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### **70<sup>th</sup> FIL Congress**

### **Hall in Tirol/Austria**

<b>Beginning:</b>	<b>Saturday, June 18, 2022</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
1. Opening and Welcome		E. Fogelis / Host
2. Roll call and right to vote		D. Bell
3. Existing applications for the exclusion / suspension of Russia as a member of the FIL: discussion / resolution		E. Fogelis
4. Approval of minutes from the last Congress		D. Bell
5. Awards		E. Fogelis / D. Bell
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7. Reports from members of the Executive Board		
7.1 President ( <i>will be presented</i> )		E. Fogelis
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12. Determination of membership fees		H. Steyrer





**Continuation:**

**Sunday, June 19, 2022**

**9:00 a.m.**

13. Information from the Organizing Committee for the 2026 OWG on the preparation of luge competitions in Milano Cortina, ITA
14. Information from the Organizing Committee for the 2024 YOG on the preparation of luge competitions in PyeongChang/KOR
15. Presentation of the Committees on the FIL Championships 2023 Organizing Committees
16. Resolution to the motions E. Fogelis / D. Bell
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19. Determination of location for the 2024 Congress
20. Miscellaneous

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# **69. FIL-Kongress**

**Salzburg / AUT  
24.-25. September 2021**

# **69<sup>th</sup> Congress of the FIL**

**Salzburg / AUT  
September 24-25, 2020**

## **Protokoll / Minutes**

**Erstellt und übersetzt durch das FIL-Büro in Berchtesgaden, Deutschland.  
Prepared and translated by the FIL Office in Berchtesgaden, Germany.**

<b>Friday, September 24, 2021</b>
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<b>9:00 am</b>
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## 1. Opening and welcome

**FIL President Einars Fogelis welcomes** the participants of the congress and **officially opens the 69<sup>th</sup> FIL Congress 2021**. He is glad to be able to personally welcome the delegates. Due to the COVID-19 situation, the congress is taking place in Salzburg/AUT instead of Beijing/CHN.

He informs the Congress that an executive meeting has already taken place yesterday and points out that the Congress will take place in its original scope of 2 days.

Many thanks go to Philipp Trattner, Section Head at the Federal Ministry of Arts, Culture, Public Service, and Sports, who has been an extraordinary help to us in the last years, but unfortunately cannot personally attend the Congress today. He addresses special greetings to **FIL Honorary President Josef Fendt** and the two **FIL Honorary Members Hartmut Kardaetz and Svein Romstad**, to the representatives of the National Federations from 25 countries, to the representatives of the agencies Infront, Stefan Kraus and RGS, Rudi Größwang, and SportA, Erik Posten, as well as to all other Congress participants.

He congratulates the newly elected Presidents, Alex Gough (CAN) and Eirik Lundemo (NOR), as well as Secretary General Aashild Hoeva Sporsheim (NOR), on their new positions. He also welcomes the representatives of the applicants and event organizers, as well as the commissions.

A minute of silence follows in **silent remembrance of the luge officials and former athletes who died last year**.

Representatively, President E. Fogelis names:

- **Jan Blonski/POL**  
*Longtime president of the Polish luge federation.  
Passed away on December 15, 2020 at the age of 71.*
- **Sepp Benz/SUI**  
*Chairman of the Sport Commission and FIL Executive Board member from 2007 to 2014, many years chairman of the FIL Youth Commission, “inventor” of the Benz machine, initiator of the U23 World Championships Artificial Track and the Sprint competition, recipient of the FIL medal of honor in gold, Olympic gold, 2x Olympic silver, Olympic bronze in bobsled.  
Died on February 5, 2021 at the age of 77.*
- **Joachim “Achim” Mätzel/GER**  
*Long time, well-known judge in Oberhof.  
Died on April 12, 2021 at the age of 77.*
- **Alexander Starkov/KAZ**  
*President of Kazakhstan’s luge federation for many years.  
Died on May 10, 2021 at the age of 75.*



- **Josef Thaler/ITA**  
*Former member of the FIL Natural Track Commission*  
*Died on May 17, 2021 at the age of 82.*
- **Norbert Gatz/GER**  
*Long time race director in Königssee (recently at the 2021 WCh).*  
*Died on May 12, 2021 at the age of 77,*
- **Florian Ticu/ROU**  
*Long time Secretary General of the Romanian Bobsleigh and Luge Federation*  
*Died on July 2, 2021 at the age of 65*

### ***Moment of remembrance***

**President E. Fogelis** explains, that the invitations and the agenda were sent to the NFs on time and, as there are no comments, establishes the regularity of the convocation of the 69th FIL Congress.

### **2. Determining attendance and right to vote (enclosure 1)**

The **Secretary General Dwight Bell** welcomes the congress participants and checks attendance. At the time of the opening of the congress there are **25 members/NFs with a seat and voting rights** in the meeting room.

**At the 69<sup>th</sup> FIL congress are participating the following:**

<b>25</b>	<b>National federations <u>with seat and vote</u></b>
<b>0</b>	<b><u>provisional members</u></b>
<b>Simple majority</b>	<b>= 13</b>
<b>2/3 majority</b>	<b>= 17</b>

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

#### **Congress resolution 01/21**

**The minutes from the 68<sup>th</sup> FIL Congress 2020 in Großgmain/AUT are approved.**

**-unanimous-**

#### 4. Honors

**President E. Fogelis und Secretary General D. Bell** award the following honors:

➤ **Honors 2020:**

which should have been given last year at the **2020 Congress** (unfortunately not possible due to COVID-19 as the Congress only took place online):

**FIL Medal of Honor in Bronze:**

- **Hans Jürgen Köhne/GER**
- **Wolfgang Ros/GER**

**FIL Medal of Honor in Silver:**

- **Gerhard Kirchner/GER**
- **Wolfgang Harder/GER**

➤ **Honors 2021**

**FIL Medal of Honor in Gold:**

- **Karl Flacher /AUT**

**FIL Medal of Honor in Silber:**

- **Vlasta Vavruskova/CZE**
- **Petr Kinzel/CZE**
- **Bruno Kammerlander/AUT**

**FIL Medal of Honor in Bronze:**

- **Senad Omanovic/BIH**
- **Markus Prock/AUT**
- **Markus Schmidt/AUT**
- **Sandra Lembergt/AUT**
- **Hubert Götschl/AUT**
- **Erich Batkowski/AUT**

**For his 25 years as FIL treasurer, President E. Fogelis presents VP H. Steyrer with a certificate of honor and a gift.**

**VP H. Steyrer** thanks the FIL Presidium, the FIL Executive Board and the national federations for the very good, friendly, and sincere cooperation in the past quarter of a century.

**VP P. Knauseder** thanks **K. Flacher** on behalf of the entire FIL family for his many years of work, his patience, and his dedication and presents him with a gift on behalf of the FIL.

## 5. Admission of new members

Ireland has submitted a written application for full membership.

**Secretary General D. Bell** informs that the executive board admitted Ireland to the FIL as a provisional member.

The requirements as per the statutes have been fulfilled.

### Congress resolution 02/21

**Ireland is admitted to the FIL as an ordinary member.**

**-unanimous-**

Ireland is not personally represented by a delegate at the FIL Congress.

**Therefore, the following are participating in the 69th FIL Congress:**

**25      National Federations with seat and right to vote**

**0      provisionary members**

**Simple majority      = 13**

**2/3 majority          = 17**

## 6. Reports from the members of the executive board

**President E. Fogelis und Secretary General D. Bell** present their reports to the congress.

All other reports from the executive board members and officials can be found in the congress dossier. The dossier was made available in advance and in due time to the national federations per email / FTP server.

### 6.1 President (enclosure 2)

In his **congress report**, **President Einars Fogelis** addresses the following topics among others:

- Newly elected executive board members

#### COVID-19

- ZOOM system for meetings
- Despite everything, the athletes should be given the opportunity to achieve their athletic goals on the way to the 2022 Olympic Games in Beijing
- Development of the FIL hygiene concept, rescheduling of the schedule of competitions, reorganization of the competences and responsibilities of all involved parties
- The 2020/2021 event schedule had to be changed due to governmental restrictions in Asia and North America and youth and junior races AT had to be cancelled

Thanks go to

- all athletes and national federations for their high professionalism and discipline
- the outstanding FIL team: Marie Luise Rainer, Christian Eigentler, Christoph Schweiger, Peter Knauseder, Andreas Castiglioni, Herbert Schwarz
- the competition organizers of the last season for their great work

2021/2022 season:

- The races in youth and juniors must take place this season

Anti-Doping

- There was no positive doping case in the FIL, even though many tests were done during and outside of competition
- The tasks and work in this area are continuously increasing
- Good and close cooperation with the ITA (International Testing Agency)

IOC Session on March 12, 2021:

- Adoption of the Olympic Agenda 2020+5
- The 15 recommendations included will have a great impact on the development of sports worldwide in the near future.

FIL Strategic Plan SLIDE 2026:

- Is fully consistent with the core values of the Olympic Agenda
- The working groups will work on the implementation
- Popular sport in luge has increased due to COVID-19, this will continue to be a topic in the FIL strategic plan "SLIDE 2026"

Social Media:

- Information field for the promotion of the sport of luge has significantly expanded
- Very intensive work is currently being done in the area of social media (thanks to M. Dengler-Paar)
- Cooperation with our long-term partner Sport A very successful
- Olympic Channel, NBC, live streaming

Partner RGS, 'Infront' und 'UVEX': excellent cooperation

Youth

- Lausanne 2020: introduction of women's doubles, also to guarantee gender equality
- YOG 2024 in Gangwon: building a strong team within the FIL, taking into account gender equity and continental representation.
- Joint promotion program in Asia
- Development of programs for young athletes from the Central European region in Bludenz/AUT and for athletes from Eastern Europe and Scandinavia in Sigulda/LAT
- In America there is a lot of room for possibilities by using the potential of the USA Luge Training Center in Lake Placid.

Milano-Cortina 2026:

- Functional track in Cortina d'Ampezzo would be of great benefit



- Gender equality, compliance with the IOC's athlete quota of 2,900 athletes and support for the principles of sustainability and legacy are top priorities in sport
- Women's doubles discipline: FIL is currently preparing a proposal to the IOC for inclusion in the 2026 Olympic Winter Games
  - Under observation of the current fundamental principles of the IOC:
    - 2900 athletes at the winter games
    - No additional sport venues
- Natural track application: additional athlete quota above the 2900 limit set by the IOC would be needed

## 6.2 **Secretary General (enclosure 3)**

**Secretary General Dwight Bell** emphasizes the following points among others in his speech to the FIL Congress:

- Thanks go to the entire executive board for their perfect cooperation
- The COVID-19 pandemic was a challenge for all sports last season, but the FIL was able to hold all competitions in the general class
- The FIL has a very good protection and hygiene concept, a big thank you goes to VP Th. Schwab.
- Thanks to ML Rainer, Ch. Eigentler and Ch. Schweiger the protection and hygiene concept could be implemented and a "shelter" could be formed
- The cancellation of the competitions in the junior/youth area was a big sacrifice, this must change in the coming season
- OWG Beijing 2022:
  - The ITW and the 1<sup>st</sup> World Cup in the 2021/2022 season are taking place in the Sliding Center in Yanqing, China soon
  - BOCOG is very well prepared for the Olympic Winter Games
- 2021/2022 season:
  - Due to the pandemic, World Cups have already needed to be rescheduled
  - A charter flight to China has already been organized
- The implementation of the strategic plan SLIDE 2026 has already begun and the working groups continue to work on it
- The IOC approved the implementation of the Agenda 2020+5 at the beginning of the year; one of the most important goals is gender equality at the 2026 OWG

**E. Fogelis** thanks **D. Bell** for his report as Secretary General as asks the executive board for any additions.

**VP P. Knauseder adds** that all natural track World Cup races were able to be held properly, also for juniors.

## 7. **Discussion to the reports**

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

**E. Warren/USA:**

- Congratulations to the executive board for the good leadership in these difficult times
- What are the most important What are the key lessons that COVID-19 has forced us to learn and that we want to continue in a post-pandemic world?

**President E. Fogelis:** a vaccinations is mandatory for all those wanting to travel to China (ITW, WC, OWG); The 2G rule applies for the general class, the 3G rule applies for youth and juniors.

**Secretary General D. Bell:** FIL very quickly established comprehensive protocols, policies and procedures, some of which will certainly be retained.

**Executive Director Ch. Schweiger:** The COVID-19 working group with VP Th. Schwab is already working on a new protection and hygiene concept for the coming season. Last season it was easier because everyone was tested. Now everyone is vaccinated, recovered, or tested, it will be a new challenge. The details for the 2021/2022 season will be sent out to everyone very soon. He expresses the request to all to maintain discipline to continue to protect themselves and all others!

The congress participants have no other comments on the reports.

### **30 MINUTES BREAK**

## **8. Prediscussion about the motions**

*(Immediate vote on the motions which do not require a lot of discussion)*

### **8.1 Motions to the statutes**

- **Motion 1** (applicant Norway) regarding **inclusion of gender equality in the FIL statutes**

**Eirik Lundemo /NOR** explains the changes to be made to the FIL statutes.

The goal of this motion is a minimum number of 2 persons of each gender in the case of committees of more than 3 persons or gender equality in the case of the election of more than 1 deputy.

**President E. Fogelis** presents a proposal to the congress:

Gender equality is also part of the Strategic Plan and thus also part of the work of the FIL Statutes WG in implementing the Strategic Plan. This proposal should therefore be included in the considerations of this working group and discussed at the 2022 Congress as part of a more comprehensive package of amendments to the statutes.

**Dr. Ch. Krähe**, Chairman of the FIL Legal Committee, recommends to the Congress to reject Norway's motion. The corresponding positions should be filled with consideration of competences and genders. He also recommends that the proposal be dealt with at the next congress in a package of amendments to the statutes.

**E. Lundemo/NOR** tells Congress they are withdrawing the request and deferring it until next year.

**President E. Fogelis** notes that the proposal is withdrawn for the time being and next year it will be dealt with again as part of an elaborated concept from the WG Statutes.

## 8.2 Other motions

*No general motion has been submitted to the congress.*

## 9. Finances

### 9.1 Approval of the Annual Statement of Accounts (01 April 2020 – 31 March 2021)

**Vice President Harald Steyrer** explains the **2020/21 annual statement of accounts** and points out the reasons for shortfalls in income and expenses in his explanations to the 2020/21 annual statement of accounts, which are included in the dossier.

He informs that the FIL Audit Commission met from September 3-5, 2021 in Reichenau an der Rax. The report on the audit carried out was sent to the Congress in due time.

The external audit of FIL assets also took place in the period May - August 2021. The corresponding audit report is available on request both as a print form and as a PDF document.

VP H. Steyrer gives the congress participants the opportunity to ask questions about the annual statement of accounts.

#### Congress resolution 03/21

**The 2020/21 annual statement of accounts is approved.**

**-unanimous-**

Afterwards, **VP H. Steyrer** presents the financial status of the FIL as of March 31, 2021 and thanks the members of the executive board and others responsible at the FIL for their high financial discipline.

### 9.2 Approval of the budget proposal (01 April 2021 – 31 March 2022)

In his explanations to the **2021/2022 budget estimate**, VP H. Steyrer firmly points out that at the time of preparation, this estimate takes into account all revenues and expenses of a regular sports year. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic cannot yet be foreseen at the time of preparation and therefore cannot be taken into account.

He points out again that if the FIL continues its generous financial policy, it will not be able to finance the sports operations in the same form with its own funds in the foreseeable future. VP H. Steyrer already presented the preview of the development of the FIL finances until 2025/2026 with unchanged revenues and with retention of all subsidies and support at the 2019 Congress. He explains this again to the Congress in relation to the current figures.

The present 2021/2022 budget had to be decided by the FIL Executive Board already in June 2021, because otherwise, due to the COVID-19 related postponement of the FIL Congress from June to September, there would have been no basis for a proper management in this period.

VP H. Steyrer asks for the approval of the Congress for the present 2021/2022 budget, taking into account the constantly changing COVID-19 situation and the associated risks.

