyone within your federation for whom it might be relevant.

A good flow of communication is essential for effective work, and we are unable to inform every individual within the federations. We rely on your assistance in this matter, which we kindly ask for.

We wish you a wonderful and relaxing summer and a productive preparation period for the 2026/27 Olympic season!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Schweiger', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christoph Schweiger
Executive Director

3 enclosures

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FIL Pre-Homologation Schedule & Main Objectives Eiskanal Igls / AUT October 23rd – October 26th, 2026

Preliminary Schedule:

Thursday, October 22nd, 2026

Arrival of athletes, coaches and FIL officials
FIL: 18 Athletes, 5 Coaches, 5 Officials

Evening: Meeting of all Participants and Venue Owner / Responsible Executor

Day 1

Friday, October 23rd, 2026

08:00 – 09:00 Track walk
09:00 – 11:00 Session 1 / Training Luge (3 runs)
14:00 – 16:00 Session 2 / Training Luge (3 runs)
Evening: Meeting FIL and all participants

Day 2

Saturday, October 24th, 2026

09:00 – 11:00 Session 1 / Training Luge (3 runs)
14:00 – 16:00 Session 2 / Training Luge (3 runs)
Evening: Meeting FIL and all participants



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Day 3
Sunday, October 25th, 2026

09:00 – 11:00 Session 1 / Training Luge (3 runs)

14:00 – 16:00 Session 2 / Training Luge (3 runs)

Evening: Meeting FIL and all participants

Day 4
Monday, October 26th, 2026

Departure of all participants and/or Spare day (in case an additional day is needed)

Please be advised that the provided schedule is preliminary in nature. It is important to acknowledge that the pre-homologation period may be extended if deemed necessary

Main Objectives:

Arrival, Departure, and Transport:

The Venue Owner / Responsible Executor will incur costs for the arrival and departure of the International Federation's athletes, coaches, and IF officials.

The transport of the sports equipment and travel will be organized, and costs will be covered by the Venue Owner / Responsible Executor in close cooperation with FIL.

The FIL will assume responsibility for the travel arrangements for all official participants and will advance the related costs. Within two days after completion of the pre-homologation, the FIL will provide the Venue Owner / Responsible Executor with a transparent and comprehensible breakdown of all travel expenses incurred. Travel expenses will be settled in accordance with the FIL travel expense regulations.

Accommodation and Board:

Athletes, coaches, and IF officials should stay at the same hotel maximum 10 minutes away from the track. The Venue Owner / Responsible Executor will make appropriate space available to prepare and store the sports equipment. The hotel will have the necessary storage area for the sleds. The costs will be paid by the Venue Owner / Responsible Executor.

The athletes, coaches, and IF officials have to get three meals a day: breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Should it not be possible to go to the hotel between training sessions there must be ensured a corresponding board at the track. The costs will be paid by the Venue Owner / Responsible Executor.

**Composition of FIL athletes, teams:**

International athletes: 18 (3 x Men's Singles, 3 x Women's Singles, 3 x Men's Doubles, 3 x Women's Doubles), International coaches (maximum 5).

National Team athletes: (1 sled per discipline are allowed at their own cost),

FIL Officials: up to 6

International Track Crew:

The Venue Owner / Responsible Executor should hire for preparation of the pre-homologation:

At least eight (2) international experienced ice makers confirmed by FIL

Medical Service:

The Venue Owner / Responsible Executor shall be responsible for providing adequate medical services during all sessions. Qualified paramedics and an ambulance must be present on site and fully available throughout the duration of every session to ensure immediate medical response if required.

Track Area:

During the homologation, the track is a closed area. There will be no additional coaches, athletes, and media representatives unless approved by FIL. Only the members appointed by the FIL will have access to the track area. The Venue Owner / Responsible Executor shall be responsible for implementing all appropriate security measures and ensuring effective access control throughout the venue.

The track will be in optimum condition, and it will be prepared accordingly by the Venue Owner / Responsible Executor. The preparation of the track has to be done in close cooperation with the FIL Track Commission.

Conclusion of the Pre-Homologation:

The FIL Track Commission will decide whether the pre-homologation has been successful or not. If the pre-homologation is deemed successful, the FIL Track Commission will issue a temporary homologation certificate.

Upon the successful completion of the International Training Week (ITW), scheduled from 15 to 18 November 2026, the FIL will hand over the official homologation certificate to the Venue Owner / Responsible Executor.

Sportdirektor Matthias Böhmer
Technischer Direktor Andris Sics

**Proposal FIL Delegation for Pre-Homologation
Innsbruck - Igls (AUT)**

Pre-Homologation FIL Delegation:

18 athletes, 5 coaches, 5 FIL officials

Men's Singles

Max Langenhan, GER (3)

Kristers Aparjods, LAT (6)

Valetin Cretu, ROU (17)

Women's Singles

Lisa Schulte, AUT (3)

Natalie Maag, SUI (7)

Tove Kohala, SWE (25)

Men's Doubles

Thomas Steu / Wolfgang Kindl, AUT (2)

Emanuel Rieder / Simon Kainzwaldner, ITA (10)

Christian Bosman / Bruno Mick, SVK (14)

Women's Doubles

Selina Egle / Lara Kipp, AUT (1)

Chevonne Forgan / Sophia Kirkby, USA (9)

Olena Stetskiv / Oleksandra Mokh, UKR (10)

Note: 2025/2026 FIL Overall World Cup Ranking in parentheses after name

Coaches

Christian Eigentler, AUT

Klaus Kofler, ITA

Patrick Leitner, GER

Bruno Mick, USA

Inārs Kivlenieks, LAT

FIL Officials

Markus Aschauer (Chairman Track Commission)

Robert Manzenreier (Member of the Track Commission)

Andris Sics (Technical Director and Member of the Track Commission)

Matthias Böhmer (Sports Director) – *only if required*

+ 1 more member of the FIL Track Commission

FIL Strategy

WE SLIDE FORWARD 2034



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About the Strategy



The strategy document sets the direction for the next four years, with a longer-term view across two Olympic cycles. It defines the Mission, Vision, and Values, as well as the Strategic Priorities, Main Objectives, Core Strategic Approaches, and Key Initiatives.

The strategy serves as the foundation for further planning documents, including annual operating plans and development projects.

Progress is monitored through defined key indicators, which are reported and reviewed annually at the FIL Congress.

Each strategic priority is assigned an “ambassador” within the FIL executive structure, responsible for coordinating activities and overseeing progress within that priority area.

While ensuring consistency in long-term objectives, the strategy allows flexibility to respond to evolving circumstances, annual priorities, and available financial resources.

Mission Vision Values



FIL MISSION

Our mission is to unite the luge community to build strong communities through the power of sport.

FIL VISION

Our vision is to make luge accessible to a wider audience and to support athletes, coaches, and the wider community in reaching their full potential.

We aim to establish luge as a leading and globally recognised winter sport.

FIL VALUES

The FIL upholds the key values in sport of **fairness, integrity, responsibility, safety, and respect**. All stakeholders within the FIL membership – national federations, athletes, coaches, officials, and event organizers – are expected to follow these values throughout their involvement and interactions with our sport.

The FIL fully adopts and adheres to all standards of fair play and safe sport. This includes, but is not limited to, the Olympic Charter and the World Anti-Doping Code, as established by the World Anti-Doping Agency.

FIL Strategic Priorities



Expand and Modernise Artificial Track Luge

Artificial Track Luge is the foundation of our sport. Strengthening and modernising it creates more opportunities for athletes, improves event quality, and makes it easier for new countries to enter the sport.

Develop and Scale Alpine Luge

Alpine Luge opens the sport to a wider audience by offering an easy and accessible way to get involved. It helps grow participation and expands the sport into new regions.

Strengthen National Federations

National Federations play a key role in developing the sport in each country. Strengthening them improves athlete development, increases participation, and supports more consistent and competitive results.

Place Athletes at the Centre

Athletes of all ages define the quality and credibility of our sport. Putting them at the centre ensures better decisions, safer environments, and stronger support for their development and well-being.

Enhance Media, Visibility, and Commercial Growth

Greater visibility makes the sport more attractive to fans, partners, and sponsors. It increases audience reach, generates new revenue, and supports the long-term development of the sport.

Strengthen FIL Governance and Financial Sustainability

A strong and transparent organisation builds trust among all stakeholders. Financial sustainability ensures that the sport can grow and develop over the long term.