**Congress resolution 04/21**

**The 2021/2022 budget is approved in the presented form.**

**-unanimous-**

**VP H. Steyrer** thanks all colleagues for the work together this past year.

**President E. Fogelis** thanks **VP H. Steyrer** for his **conscientious management of the finances** for the financial benefit of the FIL **for now 25 years**.

***VP Th. Schwab** again informs the congress that the goal must be to build up reserves. For the future this means that we have to reduce expenses also within the framework of the strategic plan.*

***M. Prock/AUT** agrees with Th. Schwab that we have to think about where to save in the future. However, he has concerns from the point of view of the national federations, how all this should be financed and how each individual federation can afford it. One should also consider in terms of marketing how to sell luge better.*

***E. Warren/USA** asks a question to VP Th. Schwab: Looking ahead to SLIDE 2026, do you see any areas where we need to focus our investments to implement this new strategic plan?*

***VP Th. Schwab** informs that also in WG Marketing the marketing concept is being revised and that they are trying to increase the revenues for the future. Nevertheless, in his opinion, drastic savings will be necessary in the future.*

**10. Report from the Control Commission and release of the executive board**

The chairperson of the Control Commission **V. Vavruskova** presents the audit report, in which the professional and prudent management of finances by VP H. Steyrer is emphasized.

She thanks for the good cooperation and proposes to the Congress to discharge the Vice President for Finance, the Presidium, the entire Executive Board and the Control Commission.

**Congress resolution 05/21**

**The FIL executive board is discharged at the recommendation of the Control Commission.**

**-unanimous-**



## 11. Setting the membership fees

### Congress resolution 06/21

The annual membership fee is set to € 100 as previous.

-unanimous-

**President E. Fogelis closes the first day of meetings** and wishes all congress participants and nice afternoon and evening.

**Saturday, September 25, 2021**

**9:00 am**

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

He gives special greetings to the long-time partner Sport A, Erik Posten.

He informs the congress that there is a change in the agenda. Agenda item 12 (Strategic Plan "SLIDE 2026") will be discussed after agenda item 16.

**Executive Director Ch. Schweiger** informs the Congress that a bid for the 2025 World Championships is missing in the dossier. St. Moritz is also applying for the World Championships 2025, the application was received on time and was also already dealt with in the spring meeting of the Sport Commission Artificial Track.

**VP C. DelNegro** confirms this to the Congress.

Further information on the daily schedule as well as on the festive evening in honor of FIL Honorary President Josef Fendt will follow.

### Determining attendance and right to vote 2<sup>nd</sup> day of congress

**Secretary General D. Bell** takes attendance. At the time of the opening of the congress there are **25 member NFs with seat and right to vote** in the meeting room.

**At the 69<sup>th</sup> FIL Congress (2<sup>nd</sup> congress day on 09/25/2021) are participating the following:**

<b>25</b>	<b>National federations <u>with seat and vote</u></b>
<b>0</b>	<b><u>provisional members</u></b>
<b>Simple majority</b>	<b>= 13</b>
<b>2/3 majority</b>	<b>= 17</b>

Secretary General D. Bell proposes the following to count the votes:

- Vlasta Vavruskova (Control Commission)
- Dr. Christian Krähe (Chair of the Legal Committee)
- Norbert Hiedl (Ethics Authority)

The congress approves this proposal unanimously.

## **12. Information on the preparation of the 2022 Olympic luge competitions in Beijing/CHN**

A video presentation is played. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, no representative from BOCOG can be present in person.

**Jim Leahy/USA:** *In November, a stadium will be available where dozens of athletes/athletes can train. Will the situation be similar during the Games?*

**Executive Director Ch. Schweiger:** *At the moment we don't know anything, not even with regard to the Olympic Village. We are still waiting for the PlayBook. This should reach us by mid-October, then we will have more information.*

## **13. Presentations from the OC of 2022 FIL Championships**

*No presentations from the OCs of the 2022 FIL Championships take place..*

ECh 2022 Artificial Track in St. Moritz /SUI

ECh 2022 Natural Track in Laas/ITA

JWCh 2022 Artificial Track in Winterberg/GER

JWCh 2022 Natural Track in Jaufental/ITA

## **14. Voting on the motions**

### **14.1 Motions to the statutes**

*This agenda item was already dealt with under agenda item 8.*

### **14.2 Other motions**

*No other motions have been submitted to the congress.*

## **15. Voting on the motions (if motions are still open)**

This agenda item is cancelled.

## **16. Awarding of FIL Championships through 2025**

Applicants for the staging of FIL championships through 2025 are:

### **ARTIFICIAL TRACK:**

- **WCh Artificial Track 2025:**
  - Lake Placid / USA
  - St. Moritz / SUI
  - Sigulda / LAT
  - Whistler / CAN
- **JWCh Artificial Track 2024**
  - Lillehammer / NOR

### **NATURAL TRACK:**

- **WCh NT 2023**
  - Moscow / RUS
- **JWCh NT 2024**
  - Winterleiten / AUT

### **16.1 Applicant presentations (if desired)**

The following event organizers of championships prepared impressive presentations:

- Lake Placid – J. Leahy/USA withdraws application
- St. Moritz – G. Stähli/SUI, report and presentation
- Sigulda – A. Strenga/LAT withdraws application
- Whistler – T. Farstad/CAN, report and presentation
- Lillehammer – no presentation
- Moscow – no presentation
- Winterleiten – no presentation

### **16.2 Vote**

#### **Congress resolution 07/21**

The congress awards the 2025 FIL Championships Artificial Track the event organizer Whistler/CAN.

-St. Moritz/SUI: 11 votes-  
 -Whistler/CAN: 14 votes-  
 - 0 abstentions-

**Congress resolution 08/21**

**The congress awards the 2024 FIL Junior World Championships Artificial Track to the event organizer Lillehammer/NOR.**

**-unanimous-**

**Congress resolution 09/21**

**The congress awards the 2023 FIL Championships on Natural Track to Moscow/RUS.**

**- 24 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstention-**

Immediately after the Congress, the FIL Executive Board cancelled the awarding of the 2023 World Championships in Natural Track to Moscow/RUS by means of an emergency decision and with the assistance of the Chairman of the FIL Legal Commission, Dr. Christian Krähe, in order to prevent damage to the FIL: The awarding of the 2023 Natural Track World Championships to Moscow would mean a violation of a CAS decision against Russia. No World Championships may be awarded to Russia until December 2022, even if they take place afterwards.

**Congress resolution 10/21**

**The congress awards the 2024 FIL Junior World Championships on Natural Track to the event organizer Winterleiten/AUT.**

**-unanimous-**

**17. Awarding 2034 Congress**

*– Ukraine/Lviv – T. Hartsula/UKR give a short presentation.*

**Congress resolution 11/21**

**The 2023 FIL Congress is awarded to Ukraine with Lviv as the congress city.**

**-unanimous-**



## **18. Strategic Plan “SLIDE 2026”**

**President E. Fogelis** informs the Congress that the FIL Strategic Plan "SLIDE 2026" was adopted at the 2020 online Congress. On the part of the executive board, different working groups have now been formed, which deal with implementation proposals on the different topics. The chairs of the working groups are now provide information about their activities. Initial congress resolutions can very likely be passed at the next FIL Congress in 2022.

### Sport Artificial Track (VP C. DeINegro)

- Improve sport presentation and operations to bring our sport closer to the global audience.
- Recommendation to the Technical Commission to consider some very specific equipment to improve the appearance of our athletes
- Recommendation to the Sport Commission to change the format (test in sprint format already planned for the coming season)
- Modification of the program procedure
- Transportation costs need to be rethought in the youth division

### Technic Artificial Track (VP A. Zöggeler)

- Standardization of racing sleds and other equipment
- Find companies that implement and build the specified components
- Production should be possible by 2-3 different manufacturers, of course only with appropriate certification; All nations should have the possibility to acquire the standardized sled parts.
- The prototype parts should be finished by Christmas, in order to be able to test these and still make changes before the series production.

### Natural track, popular sport (VP P. Knauseder, N. Gart)

#### Natural track luge (VP P. Knauseder)

- Exchange of ideas on sled material and equipment.
- Equipment: development of a very good racing shoe, in which the ankle protection is already integrated (this can already be purchased)
- Racing sleds: due to the COVID-19 situation no multi-national tests on the tracks were possible

#### Popular sport (N. Gart) – Film clip and presentation

- The main goal is to recognize public luge as part of the luge family in order to increase the popularity of the sport of luge
- Analysis of which kinds of sleds there are and what equipment is needed
- Explanations about the different types of tracks, the safety, the position on the sled and the inspection of the sled will be done
- VP P. Knauseder adds that in November the working group will reconsider and elaborate the preparation of the luge track

*VP P. Knauseder: It is anchored in the 2026 Strategic Plan that we should strive for the inclusion of natural track sports in the Olympic program. We have been working very hard to create the conditions to be included in the Olympic program for the 2026 Games in Milan-Cortina. Fortunately, there was also a decision on the part of the FIL Congress in favor of the strategy paper. This project was and is also being worked on very intensively in our working group. Due to current events, the FIL Executive Board has deliberated and has come to the conclusion that the candidature of natural track luge for the 2026 Games should not be pursued any further. From my point of view, it would have been an important signal at the right time for the FIL to present the sport of natural track luge, with its broad popular appeal, its ecological and economical DNA, to the Olympic family. Nevertheless, we will continue to work very intensively in order to have the possibility to be included in the Olympic program.*

### Comments

**M. Prock/AUT:** Surprised that the FIL is not applying for the inclusion of natural track in the 2026 Olympic program, even though it is known that this would not be easy. Asks for a statement on why not to apply.

**President E. Fogelis:** There is now a clear statement from the IOC that they have already adopted their decisions, we should accept them, we are an independent federation, and of course we can adopt our own decisions.

The guidelines are: Gender Equality, athlete quota 2,900, no new venues.

This is the main reason that we can no longer continue to apply for natural track to be included in the Olympic program.

**Secretary General D. Bell** confirms this and adds that we need to continue working with natural track and can steer in a direction that can be reconciled with the IOC specifications.

**J. Leahy/USA:** With the introduction of Ski Mountaineering and 48 additional slots and no increase in the athlete quota of 2,900, are we in any danger of losing our 106 slots?

**President E. Fogelis:** Ski Mountaineering will get those 48 spots within the 2,900. We hope to have some bigger sports with starting places, like luge, where we only have 106. The signals and the information from the IOC are about gender equality and the fact that we need additional starting places for our sport. We will most likely have the discussions on this next year.

**Secretary General D. Bell:** Our 106 spots are not guaranteed. That's the reason why we have to push the program and fight to keep at least our 106 spots and of course we would like to get more spots for women's doubles.

### **K. Damian/ITA:**

The FIL is going in the wrong direction. The strategic plan was decided by the Congress a year ago, with the clear mandate to implement it.

How do you explain that this decision is overruled by the executive board?

Natural track has been rejected, but paradoxically we are applying for the Olympics with women's doubles, a discipline for which no WC has been held in the general class to date. In addition, the word women's doubles is nowhere to be found in the strategic plan in the area of artificial track. Regarding the finances, a maximum self-financing of the luge on natural track is possible. A sponsor was gained thanks to the fact that we are applying for the Olympic program, with the prospect of generating funds for the future. Another note is that the FIL logo does not include NT or AT and both belong to this "family". It is also noticeable that natural track itself is often only rudimentarily considered or simply forgotten in reports, etc.

He also asks Dr. Ch. Krähe to comment on whether Congress resolutions can really simply be ignored by the executive board.

### **President E. Fogelis:**

- Strategic Plan: the FIL is not refusing to go together with natural track towards the Olympics. The IOC decision was not yet available last year and the situation has now changed. Our decisions have to be adapted to this decision.
- Finances: In the natural track area there has been almost no sponsor in the last years. Artificial track, on the other hand, generates about 5 million a year just from the IOC for our sport. The support and development of the natural track sport is also financed with these funds.
- Since last year there are no positive signals and no support from Italy, CONI, etc.; Even after several letters and meetings nothing has reached us up to today.
- We should think about how to proceed in the future and what we can do to advance the natural track sport together.

### **K. Damian/ITA:**

- Disappointment about the statement from E. Fogelis
- He has information that the FIL does not want natural track luge to apply for the 2026 Olympic program at all
- What is the exact definition of a "new venue"?
- Is the overruling of a Congress resolution by the executive board possible?

### **Dr. Ch. Krähe/Chairman Legal Committee:**

- In principle, it is not possible for the executive board to overrule the Congress resolution.
- Check, what was the content of the Congress resolution? If I remember correctly, the resolution was passed to the effect that efforts would be made to apply for and attempt to admit natural track luge as a new discipline to the Olympic Games.

- However, if the basis for the decision for the admission to the Olympic Games has changed, then the basis of the Congress resolution no longer exists and then it would also be the responsibility of the executive board to first ensure a resolution.
- To be fair, the Congress resolution would then have to be adapted to the new situation, which would no longer be possible at this Congress due to the deadlines.

**K. Damian/ITA:** agrees that the resolution would need to be submitted to the congress for approval.

**Secretary General D. Bell:** Asks the Congress if there are any further questions or comments.

**S. Keshavan/IND:** Natural track luge is a possibility also in his country (IND) to set up a program to develop the sport, also for children as young as 6 years old. Natural track luge and artificial track luge should go hand in hand and also in the strategic plan a committee should be set up to look at how the sport can be promoted in the future, also with regard to popular sports.

**K. Damian/ITA:** During the preparation of the application documents, it was always clear that an application would not be claimed at the expense of interventions in the artificial track disciplines. He wishes that also within the FIL future-oriented work will be continued and that natural track luge will be granted its right and that the FIL will also stand by this.

**President E. Fogelis:** Natural track will always have his support. If at some point the athlete quota increases or if at some point we can get more starting places, then the situation will be different. Currently, a bid for the natural track would definitely be at the expense of artificial track.

**VP Th. Schwab:** Finds the contribution of S. Keshavan very good, that one has to connect the two sports better. He informs the congress that unfortunately an alternative to the IOC specifications was missing. The basis for discussion or a concept of natural track unfortunately does not exist.

**K. Damian/ITA:** There is a natural track bible in which all contents from A-Z are exactly recorded. Among other things also popular sports, venues, sports equipment, energy, etc..

**VP P. Knauseder:** A representative from Italy already announced 2 years ago that natural track luge should never be at the expense of artificial track luge, so the scope for a concept within the existing athlete quota is very small.

**J. Leahy/USA:** Thank you for the difficult decision, which was made in the sense of keeping the sport of luge in the Olympic program.

**M. Prock/AUT:** Is the goal still to make the Sprint an Olympic event? Another goal was to be more in the media at a World Championships or WCs, this is of course difficult because of the broadcasting times, but is there any news in this regard?

**VP C. DelNegro:** Discussion about Sprint is ongoing, no bid for Olympics at this time. A test for a new sprint format will be done next year. TV times are difficult, but it is being worked on. Sprint is going in the right direction, also with regard to the Olympics, but the acceptance is still too low even within the luge family.

**Ch. Mazdzer:** Some athletes like the sprint, others don't. Sprint has to be explained better to the public and the acceptance within the luge family has to grow even more.

**M. Prock/AUT:** Is of the opinion that one should not "try" too long. With the Team Relay it took 25 years until this competition became Olympic. He hopes that this will happen faster in the sprint competition and that the sport can develop further.

**K. Damian/ITA:** Will women's doubles be part of the team relay in the future?

**Executive Director Ch. Schweiger:** This has not yet to be decided and also depends on how high the athlete quota will be for the FIL. It will also be difficult because athletes from all 4 disciplines from one nation would then have to qualify for the Olympic Games in order to be able to compete in Team Relay.