Main Objectives by Strategic Priority



Expand and Modernise Artificial Track Luge

- Attract, develop, and retain athletes at all levels
- Transform luge events into high-quality, engaging experiences
- Develop accessible, safe, and cost-efficient equipment and infrastructure

Develop and Scale Alpine Luge

- Position Alpine Luge as a visible, accessible, and commercially viable discipline
- Establish a structured and scalable global development model for Alpine Luge
- Increase awareness, education, and institutional engagement in Alpine Luge

Strengthen National Federations

- Provide targeted assistance for National Federations
- Establish and strengthen regional hubs to coordinate and accelerate development
- Strengthen coach education and knowledge-sharing systems

Place Athletes at the Centre

- Place athletes at the centre of the FIL strategy
- Establish a comprehensive athlete support framework

Enhance Media, Visibility, and Commercial Growth

- Develop and implement a financially sustainable and integrated FIL marketing model
- Modernise and centralise FIL TV production
- Expand global media distribution and audience reach

Strengthen FIL Governance and Financial Sustainability

- Ensure a transparent, efficient, and accountable FIL governance structure
- Strengthen financial governance and long-term sustainability
- Institutionalise ethics, compliance, and stakeholder governance standards

Strategic Priority

Expand and Modernise Artificial Track Luge



Main objectives

Attract, develop, and retain athletes at all levels



Core strategic approaches

Attract new athletes by making the sport accessible and appealing

Develop athletes through structured pathways with support from coaching, competitions, and National Federations

Retain athletes through long-term development and career support

Improve affordability and reduce barriers to participation



Key initiatives

- Expand entry-level competitions and participation formats, particularly at the junior level
 - Develop short tracks and luge centres to increase accessibility and first contact with the sport
 - Use the Youth Olympic Games and similar events as development milestones
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- Establish a structured athlete development pathway across all levels
 - Strengthen coach education and support systems
 - Support National Federations in developing training infrastructure
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- Develop athlete support programmes, including career transition and dual career pathways
 - Strengthen athlete support services (education, career, well-being)
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- Develop cost-efficient equipment and access models
 - Support shared infrastructure and equipment schemes
 - Reduce participation barriers through targeted support mechanisms

Strategic Priority

Expand and Modernise Artificial Track Luge



Main objectives

**Transform
luge events
into
high-quality,
engaging
experiences**

Core strategic approaches

Redesign competition formats to create more engaging events

Implement a coordinated event delivery model with clear roles and standards

Enhance the on-site and digital fan experience

Ensure financial sustainability of events while improving quality and efficiency

Key initiatives

- Develop innovative race formats
 - Strengthen the role of the World Championships as a flagship event
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- Implement a centralized event delivery model led by FIL
 - Use regional hubs to optimize event planning and delivery
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- Strengthen TV production and broadcasting standards across events
 - Invest in digital content, storytelling, and audience engagement
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- Develop financing models and incentive systems for race organizers
 - Support cost-efficient event delivery while maintaining quality standards

Strategic Priority

Expand and Modernise Artificial Track Luge



Main objectives

Develop accessible, safe, and cost-efficient equipment and infrastructure

Core strategic approaches

Ensure accessibility with standardized and widely available equipment and infrastructure

Strengthen safety by implementing clear standards across equipment and facilities

Improve cost-efficiency while maintaining performance and quality standards

Key initiatives

- Implement standardized racing sleds that are accessible and affordable
- Improve access to equipment and facilities through shared usage models

- Define and enforce unified safety standards for equipment and infrastructure
- Promote safe design and operation across all facilities

- Promote cost-efficient equipment design and production models
- Strengthen knowledge-sharing and technical cooperation with manufacturers

Strategic Priority

Develop and Scale Alpine Luge



Main objectives

**Position
Alpine Luge
as a visible,
accessible,
and commer-
cially viable
discipline**



Core strategic approaches

**Develop attractive and scalable race formats
to drive participation and engagement**

**Ensure consistent and professional event delivery
across all locations**

**Establish a sustainable commercial model
for Alpine Luge**



Key initiatives

- Develop and standardise Alpine Luge race formats and regulations
 - Establish race series linking recreational participation to elite competition
 - Develop and scale pop-up parks as entry points to the sport
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- Implement event delivery standards and guidelines for all organisers
 - Strengthen cooperation with track and slope operators for event execution
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- Develop a clear commercial and partnership model for Alpine Luge
 - Attract dedicated sponsors and build sustainable revenue streams