**Secretary General D. Bell:** Thanks the Congress participants for the important discussions.

### Marketing, TV, Social Media, Digital Media (Th. Schwab)

- Marketing of the sport of luge is not possible without the natural track
- FIL has a very good cooperation with Infront
- Thanks to RGS for the new sponsor Hargassner
- Very long partnership with Sport A; more streaming rights were negotiated; Olympic Channel is being pushed forward, the contract with Eurosport was dropped for this purpose
- Sustainability must be taken into account more and more in the future
- New marketing concept is being developed

- Currently 4 partners - in future 5 partners+tourism region, new advertising distribution
- The new concept should come into effect in 2022/2023
- Digital + social media by M. Dengler-Paar - distribution
- TV production: optimization for the future is necessary

#### E-sport (Ch. Mazdzer)

- There are very few video games with tobogganing
- We need to teach people/children about the versatile factors in sledding and get them to try it out
- A lot of different data needs to be collected to be able to use it for the development of the video games

#### Sustainability (GS D. Bell)

- The IBSF is integrated in this working group (same venue)
- the ice sports center is the most criticized venue in the press
- the rink is constantly booked up during OWS
- some data needs to be collected and reviewed to further improve sustainability in the future

#### Restructuring FIL (Pres. E. Fogelis)

- Work has been and is being done, the FIL is on the right track

#### Safeguarding Athletes, Olympic Movement (Pres. E. Fogelis)

- Sexual Harassment is an important topic here (S. Harris does much for this cause)

#### FIL Statutes, Rules of Procedure, Good Governance (Pres. E. Fogelis)

- 2022 IRO und Statutes changes
- Concrete results from the working groups will be presented at the next congress

### **19. Miscellaneous**

- A video message from **K. Caithness**, President of the World Curling Federation, for **Honorary President J. Fendt** is played.

**President E. Fogelis** thanks all congress participants for their discipline so that this FIL Congress could take place. He wishes everyone a good start into the new season and above all good health.

He thanks all congress participants, E. Votz and the FIL office for the good organization and the interpreters for their flawless work. He also thanks the technical company VTG. A bouquet of flowers to E. Votz and the presents to the interpreters are handed over.

**President E. Fogelis** officially ends the 69th FIL Congress in Salzburg/AUT.

**We look forward to seeing you again at the 70<sup>th</sup> Congress in Riga/LAT on June 18-19, 2022!**

Writing the minutes: Diana Springl / FIL office

For the content of the minutes:

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Christoph Schweiger  
Executive Director of the FIL

The President

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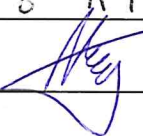
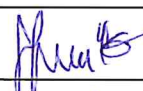



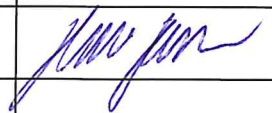
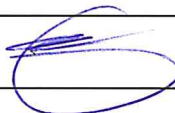
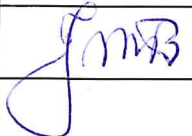
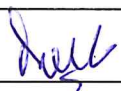

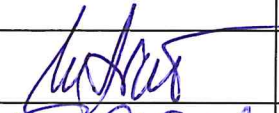
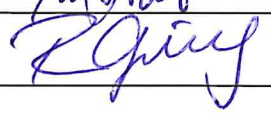
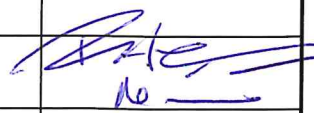

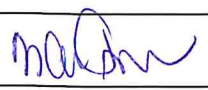
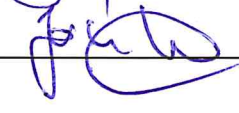
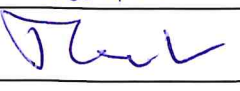



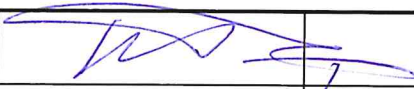


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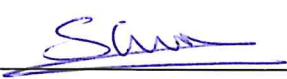
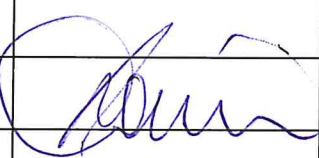
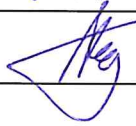
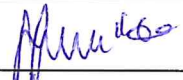
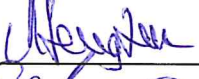
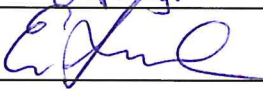
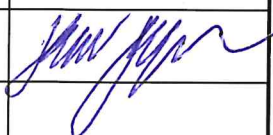

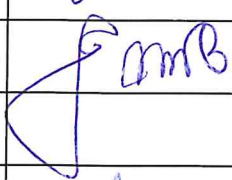
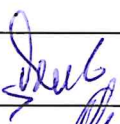

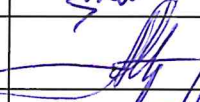

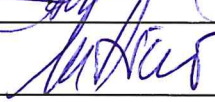

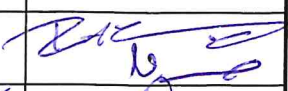
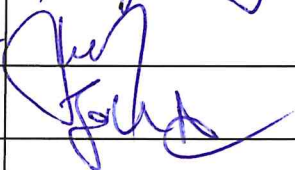

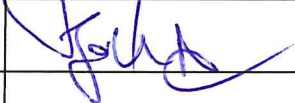
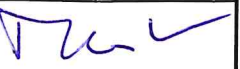
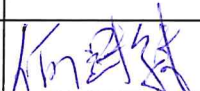
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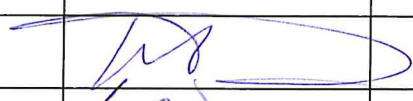

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Dear friends and colleagues,

On November 20 last year, you entrusted our federations management to a renewed and expanded team by electing a new president, Secretary General Dwight Bell, and board member Sorin Buta. During this time much was unknown, and many things happened for the first time.

The world was heavily affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the current routine came to a standstill, new ways were found to achieve the set goals, and we were unfortunately forced to make this historic turning point by using the opportunities offered by modern technology, like ZOOM- system to hold most of our meetings.

At this point, our priorities were clear:

- In the short term, we should provide an opportunity for athletes to achieve their athletic goals on the way to the Beijing 2022 Olympic Games;
  - o It's the FIL's leadership obligation to do everything, that all athletes can take part at the Olympic qualification process, without any entry restrictions by Government Authorities, as long they're vaccinated against COVID-19.
- In the long term, we should ensure strength and sustainability of the historical values of our FIL federation in the general society, as well as in the Olympic movement.

The beginning of last season was like a dark tunnel with many unknown factors waiting for us on the way. The easiest way – to wait, to cancel the planned competition, only to prolong the uncertainty. The more difficult way - to find immediate solutions for implementing upcoming seasons plan that was previously approved. Thanks to a team work, the FIL Hygiene concept was developed, the course of the competition was re-planned, and the competencies and responsibilities of all stakeholders were re-regulated.

Today, I can only thank all the athletes and national federations for their high professionalism and discipline, our excellent FIL team - Marie Luise Rainer, Christian Eigentler, Christoph Schweiger, Peter Knauseder, Andreas Costiglioni, Herbert Schwarz – who, by taking on new responsibilities, successfully ensured the coordination of the FIL plan and the complex compliance with the COVID-19 procedure and seasonal testing.

I would also like to recognize our partners - competition organizers in Germany, Austria, Italy, Latvia and Swiss where, in cooperation with government bodies, a safe way was found to ensure full range of competitions of our calendars in Artificial Track and Natural Track, including junior class in Natural track.

Unfortunately, we faced a number of setbacks and losses. Due to government restrictions in Asia and America, FIL was forced to reschedule its race calendar to

Europe only, and youth and junior races in the Artificial Track had to be cancelled. Regarding youth and juniors, undeniably, we need to fill this gap in the upcoming 2021-2022 season.

However, in general, the past year and the newly established system allows us to look towards the future with much more hope, especially concerning the development of luge sports. I can safely say that the light is at the end of the dark tunnel. Things that had never been on FIL's agenda before, were done and have left their mark on our development forever.

There's a reason why all of the organizers of the competition last season received the highest rating - Category 1. They all did a fantastic job, despite the difficulties they had to deal with.

FIL once again had no positive Doping case in 2020/21 season, although a lot of in- and out of competition tests were carried out. Nevertheless, our responsibilities and the work load we have to deal with, in anti-doping matters, is increasing year by year. Especially anti-doping education will play a more important role. We're working very closely with International Testing Agency (ITA) to implement such seminars for our luge athletes and coaches.

Most of the anti-doping work is going on "behind-the-scenes" because of data protection requirements. I explicitly would like to thank Diana Springl, Dr. Christian Krähe and Christoph Schweiger. It requires constant hard work to keep the status FIL has.

Looking back over the past year, it must be said that FIL was not the only one that had to implement changes, for example, with a new strategic plan "SLIDE 2026". The entire world changed during this pandemic, and is still adjusting people's sports and leisure habits.

During the season, especially in the Alps region, with most ski resorts closed to public access, we saw an increase in luge activities in the society.

We must take this into consideration, especially when thinking about broadening the base of our sport by involving a wider range of people, in particular younger generations.

Luge has been just one small part of everything that has been happening in the global community and, in our case, particularly in sport.

On March 12, 2021, the IOC session approved the Olympic Agenda 2020 + 5 prepared by the IOC Executive Board. The 15 recommendations that contain in this document will have a major impact on the development of sport worldwide in the near future.

The strategic plan SLIDE 2026 adopted by our Federation in 2020 is fully in line with the core values included in the Olympic Agenda:

- Strengthening Olympic ideals, sustainability, role of athletes, rights and responsibilities, involvement of the best athletes in society, safe sport and

protection of athletes, digital connection to society, development of virtual sport, good governance, and gender equality.

These are the main areas in which our colleagues are currently engaged in working groups, organically developing and synchronizing our 'luge' policy with the common sports policy and the Olympic philosophy around the world.

I am certain that the reports prepared by the working groups will be a good basis for the development of our sport, especially in terms of our place and role in the Olympic Movement.

In 2022, during our Congress in Latvia, we will have to make decisions on a lot of recommendations, of the proposals that are made by our working groups. This will lead in IRO changes and changes of the FIL statutes. I kindly ask you to be open minded and support the working groups – recommending changes is not always an easy- going process.

Having said that – we shouldn't lose the sight of the stability of FIL finances. That could lead into a step - by step implementation of working groups recommendations. Everything must be financially justified and covered before we start an implementation or changing process.

Work has already begun successfully in the field of technology, working on technical solutions to make the luge sport more learnable, more available material and financially accessible, and, of course, easier.

In the field of sport, attractiveness and the development of new competition formats, especially those that are attractive to young people, are certainly important.

In the digital environment, we have taken a big step forward, significantly expanding the field of information for the promotion of luge sport. Here I would like to say a big thank you to Margit Dengler-Paar. Very intensive work is currently taking place in the field of visual media, and thanks to the contribution of colleagues Dwight Bell, Britta Semmler-Dzoesch, Thomas Schwab, and FIL office, cooperation with our long-term partner 'Sport A' is developing successfully. As well as new projects for luge sport coverage on Olympic Channel and NBC, which will positively affect sport live-streaming around the world and will make reports from our events much more widely available than ever before, while supporting the development of new marketing directions and attracting sponsors.

I would like to note the tremendous cooperation with our long-term partners RGS, 'Infront' and 'UVEX'. Without you, we would not have achieved so much, and without your participation, we would not be able to shape our future development.

Today, the youth phase is very important, as it is being successfully developed in cooperation with the IOC, especially during the previous Youth Olympics Games in Lausanne 2020. Luge sport has shown its ability to react to the introduction of new disciplines in the Olympic program - in this case, Women's Doubles, ensuring gender equality in our sport.

At the moment, the road to YOG 2024 Gangwon, January 19 to February 4, is very important. Building a strong youth team within our Federation, with strong principles of gender equality and continental representation. In terms of development, I think it would be imperative to have a joint support program in Asia, cooperating with the potential of Japan, Korea, China and countries of Oceania. In Europe, the newly opened center in Bludenz, Austria is significant to us, where, thanks to the successful cooperation of the Austrian federation, local government and municipalities, we now have a center for successful development of programs for young athletes from the Central European region. Base for such a development, when considering Eastern Europe and Scandinavia, has been created in Sigulda, Latvia. In America, I see lots of space for opportunities by utilizing the potential of the USA luge training center in Lake Placid.

Certainly, the team that will start in Gangwon 2024 will form a large part of our future potential, including the representation in Milan-Cortina 2026. Active work is currently underway in cooperation with both the 2026 Olympic Organizing Committee and the IOC, the local provinces of Veneto / South Tyrol / and two federations FIL and IBSF. I hope that in the near future Milano 2026 will be able to present a structured development plan, which refers specifically to our sports – luge, bobsleigh, and skeleton.

From the point of view of FIL, I can surely say that having a operational track in Cortina d'Ampezzo will be of great benefit to all sports, especially in terms of future development. At the same time, we must realize that our federation, like other Olympic luge sports, will have a responsibility to uphold the principles of sustainability and legacy.

With regard to the Milano-Cortina 2026 Games, the main priority in terms of sport is gender equality, compliance with the IOC-defined athlete quota of 2,900 athletes, and endorse the principles of sustainability and legacy.

FIL is currently preparing a proposal to IOC for the discipline of Women's Doubles being part of the Winter Olympic Games 2026.

However, we must consider the current basic principles set out by the IOC:

- 2900 athletes in winter games;
- No new additional sports venues.

This means that, with respect to what our colleagues have achieved so far, the main pre-requisite, which will be stated in the application for Natural luge, is to have additional athletes' quotas, exceeding the 2900 limit set out by IOC.

In conclusion, I am certain that the experience we have gained with our summer IF colleagues in the outstanding games of Tokyo 2020 will allow us to successfully create a playbook for Beijing 2022 and share rewarding games with our partners this season. Our main goal - to ensure maximum safety in these difficult circumstances, taking into account the interests of athletes, and demonstrating the unity of sports to society.

Together, we can learn the right lessons for our future. There is a reason that the Olympic motto today reads:

‘Faster, higher, stronger – together’

We will do our utmost to join forces for a better future society.

Thank you, colleagues, for your cooperation and contribution.

Respectfully, E.F.





## Report of the FIL General Secretary

August 1, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

First and foremost, I wanted to thank you once again for the honor you have entrusted in me as the General Secretary of the FIL. I have enjoyed working along side our new President Einars Fogelis. We have spent a lot of time together representing the FIL both virtually and in person since the time of our election last November. I am also very appreciative for the collaboration with our Executive Board and our Executive Director, Christoph Schweiger. Together, we have faced many tough decisions, and have steadfastly done what we believe to be in the best interest of the FIL.

This past season has been perhaps the most challenging in the history of our sport. Never has the sporting world been so disrupted as it has been during the Covid-19 Pandemic around the World. The sport was not alone during this difficult time as ALL sports were impaired. And the unfortunate fact is that we are still dealing with it as we enter the pre-Olympic season leading up to the Olympic Winter Games in Beijing, China.

As challenging as the upcoming season is, I am confident we are prepared. This past season, a detailed and comprehensive Hygiene protocol had to be developed from scratch. Last summer, when the Pandemic was ravaging the world, the Executive Board went to work along with our Executive Director and Senior Staff to develop a plan to institute a sweeping series of countermeasures against Covid-19 in order that we

could hold ALL of our World Cups and World Championships. I want to thank VP Thomas Schwab for generating our first draft of the Hygiene plan. This plan including having to make painful decisions, such as relocating World Cups from Korea and the United States, along with the World Championships from Canada, to tracks in Europe. This enabled the FIL to create a bubble environment to protect the athletes, coaches, officials, and other key personnel from the virus with regular testing continuously. To institute this plan, our Executive Director assumed the role of Hygiene Manager and stayed with the Luge Bubble the entire season, our Directors of Sport and Technology, Marie-Luise, and Christian worked tirelessly to set up and implement new protocols through out the season. Over 4000 covid tests were administered with less than 10 coming back positive. This is a tribute to the planning and the execution by the all the people that I have mentioned. In the end, all World Cups and the World Championships were held successfully.

We can now say that the season was a success and quite an achievement, especially under the circumstances, but it would not have happened without the complete cooperation and compliance with the plan, from ALL of you, the National Federations. It was with your essential support of this plan that it worked, and I thank you for that. I would also be remiss if I didn't thank you sponsors, TV partners, agencies and supporters for the unwavering support this last season and now turning toward this upcoming season.

As we now look to the future, the 2022 Beijing Olympic Winter Games are now in our sights now less than 5 months out, and importantly, we have now finally been able to schedule our International Training Weeks and a World Cup race this coming November. By all reports, the sliding center in Yanqing, China is spectacular and the Organizing Committee-BOCOG is well-prepared to host and execute the Games. We have had numerous virtual meetings with BOCOG and the IOC in preparation of these Games. We were able to send a delegation to include our Executive Director, Sports Director, Technical Director, TV Coordinator and other key figures for an on-site inspection and meetings with our BOCOG Counterparts to begin making final preparations for the training and actual competition for the 2022 Games.

In July, by an invitation from the IOC, President Fogelis and I traveled to the 2020 Tokyo Summer Games. We were there for 8 days, and it was an excellent opportunity to observe all the comprehensive countermeasures that were put in place by the Japanese Organizers and the IOC. I want to congratulate Tokyo 2020, the IOC, and our Summer IF counterparts for a successful and inspiring Games.

This coming important season has also required comprehensive planning due the on-going pandemic. Once again, the FIL has had to re-direct World Cups from North America and Asia to Europe. As you all know, the Fil has secured a Charter flight to get our Luge family in and out of China working closely with our BOCOG colleagues. Leading up to and through the Olympic Games in Beijing, the FIL will do everything we can to keep our Luge Family safe and a successful season, culminating with the Olympic competition in February of 2022. This also means continuing the close cooperation with our colleagues and friends at the IOC. They have been side by side with us throughout this pandemic and will continue as such through the Games.

This coming Olympic Season will undoubtedly require the tremendous focus and resources of the FIL. But we must also keep our eye on the future. President Fogelis has continued to press forward with our Strategic Plan-Slide 2026. Since the new strategic plan was approved last November thanks to all of you, we have started its implementation. The Executive Board has now approved working groups to begin implementing the Plan, many of you are involved with those working groups. Major themes such growing our footprint more globally, implementing a new media strategy, connecting with the general public, working with the IBSF to make our venue more sustainable, are some of the important tasks that are underway.

Earlier this year, at the IOC Session, the IOC voted overwhelmingly to implement Agenda 2020+5. I encourage all of you to familiarize your self with this initiative for the next 5 years, as the FIL will be working hard to achieve these important objectives. One of these objectives is now a requirement-that all sports must be gender equal by the 2026 Milan-Cortina Olympic Winter Games. Thanks to all of you, the implementation of Women's Doubles is underway, and for the first time ever, women's

Doubles with race in the General Class this coming season. President Fogelis has commissioned a Working Group to prepare an application for the IOC for inclusion of Women's Doubles on the program for the 2026 OWG in Milan-Cortina.

In addition, for many years, the FIL has applied to the IOC to place Natural Track Luge on the Olympic Program. We must analyze the previous applications and determine why it has not been accepted on the Program and develop a fresh strategy and application going forward. To that end, President Fogelis has also commissioned a Working Group for that purpose.

Dear Colleagues, this season will have its challenges, but after witnessing the resiliency, determination, and teamwork within the FIL during this past season, I am optimistic that the FIL will have a successful season and Olympic Games coupled with planning for our future. We must stand together and work hard. Thank you all for your support!

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## 2022 Congress Report

### Vice President of Sport, Artificial Track

Dear Members of Congress,

Looking back at the past season, the Winter Olympic Games 2022 Beijing was naturally the highlight of our season. It was more than a challenge to make sure all our member nations had equal opportunities to qualify for these Games. Between Covid protocols and shipping issues with racing equipment, it took constant vigilance and reaction and requests for changes to the IOC to our qualification system. FIL is grateful that these unique circumstances were taken into consideration and that IOC positively responded on short notice to our suggested adaptations, meeting our request to extend the qualification period to Jan. 10, 2022. Many thanks are extended to the FIL staff, the event organizers, and the teams and their staff for working with us to provide the best possibilities for a successful Olympic season.

After missing a Junior race season in 2020-21, we were very happy to successfully complete a Junior World Cup series which saw good participation and utilized four different tracks including reenergizing La Plagne, France and initiating Bludenz, Austria. Credit and thanks to the Austrian Federation who have led the way on using new track building technologies, surmounting several multi-year hurdles, to see the track reach a successful completion. We look forward to future races and Championships on this track, which additionally offers great training opportunities for developing athletes.

Our first ever World Championships in Women's Doubles was held in Winterberg, Germany with 14 entries. Although it was a limited field of participation, it is part of our planned steps towards the application for Women's Doubles in the 2026 Olympics with our stated strategic goal of gender equality. We look forward to the continuing growth of this new discipline and we will address any growing pains we face over the coming year. Our goal is still to create gender equality within our sport while being sure it is done in a safe and responsible manner through organic growth.

Our planning for the fourth Youth Olympic Games in 2024 in PyeongChang is underway and will begin to intensify over the next season as we enter the qualification period. We look forward to returning to the track in Korea for an event of this magnitude and we will work with the organizers to have successful races for the youth of our sport.

In my role on the Board, I also continue to oversee the Development program in conjunction with our Development Manager, Mr. Fred Zimny. Fred has now come on board as a full-time employee and is already introducing new concepts and continuing to work very hard on behalf of our member nations with limited resources. This summer will see the introduction of two summer camps, where athletes will be physically assessed at the beginning of the summer and re-tested at summer's end to help evaluate and improve on their overall fitness and sport specific skills. Many thanks to all of our FIL coaches for their efforts in making these progressive changes.

At the end of March, we held our annual Sport Commission meeting and it was a pleasure to return to an in-person format, especially during a post-Olympic and IRO change year where we



have the opportunity to add, clarify, and update our rules. Under the guidance of our Sport Director 37 motions were handled, the majority of which were generated from our Athletes Commission. Motions were additionally reviewed from Youth Commission, National Federations, and from the Sports Commission itself which generated recommendations made to the Executive Board. The resulting passing motions will be presented to the Congress for a vote and the Commission hopes to receive your support. Of high priority, as always, is to make changes where luge can improve as a more television and spectator friendly sport while keeping the events challenging, safe, and exciting for our athletes. The Commission aims to maintain the stability of the successful areas of the IRO while reviewing areas and ideas to move our sport forward. Many thanks to the Commission members for their work over this past quadrennium.

In closing, I would like to highlight the excellent work of our Sport Director, Maria-Luise Rainer, and our Technical Director, Christian Eigentler. Their hard work is recognized and supported by myself and the Executive Board, and I thank them personally for their work. I also welcome the new Technical Director, Andis Sics, and look forward to working with him in the future. In our Youth and Juniors, I would like to thank Hans Juergen Köhne and Maria Jasencakova. All of these critical staff positions continue to ensure that our sport has a consistent high level of professionalism throughout the season at all of our events.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Claire DelNegro

Vice President of Sport

**70th FIL Congress**  
**Congress Report by the Vice President for Technical Matters – Artificial Track**

Dear Congress participants,

This past racing season was once again defined by the global COVID-19 pandemic. It meant that top priority had to be given to the health of all participants – athletes, coaches, officials, members of the Olympic Committees, and volunteers at the events. A set of guidelines that FIL had already worked out in the prior season and continually adapted to the actual situation – a protection and hygiene strategy for World Cup events – served as a constant companion, and in the end the protection standards it contained guaranteed a normal course of the sport season.

In the general class, we were able to run 9 World Cup events, 6 team relay World Cups, 4 sprint World Cups, the European Championships, and – the season highlight – the Winter Olympic Games in Yanqing, China. With the exception of the World Cup kickoff event in Yanqing, China, all other World Cup events were held in Europe. Unfortunately, the traditional World Cup event in Königssee had to be stricken from the calendar due to the devastating damage to the track caused by severe weather, and the event was then awarded to Winterberg.

The World Cup kickoff event and the Winter Olympic Games in China posed special challenges. The strict COVID rules and the nearly total isolation were new territory for all participants, and understandably not everyone was OK with such conditions. Certainly, we were confronted with transport and logistical problems related to World Cup events in China, and we need to prevent these problems in the future.

The Juniors were able to participate in a regular season of World Cup events again after a one-year hiatus. Six World Cup races, the European Championships, and the season highlight – the Junior World Championships in Winterberg – were conducted in an orderly manner and with high levels of participation.

Thanks to the tried and true great cooperation with event organizers and with the OC teams, the events were run despite the crisis, and they offered all participants absolutely fair competitive conditions.

With regard to the racing equipment, rethinking is still necessary and absolutely essential. Racing equipment needs to be adapted to the conditions of the tracks, and not vice versa.

The material problems in the newly developed standard sleds for women's doubles have been resolved to some extent. Currently, however, delivery times are still problematic due to bottlenecks in material availability. We are working on this to arrive at a quick and modern solution to these problems.

For the future, we envision introducing standardized parts into the sleds for all disciplines. One reason is so that we can continue to meet the requirements of an Olympic sport.

In further developing and introducing the new GTS race shoe, our objective is to be able to offer a training shoe for the next race season.

Gender equality will be firmly embedded in the IRO regulations.

To preserve the positive image of luge, it is also essential to sustain the ongoing excellent cooperative work of all involved. I would like to expressly thank all athletes, coaches, technicians, judges, experts, arbiters, commissions, event organizers, and national federations for their efforts.

Special thanks are also due to the Medical Commission which is responsible for ensuring that rules are strictly observed and for monitoring adherence to WADA provisions and the Anti-Doping Code and its principles.

I would like to thank our Technical Director Hansjörg Raffl for the World Cups and Reto Gilly for the Winter Olympic Games and the World Cup final, and our team at the FIL office for their helpful and competent support.

Armin Zöggeler

Vice President for Technical Matters – Artificial Track

Ladies and Gentlemen:

An eventful year in natural track is now behind us. Unfortunately, the COVID pandemic once again had a huge impact on our normal training and racing operations. The FIL School and our efforts to recruit new nations into our World Cup program were, unfortunately, very severely affected. As a result, fewer nations were represented at the starting line of World Cup events and the FIL championships than before the pandemic. This was also true of the Juniors area. Thanks to the circumspect and conscientious work of our employees and officials, as well as the event organizers, we experienced hardly any problems with infected athletes at our events. They all conducted themselves in a very disciplined way and implemented the FIL hygiene strategy. There is still hope that we will be spared the impact of COVID-19 and all of its variants in the 2022/2023 winter season. Due to the effects of the pandemic, it was not possible for athletes from India to attend our development program. Everything was prepared ideally, and Evi Mitterstieler and her team were looking forward to the opportunity to train natural track luge competitors from India for the first time. The situation was similar with Portugal.

From a sports perspective, there were definitely some very noteworthy results which I would like to highlight again here in my report. In the World Cup for women, Lisa Walch of Germany joined the elite group of female competitors and finished in the top 3 several times. Slyusar Anastasia of the Ukraine took 11th place in the overall World Cup standings, further validating the effectiveness of her professional attitude and summer preparations. Similarly, Leonardo de Oliveira Silva of Brazil made a name for himself with an 11th place overall in the World Cup. His good performances confirmed that our FIL coaches had done excellent work in preparing the athletes. Also noteworthy were the performances by the two Ukrainians Miroslav and Ivan Lenko who took 12th and 13th in the men's overall World Cup. This was a very strong performance considering that the field consisted of 47 athletes from 17 nations. At the very well-organized Junior World Championships in Jaufental (ITA), the doubles team of Vertelj/Kralj of Slovenia surprised the field with a gold medal performance.

For well-known reasons, the World Cup finale in Moscow was canceled. Immediately after war broke out, we jointly pulled all athletes, coaches, and FIL officials from Moscow. Only the sleds of the Austrian team stayed in Moscow. I would like to thank everyone who participated in this operation.

The FIL Youth Games were held at the recently built natural luge track in Kühtai. A new technology for track preparation was tested successfully at these games. The 85 youth from 5 nations were impressed by the very good track conditions.

From an overall perspective, I can testify that all nations, as well as the FIL coaches, had prepared very well for the races, and this was also evident in the low number of injuries. In contrast to the prior winter, we noted further improvement in the training of our female and male competitors.

We have made great strides in the areas of TV reporting, livestream, and social media. Because of great performances by luge women from Germany, we have long had a presence in ARD, ZDF, and Bavarian TV stations. We were also successful in expanding the very good reporting in Austria even more (ORF station). Servus-TV reported on all of our events in

depth – both on TV and on its YouTube and livestream channels. Professionally produced clips of our events were widely acclaimed. We were also able to present very good TV images from Vatra Dornei. The range of our audience significantly extended by television broadcasts in Slovenia, Switzerland, Romania, and especially reporting from Italy.

Thanks to the support of the governor of South Tirol, Arno Kompatscher, we were able to sign on the Südtirol brand as a sponsor, and together with the sponsorship by Trenker, a partner of ours for many years, this allowed us to implement all of our projects in the media area. The issue of sponsorship in the natural track area can, or better said must, be built up now that we have Thomas Schwab as an expert on the Executive Board.

A small team as put a lot of time, passion, and hard work into efforts to prepare a bid to have natural track adopted into the Olympic program. We have left nothing untried, we have compiled a lot of facts, prepared professional documentation, and sought and cultivated international contacts. Within FIL, I have conducted many personal discussions to convey the facts and strategies, but unfortunately without success. This has resulted in many disappointments for me personally. I would like to conclude my report by calling attention to the successful and well conducted 2021/2022 season and not this unpleasant situation and incomprehensible state of affairs. There will still be opportunities to revisit this topic.

The very good events, extensive TV reporting, exciting competitions, smooth running of the championships, as well as the very positive feedback from media representatives and sponsors was only made possible by the interplay of a lot of people. Therefore, I would like to thank my team for their constructive collaboration, tremendous dedication, and honest commitment to luge on natural track. Andreas Castiglioni, Herbert Schwarz, Peter Heilinger, Evi Mitterstieler, the jury members, FIL coaches, Ivo Zorzi, Caroline Kammerlander, all event organizers, timing and TV production, everyone contributed significantly to the ongoing development of natural track. I would also like to thank the people in the FIL office for the pleasant working atmosphere, and to the Executive Board and Presidium for the trust they have put in me.

In closing, I would like to express my personal thanks to our departing treasurer Harald Steyrer. You always had an open ear for the concerns and wishes of luge on natural track. Personally too, I could always seek your advice and get your opinion. Our cooperative work was often marked by tight financial situations, but you always found a solution in the best interests of luge. We successfully worked for the sport for many years, and we experienced some wonderful times together. Thank you for the good times, Harald.

Sincerely,  
Peter Knauseder  
Vice-President for Natural Track



## Report by VP for Marketing

April 2022

### Preface

#### 1. Organizers and events

Once again, the organizers of the FIL championship series were faced with extra effort in implementing the hygiene measures prescribed by the FIL. The primary goal here was to protect the teams, so that all competitors and coaches could attain their goals for the Winter Olympic Games in Beijing.

Besides lacking spectators, we also lacked our sponsoring partners who would normally be present at the events. This was due, in part, to the lack of direct communications with our partners this winter too, which would have been very important for the FIL as well as for our agency representatives in negotiating outstanding extensions to sponsorship contracts.

Otherwise, all events were organized and handled in a very professional way by our event organizers. In addition, all World Cup events were well represented on television, except for one event day in Winterberg which was had virtually no presence on German TV, because the broadcasters could not accommodate rescheduling of the event to one day earlier (Friday/Saturday instead of Saturday/Sunday on New Year's Day weekend). In response, the FIL has contacted the programming manager at the TV broadcaster to discuss how similar omissions might be avoided in the future.