Strategic Priority

Develop and Scale Alpine Luge



Main objectives

**Establish
a structured
and scalable
global
development
model for
Alpine Luge**

Core strategic approaches

Build strong foundations in core regions

**Expand Alpine Luge into new countries and regions
through scalable formats and partnerships**

**Provide a clear pathway from participation
to competition**

Key initiatives

- Establish legal and operational frameworks for luge activities on ski slopes
 - Develop planning expertise and partnerships with track and slope operators
 - Secure and develop tracks in core regions
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- Identify and develop tracks in new countries and regions
 - Support partners in launching Alpine Luge activities in new markets
 - Develop standardised equipment solutions in cooperation with manufacturers
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- Establish a clear progression pathway from entry-level to elite competition
 - Integrate Alpine Luge into the broader FIL competition system
 - Connect public participation formats with competitive structures

Strategic Priority

Develop and Scale Alpine Luge



Main objectives

Increase awareness, education, and institutional engagement in Alpine Luge

Core strategic approaches

Strengthen communication and marketing to improve visibility and awareness of Alpine Luge

Develop education and knowledge systems to support sustainable growth

Strengthen institutional cooperation with National Federations and key stakeholders

Key initiatives

- Implement structured communication and marketing campaigns for Alpine Luge
 - Develop a dedicated marketing concept and targeted partnerships
 - Secure commercial partnerships to increase visibility and reach
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- Create and distribute educational materials and programmes in cooperation with National Federations
 - Provide tools and guidance for coaches, organisers, and new participants
 - Establish a clear development model from local participation to competition
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- Strengthen cooperation with National Federations for local implementation
 - Align roles and responsibilities between FIL and National Federations

Strategic Priority

Strengthen National Federations



Main objectives

**Provide
targeted
assistance
for National
Federations**



Core strategic approaches

**Establish a structured and scalable
support framework for National Federations**

**Differentiate support based on the development
level, needs, and potential of National Federations**

**Strengthen governance, accountability,
and active engagement of National Federations**



Key initiatives

- Develop a “Luge Toolbox” including standardised guidelines, templates, and best practices
 - Establish FIL as a central coordinator for sport development across National Federations
 - Create and maintain a centralised digital platform for information, resources, and knowledge sharing
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- Allocate financial and technical resources based on clear criteria (needs, performance potential, strategic priorities)
 - Introduce tailored development pathways and individual development plans for selected National Federations
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- Establish clear governance standards and expectations for National Federations
 - Promote active participation of National Federations across all FIL disciplines and initiatives

Strategic Priority

Strengthen National Federations



Main objectives

Establish and strengthen regional hubs to coordinate and accelerate development



Core strategic approaches

Use regional hubs as platforms for knowledge sharing and joint development between neighbouring National Federations

Improve access to infrastructure, expertise, and competition through regional cooperation



Key initiatives

- Provide shared access to tracks, equipment, and coaching expertise within each hub
 - Organise regular regional training camps and joint development programmes
 - Facilitate structured knowledge transfer between advanced and developing National Federations
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- Coordinate regional competition calendars and event planning
 - Support joint initiatives and collaborative projects between neighbouring National Federations
 - Optimise use of existing infrastructure through shared and cross-border access models

Strategic Priority

Strengthen National Federations



Main objectives

**Strengthen
coach
education
and
knowledge-
sharing
systems**



Core strategic approaches

Establish a structured and internationally aligned coach education system

Promote systematic knowledge sharing and collaboration between National Federations

Promote innovation and the use of new methodologies and technologies in coaching



Key initiatives

- Develop the FIL Luge Academy as a structured coach education programme
 - Maintain and regularly update methodological materials and coaching guidelines
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- Organise workshops, seminars, and exchange programmes for coaches and experts
 - Facilitate cooperation between leading and developing National Federations
 - Capture and disseminate best practices across the FIL
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- Promote the use of data analytics, performance analysis tools, and digital technologies in coaching
 - Encourage pilot projects and testing of innovative training methodologies
 - Support the integration of technology-driven approaches into daily training environments