#### 2. Optimizing our TV images

Critical feedback from the past year suggests that our TV images could definitely be improved at many events. Our TV coordinator Britta Semmler has done very good work in this area. She always coordinated with me closely regarding critical camera positions and settings. In addition, after the prior winter sports season, we conducted an analysis of our TV images. Critical TV images were analyzed, and proposals were worked out to optimize them. This process took place during the season as well. We are still conducting an analysis of the images from the past season. I would especially like to thank Andi Linger, whose input into this work was splendid.

Outside of the control of the FIL were the images that we got to see from the World Cup and Olympic Games in Beijing. At the World Cup event in October, our TV coordinator Britta Semmler had practically no control over the images due to strict pandemic rules. The Olympic Games were produced by OBS, and the FIL similarly had virtually no influence on the production. For the future, we have an urgent need for more influence so that the sport of luge will also have a presence with good images at its four-year competitive highlight, the Olympic Games. Viewer ratings for our Olympic competitions were very good compared to other winter sport disciplines.

Another step towards optimizing our TV images will be to install a producer who will work seamlessly across all events. However, some broadcasters like ZDF insist on their own producer, so this objective will not be entirely easy for the FIL to achieve. Nonetheless, TV managers are assuring us that this measure will result in greater stability in the overall production.

### 3. Media market value analysis

Together with BSD, the FIL contracted to have the media data of its sponsors assessed – a method that proved itself in the past. Analysis of these figures indicates that the advertising value for our partners stands in a good ratio with our proceeds. The figures also show that, in keeping with our marketing strategy, the title sponsor gets the best presence with the highest values. Our new partner, the Hargassner company, will likely find that its commitment will also be rewarded by such values.

If one compares the differences between individual advertising platforms (start numbers, banners, background walls), it is also evident that Eberspächer gets greater value as title sponsor on the race numbers than BMW, for example, does with its presence on just the start numbers for team and sprint events. Nonetheless, the figures are above the estimated values here too.

With the exception of the one race day in Winterberg, nearly all event venues received reasonable broadcasting times in the German media. Very good broadcasting times were also obtained in Austria and Russia compared to prior years. The exact figures can be found in the TV coordinator's report.

It will be especially challenging to continue this success into the upcoming season, because for three weeks the winter sports must compete for TV time with the soccer world championships in Qatar. It would be ideal if our races did not have excessive overlaps with the soccer world championships.

## TV SPONSORENANALYSE

Überblick Eberspächer

Eberspächer

Top-5 Tools nach QI Werbewert	Sichtbarkeit (in mm:ss)	Sponsoring-kontakte (M)	100% Werbewert (€)	QI Werbewert (€)
Startnummer	2:24:37	494,11	5.964.715	1.936.088
Leaderboard, Siegerehrungsrückwand	0:49:36	190,05	2.313.897	645.750
Bande Streckenbereich	0:56:25	213,30	2.558.758	560.138
Startrückwand	1:14:24	252,11	3.030.313	513.687
Bande Zielbereich	0:57:10	220,14	2.647.583	485.757



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Sichtbarkeit



1.727,54 Mio.

Sponsoringkontakte



20.786.640 €

100% Werbewert



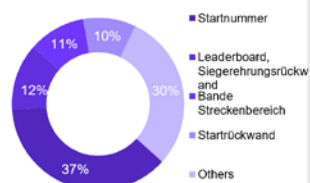
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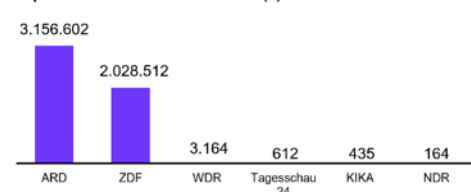
#### Top-5 Weltcups nach QI Media Value

Sotchi I	756.276
Oberhof	732.511
Yanqing	705.516
Sigulda	691.411
St. Moritz	662.055

#### QI Media Value nach Tool



#### Top-6 Sender nach QI Werbewert (€)



## TV SPONSORENANALYSE

Überblick Hargassner



Top-5 Tools nach QI Werbewert	Sichtbarkeit (hh:mm:ss)	Sponsoring-kontakte (M)	100% Werbewert (€)	QI Werbewert (€)
Startnummer	1:18:29	262,00	3.185.897	987.713
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Bande Zielbereich	0:59:49	218,70	2.627.920	505.879
Bande Streckenbereich	0:49:44	189,09	2.260.486	497.280
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Sichtbarkeit



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Sponsoringkontakte



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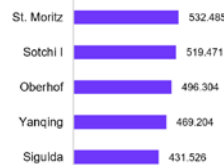
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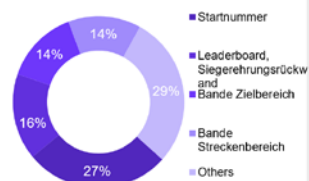
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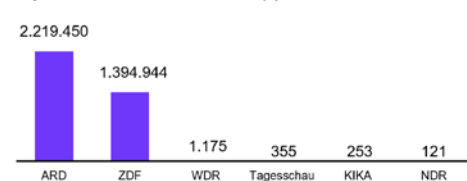
Top-5 Weltcups nach QI Media Value



QI Media Value nach Tool



Top-6 Sender nach QI Werbewert (€)



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## TV SPONSORENANALYSE

Überblick BMW



Top-5 Tools nach QI Werbewert	Sichtbarkeit (hh:mm:ss)	Sponsoring-kontakte (M)	100% Werbewert (€)	QI Werbewert (€)
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Startrückwand	1:14:51	254,43	3.057.704	542.619
Bande Streckenbereich	0:53:35	200,45	2.380.156	521.088
Bande Zielbereich	0:56:21	209,75	2.519.044	508.118
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Sichtbarkeit



1.055,63 Mio.

Sponsoringkontakte



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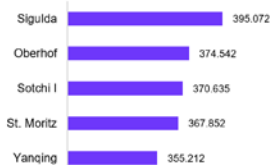
100% Werbewert



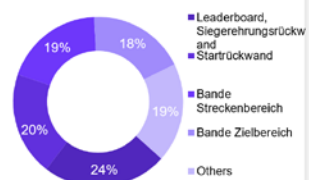
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QI Werbewert

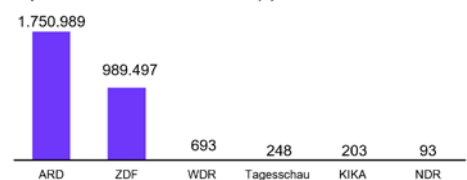
Top-5 Weltcups nach QI Media Value



QI Media Value nach Tool



Top-6 Sender nach QI Werbewert (€)



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At the same time, we – together with our agencies – are seeing a trend away from the broad audiences reached by TV broadcasts toward the far narrower ranges associated with social media. This trend is based on the strong movement toward digitalization of media and the fact that digital media targets a younger audience much more. the FIL has developed very well in this area in working together with Margit Dengler-Paar. Using various cooperative partners, Margit was able to position the FIL so that it could significantly boost its social media ranges compared to prior years. To make further gains here the FIL must, however, invest even more.

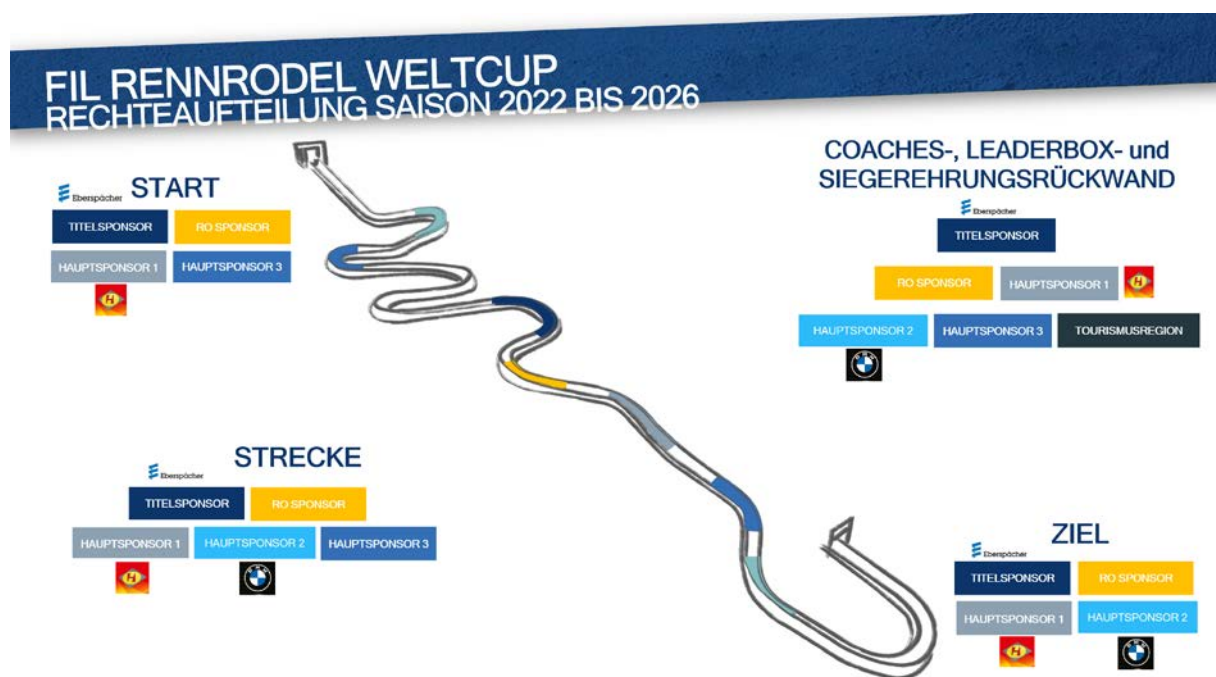
Along with the usual media analyses, which are for the most part limited to TV figures, in the future we should – in a way similar to that of the IOC – analyze all other communication channels such as press releases, social media sharing, visited websites, etc., so that we can get a better overview of potential future actions on the digital level.



#### 4. New the FIL marketing strategy

As already announced last year, the FIL sponsorship strategy will be changed from four to five main sponsors for the upcoming Olympic cycle. The presence of regional partners (tourism associations) will also be improved substantially, which should bring about better situations for event organizers. Currently, the FIL is working with Infront to design our new image which will also include our own World Cup season logo. The new image would then primarily be implemented by RGS in coordination with Infront. The new strategy is oriented more toward advertising spaces actually sold in individual areas such as the start, finish, background walls, etc., rather than – as has been our previous practice – basing advertising sales on the percentage of all advertising space. This always led to dissatisfaction among individual partners, because it was very difficult to measure the advertising shares that were actually achieved.

#### Distribution of rights to the FIL World Cup and World Championships



Despite the currently difficult market situation due to the war in the Ukraine and the effects of the COVID pandemic, the FIL was able to sell all of its advertising packages in cooperation with the RGS and Infront agencies. This means that advertising income has been secured for the upcoming Olympic cycle. We would like to thank our agencies and our partners for their good collaboration.

#### 5. Situation with sponsors

##### Eberspächer

For the first time, the Eberspächer company was introduced as the FIL title sponsor this past winter. Despite the difficult situation in the general economy these days, the Eberspächer company is proving to be a true the FIL partner and has extended its commitment as a title sponsor.

##### Hargassner

The Hargassner company joined us as a main the FIL sponsor this past winter and is now visible as one of our most important partners. Hargassner also wants to extend its commitment based on the good media figures, and we are very glad to see this.

BMW

BMW AG has also been one of the main the FIL sponsors through our engagement with Infront. BMW is a “presenting partner” of the team relay World Cup and the team relay world championships as well as the sprint events, and it supports the FIL as a mobility partner at all World Cup events.

Due to other pending contracts in winter sports, our collaboration here is not entirely secured. Currently, we assume, however, that the contract between BMW and Infront will be signed in the near future, and here too we expect the sponsorship to continue in the usual form. If the contract does not materialize, Infront has already purchased two advertising packages from the FIL with a guaranty sum. Infront will announce the two official partners of the FIL World Cup and the championships at the appropriate time.

Seiz

Last season, the Seiz company was visible as an advertising partner on the start numbers (logo on shoulder straps) Their commitment should continue, and it also involves extensive equipping of our officials with hats, caps, and gloves.

Equipment suppliers

We have acquired a new partner for producing racing shoes: Texspo/GTS. This company also produces our thermal clothing. Here too, we have reason to be hopeful for a contract extension.

The introduction of the standardized helmet by the Uvex company marks 35 years of a reliable contractual relationship with the company. The helmet continues to guarantee a high degree of safety for our athletes today.

**6. Restructuring & new strategic plan**

In the framework of new strategic planning for the FIL, I was entrusted with the following topics:

FIL sport – attractive to media

In cooperation with TV coordinator Britta Semmler, we were able to improve our television images by means of various adjustments to camera settings. If we are still able to implement comprehensive directorial management for our TV production, this extra step will further optimize our product significantly. To implement the planned measure, the budget for TV production would have to be increased to around €30,000.

The new marketing concept, combined with an improved overall visual image, should substantially improve the FIL image once again, which is a clear goal of the strategic plan.

FIL sport events – lead-up to an event

In this area, we need to work with our event organizers to come up with ideas for optimizing programs accompanying the actual competition and spectator-friendly setups. Unfortunately, this issue could not be addressed adequately due to the prolonged COVID pandemic.

In concluding my report, I would like to thank our employees at the FIL office, especially Babett Wegscheider who supported me excellently in my work.

Thomas Schwab  
VP Marketing

## Report from Vice President of Asia

**FIL Vice President of Asia**  
**Jay Jieun Park**

For the past two seasons, FIL families have been very difficult to deal with pandemic. However, including 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic, FIL have carried out all events successfully. With this in mind, I would like to sincerely thank all FIL families for all of your hard work.

First of all, with all the supports from FIL, Korea Luge Federation has successfully sent athletes all of 4 events to Beijing. This was Korea's 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive Olympic that participated in all luge events and it would be very challenging for small luge populated-country like Korea. However, we have come to the realization that Korea needs to see the big pictures for the future. Therefore, we would find and recruit more young athletes and invest more on them. This would be the only systematic way to take us to the next level and finally achieve our goals. In Asian countries, there are 3 more nations that participated in the last Olympic. Host nation, the People's Republic of China, had 4 athletes who competed in all four events on their home track. Japan and Chinese Taipei have sent one man and one woman to the Beijing respectively. Even though the total volume of Asian luge is still small, I would like to expend the bases of luge to other Asian countries and make it more accessible.

Secondly, as a Vice President of Asia, I have always been thinking about ways to develop Asian luge. Bringing more athletes from other Asian counties to Korea and giving opportunities to train with luge experts would be extremely attracting for those who have no experiences in sports of luge. In the preparation of 5<sup>th</sup> Asian Championship, back in 2019, we invited and supported 6 athletes from Nepal, Philippine, Thailand. Therefore, this year, we plan to find and support some of young talented athletes from some of the developing nations in Asia and bring them to Korea for basic luge training camp. Ultimately, my final goal for this project is to bring those athletes to 2024 Youth Winter Olympic Game in Korea. For the development of luge in Asia, I sincerely need your supports and attentions.

Lastly, Korea Luge Federation (KLF), along with 2024 Youth Olympic Game organizing committee (YOGOC) has been working closely for the upcoming event. Since we had

experiences in managing the last winter Olympic back in 2018, KLF and YOGOC are immensely confident that 2024 Gangwon Youth Winter Olympic will surely be very successful with your attentions and supports.

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

Thank you,

Sincerely,

FIL Vice President of Asia  
Jay Jieun Park

## REPORT FROM VP FOR OCEANIA TO 2021 CONGRESS

After sitting out the 2020/21 season due to Covid travel restrictions Oceania athletes returned to international competitions in 2021/22 with four athletes spread over the artificial track and natural track circuits.

Alex Ferlazzo (AUS) qualified for and competed at the Olympic Winter Games for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time (a record for any Australian Olympic Winter Games athlete) placing a best ever 16<sup>th</sup> in Beijing. He also competed in 7 World Cup races with a best result of 20<sup>th</sup> and placing 30<sup>th</sup> overall.

Ella Cox (NZL) left home seeking to qualify for Beijing but travel restrictions, implications of the charter flights, insurance issues and cost proved insurmountable. So she forgoed her chance to qualify for Beijing and instead competed in 4 Junior World Cup races (best place 14<sup>th</sup>), the Junior World Championships (22<sup>nd</sup> place) and her first ever Senior World Cup race. Ella has one more season remaining as a junior and is keen to join a Patenschaft program leading to Milano Cortina 2026.

USA based athlete Grayson Laughner (AUS), who trains in Lake Placid, competed in 3 Youth A World Cup races (best place 12<sup>th</sup>) and the Junior World Championships.

Natural track athlete Flyn Coburn (NZL) trained and competed for the second time in Europe, racing in 2 Junior World Cup races, the Junior World Championships and 2 Senior World Cup races before injuring an ankle and returning to New Zealand.

The Naseby Luge Track in New Zealand operated for its 14<sup>th</sup> winter and for the second time without an overseas coach due to Covid-19. A successful season was again achieved with our international athletes coaching each other, the younger athletes and the general public. However we are excited that for our 2022 winter we are once again able to bring a European athlete to New Zealand. It certainly helps to raise the profile and delivery of our sport in New Zealand.

New Zealand Luge and Luge Australia continue to work together to establish an annual Oceania training camp and competition. Unfortunately Covid-19 uncertainty and restrictions has limited the planning we have been able to do and so it is unlikely to happen for 2022.

In New Zealand we are establishing a relationship with a new ski area that is being developed. We have already identified an area suitable for a natural track with input from Martin Gruber of the Natural Track Construction Commission.

Thank you all for your support and after two years I look forward to meeting with you at the Congress.



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Report  
of a member of the FIL Executive Board – Natalia Gart

Dear colleagues, let me introduce my report and results of my activity during the 2021-2022 sport season.

The main goal remains unchangeable - to increase the popularity of luge sport in Russia and all over the world.

I continue my work on the development of public sledding. Russian luge Federation sent the Amendment to the 2022 FIL Statutes with the proposal to add «public sledding» (§ 1.4.1.). 3 luge movements (artificial track luge, natural track luge and public sledding) in the FIL Statutes will assist for the popularization of luge sport, development of the sledding club culture and increase participation in Luge. Now my group is concentrating on the rules of public sledding.

Certainly, the main aspect for luge sport is infrastructure.

I pay special attention to this issue and would like to represent you the following results in Russia:

- we have scheduled the building of a start ramp in Kemerovo;
- we control the building of luge and bobsleigh track in Chusovoy, Perm region;
- we control the building of Natural Tracks in Kandalaksha and Kirovsk cities. The approximate term of commissioning of new tracks is scheduled in 2023;

In season 2021-2022 for the first time in history, Russia hosted 2 World Cups in a row.

I was a head of the Organizing Committees of these events. Well-coordinated work of the Organizing Committees of World Cups was highly appreciated by the FIL, as well as participants and guests of competitions.

Also we prepared World Cup on natural track, unfortunately it was cancelled.

I attended the FIL European Championships in Saint Moritz and Winter Olympic Games in Beijing.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Presidium, members of the Executive board and all colleagues of National Federations and teams for your close and productive cooperation over the past season!

Best regards,  
Natalia Gart



Dear FIL family,

This past February marked the end of another Olympic cycle with the conclusion of the 2022 Beijing Olympics. It's hard to reflect back on the Olympic season without first acknowledging the unimaginable and horrific reality that our Ukrainian friends are currently experiencing. Just after the conclusion of the Closing Ceremonies Russia attacked Ukraine killing thousands of civilians and putting the lives of our luge family in the Ukraine at risk.

In talking with Ukrainian athletes during the start of the war I was profoundly moved by their strength and perseverance as they navigated such a dire reality, which I hope to never have to experience first hand. I have been impressed by the compassion and efforts of our luge family as individuals from around the world worked together to help our friends in need. I am proud to be a part of an International Federation that took a stand against the atrocities of Putin and the war against Ukraine to recognize that human rights come before sports and politics. This war has highlighted the special bond and family attitude of all those involved with luge in any capacity.

Athletes are the best ambassadors for our sport. When motivated and passionate they advocate, promote and become involved with the next generation of athletes. Athlete involvement ultimately leads to the growth of our sport through our personal interactions and also through our use of new digital media platforms to spread our message. When athletes have negative feelings regarding their experiences within the sport we risk losing an athlete who has the ability to otherwise greatly influence how luge is viewed, and more importantly, how luge develops within their country. Our world is evolving and integrating with technology at an increasing rate. The athlete experience and how we showcase our own personal journey will have a significant impact on what the next generation will see, what their perception of luge will be, and if they decide to pursue this amazing sport.

It has truly been an honor to serve the athletes in this capacity over the last few years. I have learned that although we come from different countries and speak different languages we are united under the principles of luge. Although we differ due to our various cultures, experiences and beliefs we find unity in the overall respect that we have for one another. The war tested that respect immensely this season and I'm so proud that athletes remain largely united, regardless of where they call home.

— Your friend in sport,

**Chris Mazdzer**

## Executive Director's Report to the 70<sup>th</sup> FIL Congress 2022

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Dear friends of our sport,

We are all faced with the impact of the war of Russia against Ukraine. At the time of writing this report (April 2022) we are confronted daily with terrible images and reports which also affect our Ukrainian friends very directly.

The FIL administration is also affected by these events: Since the beginning of the war, my colleagues in the FIL office and I, among others, have been busy constantly dealing with the various effects on the FIL as a consequence of this war. I will not go into details here, as they are well known. In addition to the employees in the FIL office, FIL officials and employees in other areas - such as the Legal Committee, the Court of Arbitration, the Ethics Commission, the press, marketing, those responsible for the planning of the race calendars - have also been affected to a great extent by this war event through enormous additional work. I believe I speak in the name of everyone that Russia should finally stop this war, that the population in Ukraine can live in peace again and that we can finally dedicate ourselves to the actual tasks in our federation.

Current events dwarf the activities and sporting events of the past year under review:

- **With everyone's great support and solidarity, it was possible to stage excellent Olympic luge competitions in Yanqing/CHN despite great restrictions and sacrifices due to the COVID-19 pandemic. My personal thanks go to our contacts at the IOC and BOCOG for their continuous cooperation in partnership and to our FIL delegation in Yanqing, which was considerably reduced due to several cases of COVID-19.**

The problems that occurred at the Olympic test event in Yanqing, which demanded everything from the affected teams, athletes, and coaches, should not be overlooked here. We hope for constructive dialogue with our friends from the Chinese luge federation to avoid such inconveniences in the future.

Once again, we all succeeded in conducting all our competitions on artificial and natural track safely under COVID-19 conditions. On the one hand, this speaks for the COVID-19 prevention concept of the FIL, but above all for the great discipline of the teams and for the understanding shown for these safety measures. Unfortunately, we have to assume that COVID-19 will continue to influence our sporting events in the coming season - we have to and will prepare for it.

The year under review was once again characterized by manifold and, due to COVID-19, constantly changing preparatory work for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games in Beijing, in which almost all employees were involved in the FIL office or, due to COVID-19, primarily working from home. In this context, I would like to especially mention the constant and excellent cooperation with our Sport Director, the Technical Director Artificial Track, and the Director Natural Track.

Together with our colleagues in the FIL Presidium, the Vice President Marketing, a whole series of discussions and negotiations took place regarding the awarding of the TV rights in Europe and the marketing rights for the period 2022-2026. Also for transparency and "good governance" reasons, we commissioned an external

consulting firm to review the contracts or bids. At the time of writing, the contracts with Sport-A (TV and digital rights in Europe) and RGS have been extended, and a contract with Infront will be signed shortly.

With the company HARGASSNER, a manufacturer of biomass heating systems from Austria, a long-term cooperation could be agreed upon via RGS. The cooperation with the owners and the marketing department of this company has been very good, even friendly, already in the first year.

On the initiative of SG D. Bell, "Olympic Channel" was successfully won as a partner for the live streaming of all Eberspächer World Cup competitions. The first season of this cooperation has been quite successful!

In addition to the TV and sponsoring contracts, a number of other contracts with important functionaries were successfully extended, such as TV Coordinator, FIL Development Manager, etc. Andris Sics was appointed the new Technical Director after the departure of Christian Eigentler. I would like to thank Christian Eigentler very much for the excellent cooperation and wish Andris Sics all the best for this challenging position.

The contract with the International Testing Agency (ITA) was also extended, the cooperation with ITA in anti-doping matters is very good.

A lot of preparatory work has been done and working sessions have taken place around topics related to the FIL Strategic Plan "SLIDE 2026". As an example, I would like to mention the elaboration of proposals for amendments to the Statutes with the Presidium and the Chairman of the FIL Legal Committee. These are necessary in order to be able to implement important items of the strategy plan.

The cooperation with the international (sports) organizations relevant for the FIL is becoming more and more time-consuming and specific, also for the FIL office staff.

The correspondence and requested analyses/reports are becoming more and more extensive and the deadlines for replies are usually very short. This means that the associated specialization of the staff for certain groups of subjects and therefore the administrative effort that the FIL has to make to cover these requirements is becoming an ever greater one. Examples are the cooperation with the IOC, the OCs of the Olympic Winter Games and the Youth Olympic Winter Games, WADA (with our cooperation partner ITA), but also the requirements / needs in the (social) media areas. All these activities are mostly not perceivable for anyone, but essential for the FIL's cooperation with the international sports world. An increase in personnel in the FIL Office as of June 1, 2022 will certainly help us to be able to implement these tasks in the future in the way you expect.

At the same time, we are trying to make processes more efficient through the use of electronic tools. Examples are the successful introduction of the electronic registration system for FIL competitions in artificial track and natural track including the creation of COVID-19 test certificates, the registration procedure for the FIL Congress as well as the introduction of the electronic FIL license for athletes planned for the coming season.

The fact that my colleagues and I had to organize 3 FIL congresses within one year speaks for the necessity to be able to react to unforeseeable events at short notice with well-positioned personnel.

For a variety of reasons, permanent legal counsel is becoming increasingly important. In the meantime, the necessities go far beyond an honorary commitment that can be reasonably expected. I do hide the fact that meanwhile I have a bad conscience contacting our Dr. Christian Krähe with the request for advice and expertise. This issue has now intensified due to the dramatic events caused by the war of Russia through Ukraine with the well-known legal challenges the FIL is confronted with.

I would like to take this opportunity to conclude my report, which again only gives a rough outline of the tasks at hand, by expressing my thanks:

- to our **President Einars Fogelis** for the excellent work together every day;
- to our **Secretary General Dwight Bell**, who is a great support for me in the administrative processing of the increasingly extensive tasks;
- to our **long-time treasurer Harald Steyrer**, who, in his last year in office, was confronted with an enormous additional workload due to COVID-19 and the 2022 Winter Olympics.

As always, I would also like to **thank**:

- all **representatives of the national federations as well as to your athletes and coaches** for the trust, for your support but also for the understanding shown to me, especially during the past again difficult winter season
- the **event organizers and their officials, the FIL agencies and partners as well as the FIL officials** for the excellent and in all aspects constructive cooperation. It was again very challenging due to the COVID-19 crisis, but ultimately marked by success.
- all **members of the Executive Board** for the friendly cooperation and for their support in this leadership body of the FIL.

A big thank you goes to my colleagues in the **FIL Office, the Directors of Artificial Track and Natural Track, the FIL Press Officers, the TV Coordinator and the members and experts of the FIL Commissions and Working Groups** for their willingness to work at any time.

For the coming months I wish all athletes accident-free preparation and the coaches and trainers good planning.

**At this point, I kindly again ask for your goodwill and support in the fulfillment of my responsibilities!**

Christoph Schweiger  
Executive Director

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## **2021/2022 Seasons Review and Preview from the FIL Sport Director's Point of View**

### **Introduction**

At the end of the 2021/2022 Olympic season, I decided to change my year in review philosophy in contrast to previous sports years.

Instead of creating detailed reports and statistics on the past season, I decided to summarize all FIL competitions held, which should not diminish the quality of the competitions held.

On the contrary; All organizers of FIL events have reached a level where no major complaints can be made.

The COVID-19 pandemic with the government requirements was again a huge challenge for the event organizers and the FIL.

After an intensive preparation period and many discussions, and after hard work, all permits for the event were obtained.

Truly no guarantee for success under such difficult circumstances.

The cooperation between the FIL and the event organizers worked perfectly, with the result that all requirements and rules were adhered to by the participants and a smooth procedure was ensured.

Due to the pandemic and due to short-term personnel changes in the FIL officials, I found myself unable to prepare weekly reports in the 2021/2022 season.

Other measures definitely had priority. I ask for your understanding!

The FIL can proudly look back on a successful season.

The Olympic luge competitions men's, women's, doubles and the Team Relay were great events for the FIL at top level and of highest quality.

The very good and cooperative collaboration with BOCOG contributed a lot to the good success and gave the FIL successful Olympic Games.

The athletes, team captains, coaches, and track gave top performances in Beijing/Yanqing. I would like to thank all of them and especially the team around the OC Beijing for the pleasant cooperation during the Olympic Winter Games.

I congratulate the medal winners and ranked athletes for their outstanding performances.

### **FIL Competitions/Events**

The scheduled events in the 2021/2022 sports calendar were all realized at a very good level and with appropriate quality. The implementation of the sports calendar was successful in all areas, despite extremely difficult circumstances.

In the General Class 9 World Cup Events with (72) competitions were held (WC, NC, Team Relay and Sprint WC). In total, athletes from (28) nations participated in the World Cup events.

In the Junior/Youth A Class, 7 FIL Events were held with (64) competitions.

In total, the track operators hosted 17 FIL Events and conducted 136 Races.

The FIL competitions held during the season were characterized by a very high quality and consistency. The professionalism and the cooperation in the distribution of tasks of the FIL senior officials and organizers enabled a smooth realization of the events on all tracks.

We were pleased to see that our athletes were able to compete under fair conditions and with the greatest possible equality of opportunity.

My respect goes to the OC's, the organizers with their judges and many helpers, who had to manage the demanding program, and I thank you very much for the great commitment in the mostly voluntary work.

### **Olympic Winter Games**

The Olympic luge competitions at the "Yanqing Sliding Centre", which were not "so eagerly awaited" in the run-up, were hard to beat in terms of excitement.

For the first time with regard to the IOC's goal (gender equality), the same number of singles participants (women & men) were eligible to start in the Olympic luge events.

35 women, 35 men, and 18 doubles from 24 nations competed during 6 days for the 12 Olympic luge medals to be awarded or for a good ranking.

14 nations were able to provide a Team Relay and compete at the Olympics.

### **Preview**

After this successful Olympic season, we can continue to look to the future with optimism. However, we have to stay on the ball and, in order to stay "in trend", we have to bow to the realities of today and adapt accordingly.

We must remain agile in every respect and responsibly face up to the tasks that demand changes and challenges from us, otherwise we will lose our appeal and ultimately our interest and TV presence.

We can (we must) all do our part to keep luge fit at the international level.

### **Sports Orientation**

A very important task for the future will be the management of the women's doubles class introduced in the 2021/22 season (JWC and on the occasion of the 37th JWCh in Winterberg).

We must make every effort to ensure that, with the introduction of the new women's doubles discipline in the general class, we can present an attractive environment and competition program for spectators and media at all World Cup events.

The application to the IOC to include the women's doubles as a fifth discipline in the Olympic luge program has been submitted. A decision by the IOC is expected before the end of 2022.

With regard to the further development of the sport, the "Sprint World Cup format" is one of the main focuses for the sport of luge.

After a test event carried out in the past season, the race formats must be re-evaluated and discussed in the appropriate committees.

Due to the high number of participants in the JWC in recent years and the expansion of the disciplines, major changes and challenges in all areas (FIL, NFs, organizers, OCs, officials, judges, etc.) have also become necessary in the junior and youth A area.

In the junior and youth area, a second race series for youth A athletes is being strived for.

### **Conclusion:**

Finally, I would like to thank all persons, organizations, and subsectors for the good, fair, and cooperative collaboration.