Strategic Priority

Place Athletes at the Centre



Main objectives

Place
athletes
at the centre
of the FIL
strategy

Core strategic approaches

**Strengthen athlete representation and influence
in FIL governance structures**

**Establish structured mechanisms to continuously
integrate athlete feedback into decision-making**

Key initiatives

- Ensure formal athlete representation in key FIL bodies and decision-making processes
 - Strengthen the role, mandate, and visibility of the FIL Athlete Commission
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- Implement regular athlete consultation mechanisms with defined formats and frequency

Strategic Priority

Place Athletes at the Centre



Main objectives

Establish a comprehensive athlete support framework



Core strategic approaches

Continuously enhance athlete safety and safeguarding standards across all FIL activities

Ensure safe, high-quality training and competition environments across all levels of the sport

Integrate data and technology into athlete development, safety, and well-being systems

Develop an integrated athlete support system covering education, health, and career development



Key initiatives

- Continuously develop, update, and strengthen athlete safety and safeguarding policies in line with IOC and international standards
- Ensure safe competition and training environments across all events
- Regularly assess and improve safety and quality conditions across facilities and events
- Promote consistent implementation of safety and operational standards
- Implement performance analytics tools to support athletes and coaches
- Use data to monitor athlete development, workload, and well-being
- Develop structured athlete support programmes (education, dual career, and post-career transition)
- Develop partnerships with education, health, and career institutions
- Introduce regular monitoring of athlete well-being and satisfaction

Strategic Priority

Enhance Media, Visibility and Commercial Growth



Main objectives

Develop and implement a financially sustainable and integrated FIL marketing model

Core strategic approaches

Establish a unified and integrated media, marketing, and commercial strategy across all FIL activities

Strengthen FIL's digital and social media presence to increase reach, engagement, and content relevance

Develop a consistent FIL brand and storytelling approach across all channels

Leverage data, digital platforms, and innovative technologies to enhance content, reach, and engagement

Key initiatives

- Develop integrated advertising, sponsorship, and partnership models across all FIL platforms
 - Introduce new technologies to enhance content presentation
 - Develop and implement innovative content formats (e.g., POV cameras, immersive content)
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- Develop and implement a structured digital content strategy across platforms
 - Increase the frequency and consistency of digital content delivery
 - Enhance audience engagement through interactive and platform-specific content formats
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- Define and implement a unified storytelling concept across competitions and media channels
 - Strengthen athlete-driven content and behind-the-scenes narratives
 - Align branding and visual identity across all media outputs
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- Introduce data-driven storytelling and enhanced broadcast formats
 - Use audience data and analytics to optimize content distribution and fan engagement
 - Develop digital platforms to strengthen direct engagement with global audiences

Strategic Priority

Enhance Media, Visibility and Commercial Growth



Main objectives

Modernise and centralise FIL TV production

Core strategic approaches

Establish FIL as the central coordinator and standard-setter for TV production and broadcast delivery

Introduce innovative broadcast technologies to enhance the viewing experience and production quality

Continuously refine event presentation formats to improve viewer experience and media value

Key initiatives

- Transfer and consolidate TV production leadership under FIL to ensure consistency and quality
 - Optimise production cost structures and develop cost-efficient production models
 - Develop and enhance FIL live streaming capabilities and platforms
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- Implement advanced broadcast solutions (e.g., tracking, data overlays, immersive camera technologies)
 - Integrate real-time data and analytics into broadcast content
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- Enhance content quality through integration of data, analytics, and enriched broadcast elements
 - Improve viewer experience through more dynamic and informative broadcast formats

Strategic Priority

Enhance Media, Visibility and Commercial Growth



Main objectives

Expand global media distribution and audience reach



Core strategic approaches

Expand media distribution by increasing geographical coverage

Strengthen partnerships with broadcasters, digital platforms, and media partners

Ensure financial sustainability of media activities through optimised rights, partnerships, and revenue models



Key initiatives

- Develop and implement international content distribution strategies across priority markets
- Expand partnerships with broadcasters and digital platforms to increase global reach
- Establish long-term strategic media partnerships in priority regions
- Attract new commercial partners and sponsors to support media growth
- Strengthen monetisation models across media channels (broadcast, digital, partnerships)