The task set for me could only be accomplished with everyone's support.

March 2022,  
Maria Luise Rainer

Copy: FIL President Einars Fogelis, SG Dwight Bell, VP Harald Steyrer, ED Christoph Schweiger, VP Claire DelNegro, VP Armin Zöggeler, VP Thomas Schwab, Honorary President Josef Fendt, MC Jörg Ellermeyer, FIL Office

## Report Technical Director AT

Dear Ladies and gentlemen,

Dear sports friends,

In the following words I would like to give you a review of the past luge season 2021/2022, but also a backsight from the last 8 years in which I was acting in the position of the Technical Director AT.

The past season, with the highlight of the XXIV. Olympic Winter Games in Beijing, was again dominated by the Corona Pandemic. Due to the very good and close cooperation, as well as the great discipline of all participating national federations, all scheduled World Cup events and the XXIV Olympic Winter Games in Beijing could be held. Due to my personal decision, it was not possible for me, to perform the duties of the Technical Delegate at the venue in the above-mentioned competitions. As a result, the FIL Presidium looked for personnel solutions. I would like to thank all the people involved, especially the FIL Presidium, the FIL Sports Director Maria Luise Rainer and all the technical delegates for their commitment.

This winter I realized for the first time that the work in the background is very important. I was able to work through administrative tasks around the World Cup events and Covid-19 management very well in my home office.

As Technical Director, I was very happy to take part in three Junior and Youth A World Cup competition in Innsbruck (AUT), Oberhof (GER) and Bludenz (AUT) for the first time. Here I was able to contribute very well and work on the "basic".

In addition to these tasks, the projects of the FIL strategic plan "Slide 2026" were pushed forward in the Technologies working group. Numerous meetings and appointments with new and existing partner companies were on the agenda here.

### Cooperation with the Track Building Commission

As already announced in spring 2021, work was being done on the new FIL and IBSF track construction regulations. These guidelines should form the basis for building new artificial ice tracks. The manual will be submitted to the FIL and IBSF Executive board for approval in the summer of 2022.

### Luge shoes

As announced in last year's report, further development of the GTS luge shoe has been postponed to summer 2022. Due to the increasing number of injuries to the feet, the Technical Commission sees further development and innovation as essential. In a first step, the GTS training shoe should be improved and upgraded. Corresponding talks with the manufacturer have already been held.



### Standard Doubles Sled V1 and V2

The introduction of the standard sleds in all women's doubles disciplines has turned out to be very positive. In addition to all the problems that this project brought with, it must be said that such a development would not have been possible without standardized sleds and sled components. During the 2021 Technical Commission meeting, extraordinary IRO motions were formulated and introduced based on the feedback of national federations, athletes, and coaches. These have enabled the athletes and coaches to carry out a better and more individual adjustment of the sports equipment. Driving safety and driving stability are clearly the main goals.

### 8 years as Technical Director

After two Olympic cycles in the position of the Technical Director, my employment at the International Luge Federation FIL ends with the conclusion of this year's committee meeting. When the FIL gave me the position of the full-time Technical Delegate in November 2013 and subsequently the position of Technical Director in the summer of 2014, I could not imagine the challenges and tasks to be expected. In recent years, the area of responsibility has expanded greatly with the standardization of the women doubles sleds. The switch from Adidas luge shoes to our current manufacturer GTS was and is a constant development. I would like to mention our many years of very good cooperation with the UVEX company.

Overall, I can look back on a very positive development in the area of technology.

Finally, I would like to thank the entire Presidium and Executive board of the International Luge Federation, all members of the Technical Commission AT, all organizers with their teams, coaches and athletes and the Sports Director for the excellent cooperation.

Thank you for letting me write a piece of the history of luge with you.

## Report from the sports director for natural track: 2021/2021 season

### *A special season under special circumstances!*

This past 2021/22 season was marked by highs and lows. The special circumstances of the pandemic were with us throughout the winter, and the war between Russia and the Ukraine ended our season prematurely.

Preparations for the 2021/22 season began in April with the Commission Meeting, releasing the events calendar, and, starting in June, preparing and organizing the winter events.

Despite the challenges related to the pandemic, we sought to plan and implement a normal events calendar in which all events would be run, including events in Romania and Russia. In July, work resumed on a protection and hygiene strategy for implementing competition events. Thanks to the excellent advance work by Maria Luise Reiner, Christian Eigentler, and Christoph Schweiger, we were able to use the artificial track strategy as a model for natural track. The definitive protection and hygiene strategy for natural track was worked out under my leadership together with Thomas Niemetz and Simon Paregger as well as with various representatives of the sport of natural track luge.

Due to lockdowns, I was only able to visit some of the event venues. Meetings with the event organizers usually took place virtually using the communications medium Zoom. Countless video conferences in preparation for the winter season brought about the hoped-for success in organizing our competitions.

At the end of September, the Congress took place in Salzburg, which was a dark day for natural track! After many hours of preparing for the Olympic application process, it was decided at the last minute that no application would be submitted to the IOC for natural track. With this decision, natural track was back to square one, the big goal was taken from the people involved, and due to the lack of information no new information could be shared either. To regain a perspective on this situation and restore the motivation that would enable an orderly flow of events in the winter – this was the biggest job and challenge that took a lot of energy.

The event organizers meeting took place in October in Innsbruck am Patscherkofel. At this meeting, the organizers of the World Cup, Junior World Cup, and championships were informed about the new book of requirements and the protection and hygiene strategy.

Fortunately, we once again had the "Südtirol" umbrella brand as a sponsor who stood by our side and supported the sport of natural track luge. This was also the only way we could guarantee a media presence and have most of the events broadcast live. The support of Servus-TV and the highlight shows after the world cup events were also well received by audiences. For me, the short clips by Eugen Cela were very important and essential, and they enjoy broad media range.

The effort level this past winter was enormous for me: In addition to my tasks as Sport Director, I had to fill the role of the Covid-19 Authority as well. I attended and supervised all FIL events, with the exception of two Junior World Cup events that conflicted with a World Cup event in the schedule.

In this report, I will not delve into the details of each individual event, but here is a summary:

- The season opener in Umhausen was very successful! The very good organization allowed us to once again send out magnificent images of exciting competitions into the world.
- Vatra Dornei was also a wonderful event again, the competition was well organized, and once again there were many spectators along the track. The track was prepared in advance by two FIL teams, and this resulted in good preparation. It must be considered that this luge track is still built by hand and without machines.
- The 4th world cup in Deutschnofen was not organized with a large supporting program; the pandemic would not permit this.

- Competitive conditions were OK for the European championships in Laas, and the broadcasts were good despite the lack of snow. We only did what was necessary to run the European championships and nothing more.
- In Mariazell, we had to struggle with the weather a bit, because it was very warm, and some rain fell too. We had to cancel training events and some competitive runs, but the racing was exciting and wonderful.
- Unfortunately, the World Cup final and the follow-up event in Moscow could no longer be held. Shockingly, we had to leave Russia as quickly as possible on a Thursday – without having achieved anything – just after Russia invaded Ukraine. Here, I would like to once again express my heartfelt thanks, on behalf of all of the participants, to the Presidium, for its quick reaction and smooth return of all athletes and officials from Moscow.

In summary, I would like to state that it is important that the World Cup events have live broadcasts and that the short clips preserve the highlights of the day. The media presence and professionalism of events must be elevated to better position our sport in the spotlight.

The Junior World Cup series had 4 wonderful events that were run very well. In my estimation, we will need to pay even more attention to the juniors in the future and perhaps make the competition strategy for juniors a bit more contemporary and more appropriate for youth.

For me personally, the highlight was the Junior World Championships in Jaufental. This was an excellently organized event with lots of exciting competitions. In doubles, the Slovenians scored a victory, and among the women Ruetz took the title in the final run, posting a track record. The men's competition saw first and second place victories go to Italy. The total of 9 possible medals were awarded to athletes from 5 different nations. That is ideal natural track competition!

The FIL Youth Games in Kühtai also pointed the way to the future with a new type of track preparation – using spray bars – and a track without walls that is 2,000 meters above sea level. We were especially pleased to have our federation president Fogelis visit, giving us a first opportunity to show him our sport.

The excellent work of the development program is reflected in the successes of different nations. You will certainly learn more about this from Evi Mitterstieler in her report. The general development of luge on natural track reflects the excellent work that has been accomplished in the Youth and Juniors areas.

The events ran very well from a technical standpoint, and the cooperation between the individual areas was once again praiseworthy: TD, officiating, timing, TV, livestream, social media, press, advertising coordinator, etc. We have now developed a team that is cohesive and solution-oriented in its work.

For three years now, there has been a "Materials" working group whose task has been to identify potentials for making our sleds more affordable, and more multi-functional with regard to track base conditions (ice and snow), but above all the sleds would be easier to prepare. I am confident that this working group will soon make proposals for changes and simplifications.

The past season involved a lot of effort, planning uncertainty, and bureaucracy. Looking back, we can all be proud that we "rocked the luge tracks" despite COVID-19. Therefore, I would like to thank my team from the bottom of my heart!

I would also like to thank FIL, its Presidium, Commission members, and above all Vice President Peter Knauseder for the trust they have placed in me!

Sincerely,

Sport Director for Natural Track

Andreas Castiglioni

**Report 2022 Commission Youth and Development AT**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Dear friends in sport,

Behind the next generation of luge athletes lies a season marked by the Corona pandemic. After the season 2020/21 had to be cancelled due to the Corona pandemic, the complete season 2021/22 including the Junior World Championships could be carried out. This was very important for the youth to be able to compete again and to gain experience again.

**Commission Youth/Development:**

The Commission Youth/Development met in Berchtesgaden on March 11-12, 2022.

Due to the ongoing Corona pandemic, the season was conducted with participation quotas in the JWC. This regulation in consultation with the national federations was a very good and necessary measure, even if at the beginning of the season not all NFs/coaches agreed and there was some resistance.

During the season, however, this measure proved to be the right one, as the season was a challenge for all involved, whether coaches/supervisors, organizers or also for the FIL officials (TD and hygiene officers).

The junior season was conducted according to 3G rules, this was another challenge, because in all countries and also federal provinces different Corona rules were applied and these changed almost weekly.

During the complete season there were only a few Corona cases in the teams, but they did not affect the execution of the races. Due to the discipline of all participants, the complete season could be carried out.

Within the Junior World Cup, the first World Cup season for the women's double-seaters of the general class was held this season, thus 10 disciplines were in the World Cup.

During the whole season 21 women's doubles from 10 nations participated in the World Cup, which can be considered as a great success.

After 16 years La Plagne was again the venue of a FIL competition. We were very kindly received in La Plagne and the cooperation with the responsible Bruno Thomas (track manager) and Amandine Gros as well as all other responsible persons was very positive. Everyone involved worked very hard to make this World Cup a success. The track workers were all very helpful and courteous and provided a track with very good conditions.

Surely it was not easy for us as the responsible persons, since there is no experience with FIL competitions, but cooperation was a lot of fun. La Plagne should continue to be considered for the staging of FIL competitions.

With Bludenz, we have received a new track for young athletes. The track is ideally suited for training young athletes and new beginners.

The track in Bludenz is only about 700 meters long, but has technical requirements.

There are still minor construction problems in curves 5 and 6, but these are to be remedied in the summer.

Marie-Luise Rainer (Sport Director) and Christian Eigentler (Technical Director) fortunately accepted the invitation to attend the meeting to discuss the overlap between the junior and general classes.

I would like to address the following points in more detail.

**Restructuring of Junior and Youth A World Cup:**

The main focus of our meeting was the reorganization of the Junior and Youth A World Cup.

For many years, the track operators/ event organizers have been pushing for a reduction in the number of participants in the Junior and Youth A World Cup, as the large fields of participants, up to 190 participants, can no longer be handled and the training and competition days take too long. Also, very often the planned training runs cannot be offered, which is very bad especially in the development area.

Many track operators/event organizers are no longer willing to hold such races under these circumstances.

For this reason, the reorganization was discussed in the working group "Sport Slide 2026" in the fall. From the point of view of the working group, the restructuring's highest priority is not to endanger the youth/development work of the FIL and initial possibilities were worked out and given w to the Youth/Development Commission in order to work out a concept with high priority.

After good and constructive discussions, the Youth/Development Commission developed the following concept.

1. Separation of Junior and Youth A into two race series
  - a. Junior World Cup  
Eligibility to participate Youth A
  - b. Continental Cup for Youth A (Europa, North America, Asia)  
Eligibility to participate Youth B
2. By this separation and new number of participants, as well as corresponding qualification standards, the fields of participants will be reduced to a manageable number
3. Through the separation, the Continental Cup reduces travel and accommodation costs
4. The Continental Cup allows the NF's to participate in races with more athletes and increases the training opportunities for young athletes.
5. New acceptance by the track operators/event organizers

This motion was unanimously approved by the Sport Commission on April 1-2 in St. Leonhard/AUT. I ask all national federations to support this new system.

### **Future perspective**

The 2022/23 season is once again in the focus of the 4th YOG 2024 in PyeongChang/KOR. The season already counts for the qualification phase to achieve the FIL minimum requirement.

It will be important in the 2022/23 season to gather the first experiences with the new race formats in the Junior Youth A area and to make adjustments if necessary.

### **Conclusion**

On behalf of the Youth/Development Commission, I would like to thank the event organizers and track operators for staging the races despite some rough terrain and thank the participating organizations for their goodwill in organizing races for youth. In my thanks, I would like to include all the team captains with their athletes, who have been very disciplined and cooperative in supporting the Youth A/Junior World Cup. A big thank you goes to all the track workers, the helpers, and assistants who worked in various functions for the hours of tireless assistance during training and races in an honorary capacity.

I would like to thank all the officials, team captains and coaches for the good cooperation during the past season. I would like to thank my team for their great commitment, for the constructive discussions and the great time spent together.

A special thank you goes to Secretary General Dwight Bell, the Presidium, and the Executive Board with President Einars Fogelis at the head, who always have an open ear for the youth and for the trust given to me in my work for the youth of the FIL.

April 2022  
Hans-Jürgen Köhne  
Chairman Commission Youth/Development

## Medical Commission

### Report for the 2021/2022 season

From a medical perspective, this past Olympic season was an extraordinary challenge for the sport of luge – not least due to the prolonged Covid pandemic and the zero-Covid strategy of China at the 2022 Winter Olympic Games in Beijing, and there were many unpleasant circumstances.

Unfortunately, there were also some serious injuries to report among our luge athletes, and the transfer of information on these cases to the Medical Commission can only be described as fully inadequate – irrespective of the difficulties of the past season. (See below)

### Anti-doping efforts

Information, especially on filing failures, missed tests, etc., should be requested from the medical/physician anti-doping officer of the FIL, Dr. Eugene Byrne.

As prescribed by WADA, both in-competition and out-of-competition tests were once again performed by the ITA (independent testing authority) commissioned by the FIL.

As always, significant changes to the WADA Prohibited List, which is updated annually (current version valid since January 1, 2022) and the anti-doping codes of WADA and the FIL (FADC) can be viewed at [www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org) and [www.fil-luge.org](http://www.fil-luge.org). For more information or inquiries, please contact the FIL anti-doping official in the Medical area or the FIL office.

### Medical care

In the 2021/2022 season, the Medical Commission was no longer able to rely on the otherwise excellent records compiled by Sports Coordinator Marie-Luise Rainer in the prior year with crash and injury statistics for each competition, and the season summary for artificial track, General Class, does not contain any medical data. Unfortunately, we had to resort to gleaning the information from the media and international press reports. At the time this report was created, there were also no crash records or injury reports for the FIL natural track competitions.

Therefore, the Medical Commission cannot make any clear or comprehensive statements about medical care conditions at artificial tracks (General Class) or natural tracks (General Class and Junior) over the past season .

In the Juniors area of artificial track, the Technical Delegate Maria Jasencakova reported that medical conditions were very good (IRO conform) for all Junior events: World Cup events, the Junior World Championships, and the International Training Weeks (ITW). Crash statistics are also available in the Juniors area, but there is no information on injuries.