Strategic Priority

Strengthen FIL Governance and Financial Sustainability



Main objectives

Ensure a transparent, efficient, and accountable FIL governance structure

Core strategic approaches

Align governance with external legislative requirements

Strengthen governance effectiveness through streamlined structures and processes

Use data-driven decision-making and digital systems to improve governance, transparency, and efficiency

Key initiatives

- Adapt FIL Statutes to ensure full compliance with external legislative requirements
 - Strengthen the institutional positioning of FIL within the Olympic Movement
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- Review and optimise governance structures and decision-making processes to increase speed, clarity, and accountability
 - Introduce performance evaluation mechanisms for governance bodies and commissions
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- Establish a unified data infrastructure to support reporting, planning, and decision-making
 - Introduce data-based performance monitoring across strategic priorities and operations
 - Automate key administrative and financial processes to improve efficiency and reduce costs

Strategic Priority

Strengthen FIL Governance and Financial Sustainability



Main objectives

Strengthen financial governance and long-term sustainability



Core strategic approaches

Maintain structured multi-year financial planning

Ensure financial discipline, transparency, and accountability across all activities

Diversify and strengthen the revenue base to support long-term strategic objectives



Key initiatives

- Maintain and regularly update four-year (and eight-year) financial projections
 - Integrate financial planning with strategic priorities and operational plans
 - Introduce scenario-based financial planning (best / base / worst case)
 - Align investment planning with long-term strategic development goals
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- Establish a transparent and standardised financial reporting and control framework
 - Strengthen internal control systems, including budgeting discipline and expenditure monitoring
 - Implement financial performance tracking linked to strategic objectives
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- Develop a diversified and sustainable revenue model aligned with strategic priorities
 - Align commercial strategy with governance and financial planning principles

Strategic Priority

Strengthen FIL Governance and Financial Sustainability



Main objectives

Institutionalise ethics, compliance, and stakeholder governance standards

Core strategic approaches

Enforce high standards of ethics, integrity, and transparency

Strengthen compliance frameworks and risk management mechanisms

Key initiatives

- Extend the FIL Ethics Code with clear policies, procedures, and enforcement mechanisms
- Define and implement robust conflict-of-interest rules across all governance levels
- Establish an integrated compliance and risk management system aligned with IOC, WADA, and international standards
- Establish a structured risk management system (identification, assessment, mitigation, monitoring)
- Introduce regular compliance and risk reporting to governance bodies



Key progress indicators



Expand and Modernise Artificial Track Luge

- Increase in the number of nations competing
- Growth in event attendance on-site and digitally
- Increase in the number of medal-winning nations

Develop and Scale Alpine Luge

- Growth in the number of Alpine Luge events and participants
- Roll-out of the Alpine Luge concept in ski resorts (by 2027)
- Growth in Alpine Luge presence in core regions and new countries
- Growth in commercial partnerships and related revenue
- Growth in public awareness and audience reach (on-site and digital)

Strengthen National Federations

- Growth in the number of active and regularly competing National Federations
- Increase in the number of National Federations achieving top competition results
- Balanced geographical distribution of participating nations across regions
- Increase in the number of National Federations with structured development plans and governance standards in place
- Growth in participation in regional hub activities (training camps, joint programmes, shared infrastructure use)

Place Athletes at the Centre

- Increase in athlete satisfaction and perceived support (based on regular surveys)
- Reduction in the number and severity of safety-related incidents across FIL events
- Growth in participation in athlete support programmes (education, dual career, well-being)

Enhance Media, Visibility and Commercial Growth

- Growth in total audience reach across all media channels (broadcast and digital)
- Growth in digital engagement (views, interactions, watch time across platforms)
- Increase in the number of broadcast and media distribution partners across regions
- Growth in media-related commercial revenue (sponsorship, media rights, partnerships)

Strengthen FIL Governance and Financial Sustainability

- Approval of updated FIL Statutes and governance structure (by Congress) by 2030
- Growth in diversified and sustainable revenue streams supporting long-term financial stability
- Balanced annual budget position (revenues vs. expenditures)

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