Therefore, for the first time in its over its 16 years of reporting, the Medical Commission cannot provide any information on injury patterns or any significant changes to injury types, and it also cannot present any injury statistics in the artificial track or natural track areas.

Based on reporting in the media and responses to Medical Commission inquiries to the FIL officials, there was a serious training accident of a Polish athlete which included a patella fracture in November 2021 in Yanqing, and a Latvian athlete suffered a toe fracture, also in training in Yanqing in November 2021.

Please note that I have submitted an official inquiry to the Chairman of the IOC's Medical Commission regarding training accidents in Yanqing.

According to international press reports, during the 2022 Winter Olympic Games in Beijing, an Austrian athlete crashed on a doubles training run, and his injuries included a lower arm fracture. According to media reports and statements by the head coach "the emergency response chain did not operate well": The AUT team physician treated the injured athlete, since the organizer did not have an emergency medical team on-site in the outrun area at first when the injury occurred! The local medical clinic also appeared to be inadequately equipped, and it was necessary to transport the athlete to a hospital in Yanqing for further treatment. – These statements depict an unusual situation in which there was inadequate medical care during Olympic games (specifically the 2022 Winter Olympic Games in Beijing),

unlike in previous Winter Olympic Games. ... As already mentioned, we are relying exclusively on international media reports here.

It should also be mentioned that the Medical Commission does not have any dedicated qualitative or quantitative information on COVID-19 protective measures for the general class of the FIL competitions with statistics on the number of antigen quick tests or PCR tests performed or the number of positive test results (with the exception of the 2022 Winter Olympic Games which is subject to BOCOG/IOC requirements).

Data on athletes in the Juniors area who tested positive before and during the FIL events, on the other hand, were reported by the Technical Delegate for Juniors, Maria Jasencakova. – I would like to thank her for this!

Also lacking are information/statistics on athletes who tested positive *outside* of competition in the general classes for artificial track and natural track, as well as in Juniors natural track.

Note: The international media has reported on various positive Covid-19 cases among luge athletes.

At this point, the Medical Commission wishes to emphatically issue a reminder – for the fourth time now – that according to the 2017 the FIL Congress Resolution in Constanta, the FIL Medical Commission developed a proposal, together with the IBSF which established **minimum standards for equipping medical facilities** at the tracks. It was presented at the **2018 Congress** in Bratislava. In 2018, the Congress – which is the highest the FIL authority – resolved (see 2018 Congress minutes and reports from the Medical Commission reports, 2019 to 2021) that the Executive Board together with the FIL Legal Commission must implement the proposed minimum standards by the next "Regulations Congress" (2020). This has never happened, despite many reminders and urgent written warnings, as well verbal communications from me and the Medical Commission.

It is essential to expedite these efforts and work out a plan according to regulations, most importantly to **protect our athletes!**

This begs the question of how much the health and optimal medical care of our athletes, independent of the COVID pandemic, actually matters to us – unconditionally.

We are all in positions of responsibility, and we should all be clear about our roles. It is not just a matter of not implementing "just one" Congress resolution of 2018, which is bad enough with serious legal implications, rather it is an issue of what we are expected to do in our roles and "offices" to which we were elected or appointed.

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I would like to thank my medical colleagues on the Medical Commission, and above all the employees of the FIL office for their support; they have always been reliable and competent.

We are looking forward to an exciting season with fair sportsmanship in 2022/2023 without any serious injuries to our athletes in artificial and natural track luge. Hopefully, in more peaceful times, the competitions can, to the extent possible, also be held in their usual formats despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jörg Ellermeyer, M.D.  
Chair of the FIL Medical Commission

Linz, April 22, 2022

## Report from the Ethics Authority (70th FIL Congress 2022 in Hall/Tirol)

This year, too, it is not possible to report on concrete cases; this is due to the fact that, as a rule, it is not possible to report on the "cases" at all for reasons of personal protection and the requirement of confidential handling of information and incidents.

For understandable reasons, this year's main topic is the following regulations of the FIL Ethics Code:

*"The FIL is neutral. It does not allow discrimination against its members or other persons or institutions associated with the FIL for political, racial, religious, or any other reasons, and it protects the personal rights of all parties."*

*"The personal dignity and honor, mutual respect, and appreciation of personal rights must be guaranteed."*

*"The FIL is neutral."*

Neutrality cannot mean that the FIL must remain inactive when NFs come from a country that is overrunning another country with acts of war.

The FIL is mandated by the **FIL Ethics Code** to protect its members and others associated with the FIL from discrimination on political or other grounds and to ensure that their personal rights are not violated. The right to physical and mental integrity is also to be protected by the FIL through appropriate measures.

The FIL and its members as well as other persons associated with the FIL are required by the FIL Ethics Code to ensure the observance of the "Fair-Play" principle as well as the rule- and law-abidingness of all participants.

Whoever as a NF and/or individual person does not clearly renounce (internationally) illegal national actions of his own state has violated the "Fair-Play" principle.

According to the Olympic Charter, only those can be members of the Olympic Movement who recognize and comply with the requirements of the Charter. The duty to obey the rules and laws transforms these rules of the Olympic Movement into FIL law.

Waltrop, May 19, 2022

Norbert Hiedl, Ethics Authority



## Report TV Coordinator 2021/22 (Artificial Track)

### Covid-19

For the second time in a row, the 2021/22 season was associated with major challenges due to the Corona pandemic, even though the service providers, who had already proven themselves in Europe in the previous year in the organization of the TV productions with the implementation of the hygiene requirements, were again engaged and implemented the requirements 100 percent (reduction of staff in the OB van, redesign of the individual workstations and separation with Plexiglas, permanent mask requirement, hygiene/disinfection measures, massively restricted access, etc.). Once again, the TV broadcasters involved had significantly reduced staff and less technology on site, and commentators were almost exclusively working remotely.

The cooperation with the TV production at the World Cup opener/test event for the Olympic Games in Yanqing proved to be problematic. In addition to difficulties in communication due to the directors' lack of English skills, neither personal contact with the production crew nor access to the production areas was possible due to the Chinese government's zero-Covid strategy.

### TV Exposure

With a total broadcasting time of more than 600 hours, the coverage of the 2021/22 Eberspächer Luge World Cup and the 53rd FIL European Luge Championships was increased by more than 200 hours compared to the previous year, despite the fact that there was no World Championships and thus one event less held in the Olympic winter. The main contributors to the additional hours were *Sportacentrs* (Latvia) and *Match TV* in Russia, both of which had negotiated a sublicense with SportA for the entire season. The test event in Yanqing achieved the largest share of TV broadcasts with 95 hours, while the other World Cup weekends were covered with an average of 65 hours each.

In terms of ratings, there was a drop of 65 million viewers. However, in the previous winter, the World Championships alone (not held in 2021/22) had attracted more than 104 million viewers. No ratings were provided by *CCTV* (China) with more than 14 hours of broadcasting time and the Russian satellite channels *Match Strana*, *Match Arena* and *Match Igra* with a technical reach of more than 23 million households each.

Moreover, no agreement was made with *Eurosport*, resulting in the lack of Pan-European coverage. In the 2020/21 season, the channel had contributed 23 percent of the total air time and 15 percent of the ratings.

The most important TV market remains Germany, where 94 percent of the ratings were achieved in the past winter. The majority of live or delayed broadcasts on *ARD* and *ZDF* reached more than two and three million viewers respectively, with market shares of up to 21.9 percent. Once again, multiple times the Luge coverage ranked in the top 10 of all *ARD* and *ZDF* broadcasts on several days and came fourth overall in the "ranking" of the most-watched sports of the season behind Biathlon, Ski jumping and Alpine skiing.

Similar to previous years, regular, extensive coverage was again provided live, delayed or as highlights on *ORF* and *ORF Sport+* (Austria). A drop in broadcasting time was recorded in the USA, in Canada *CBC Sports* reported live from the Doubles event in Yanqing and all races of the season were covered by *CBC Live Streaming*.

The competition with other sports for TV air time and ratings is an ever-growing challenge. With the extensive range of sports on offer it is increasingly no longer possible to include all sports in the TV coverage to the usual extent since broadcasting times for sports cannot be extended as desired. Attractive and, above

all, compact formats are required if broadcasters are to remain in favor. Moreover, it is crucial to take into account potential broadcasting when planning the calendar - especially if major events such as the FIFA World Cup in Qatar, which will be held in November and December 2022, represent significant competition for winter sports. In addition, it is recommended - also in view of the changed climatic conditions - not to schedule the start of the World Cup before December and preferably hold the majority of the races from January thru the beginning of March, which are a lot stronger in terms of ratings.

A detailed TV evaluation is included in the Congress Dossier.

## Live-Streaming

After six years in which the FIL had successfully offered live streaming with English commentary and video on demand on the *FIL website*, this service was carried out in cooperation with *Olympic Channel* in the past season. Due to the pandemic, the commentary was again provided "remotely", i.e. the commentators and athletes involved were connected from different locations. Special thanks go again to JFM Sports and Digotel, who created the technical conditions for *Olympic Channel* as for FIL before and thus ensured that this worldwide offer - due to TV agreements geo-blocked for Germany (partly) and Latvia - could be used despite the pandemic.

The World Cup opener in Yanqing generated the largest interest among Luge fans. The evaluation presented by *Olympic Channel* shows a decrease compared to the previous years' results but, compared to the evaluations of the years before, there were very few detailed data available, unfortunately.

## 2022 Winter Olympics in Yanqing/Beijing

According to an evaluation by German TV networks *ARD* and *ZDF*, Luge was the most-watched sport on German TV during the Olympics, generating the highest ratings of all sports and ranking ahead of Ski jumping and Biathlon. Across all platforms, TV use was the highest.

Finally, I would like to thank the FIL Presidium and the FIL Executive Board, the team in the FIL Office, the FIL officials and partners, agencies, national federations, athletes and coaches as well as organizers and track operators for the pleasant cooperation during the past winter.

After 20 years together, the FIL has placed its trust in me for another four years and I am looking forward to continuing the cooperation.

Britta Semmler-Dzoesch  
FIL TV Coordinator

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*The 2021/22 season highlights are available for download on the FIL FTP server from mid June:*

<https://ftp.fil-luge.org:9090>

User: TV\_Highlights

Password: qKXx2Y

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## **Congress Report 2022:**

### **FIL communications:**

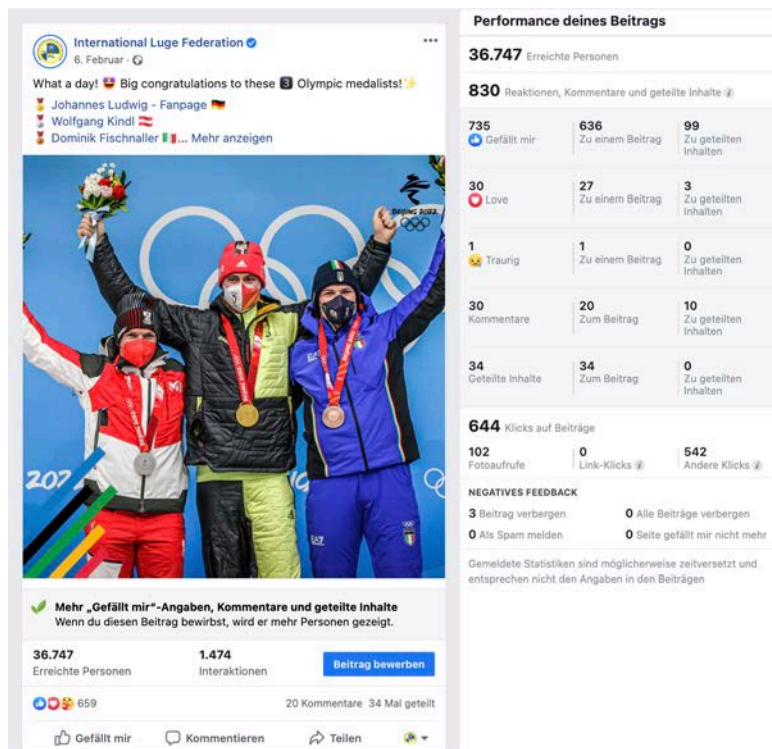
In 2021, the International Luge Federation (FIL) was the only international winter sports federation with rising data on social media, which improved its ranking among international sports federations. The source for this is the Red Torch Analysis #SportOnSocial.

Over the time period from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, FIL channels published an impressive 411 Facebook posts, 258 Instagram posts (excluding reels), 35 Instagram reels, around 8,000 Instagram stories and Facebook stories, as well as 409 tweets.

During the 2022 Beijing games, over the time period from January 28, 2022, to February 20, 2022, FIL channels released an additional 66 Facebook posts, 77 Instagram posts (including reels & videos), 282 Instagram stories, and 157 Facebook stores, as well as 187 Tweets. Even before the start of Olympic luge competition, around 6,000 new fans were acquired on Facebook. From the start of competition until the end of the Olympic games, just around 5,000 additional followers were added. In total, the growth in January and February 2022 was nearly 10,500 followers. In the event phase, the daily audience range was up to 36,000. On average, 23,991 fans were reached every day. The combined range of all posts was 575,773.

Especially surprising was the level of "engagement" of the FIL followers. At the peak of the event phase, we got over 3,873 reactions on one day. On average, we received 1,853 reactions per day. This resulted in a total of 44,479 reactions. A cumulative total of 1,387 comments were placed over this time period. Content was shared 3,577 times.

The image of the top three finishers celebrating on the podium in men's singles was the most successful post during the Olympic games. It reached 36,747 persons and generated 1,474 interactions. On Instagram, the post with the same photo got 906 likes, which made it the leader on this channel.



The FIL channel on **Instagram** showed a 6% increase in followers during the 2022 Winter Olympic Games. In the event phase, the daily range was up to 36,000 persons. On average, 11,354 fans were reached every day. The combined range of all posts was 272,500. Instagram story highlights were as follows:



**Twitter:** During the event time period of the 2022 Beijing games, we had, with 187 posted Tweets, an average of 9,900 Twitter impressions per day and 238,200 impressions in total.

**On media work during Beijing 2022:** Over the time period from January 29 to February 21, 2022, luge was reported in the media in more than 76 countries. Surprisingly, media articles in countries like Nigeria, Bahrain, India, Turkey, and Jordan related to the 2022 Winter Olympic Games in Beijing also mentioned luge athletes.

The names of the three German Olympic athletes alone, along with others of course, were mentioned in more than 7,300 media articles. An online search for women's singles turned up hits for more than 4,500 media articles, **for the men more than 10,500 media reports** and for doubles more than 7,300.

April 26, 2022 / Margit Dengler-Paar



## **Report of the FIL Development Program: 2021-2022 Season**

Submitted by FIL Development Director Fred Zimny

The FIL Development program is broad in scope and attempts to address the needs of developing nations for general class, junior, youth and brand new athletes. With the cancellation of the 2020-2021 season for Youth and Juniors due to covid, 2021-2022 was an opportunity for NFs, athletes and coaches to re-energize their passion for the sport of luge as they look forward to the YOG in 2024 and Milan/Cortina in 2026.

For the General Class it was business as usual on the WC circuit, and thanks to the FIL's covid protocols and health initiatives, the WC tour took place as scheduled with the main focus for all teams being the Olympic Games in Beijing.

Typically, the FIL Development Program attempts to assist developing NFs through the support application process which is used to request support for specific projects or needs. Programs that annually come under the umbrella of development include: the FIL Luge School, the Patenschaft program, track vouchers, FIL Group 1, FIL Group 2, race accommodation support, coaching, equipment and travel support. The FIL Development Program will continue to focus on where the need is greatest, that being developing nations without their own track and growth of the sport in traditional winter regions worldwide. The entire FIL Presidium and staff should be thanked for their unwavering support of athletes from NFs operating within the FIL Development Program. In particular, Vice President of Sport Claire DelNegro has been instrumental in helping guide improvements to the program as well as Executive Director Christoph Schweiger.

What follows is a general overview of the FIL Development Program from the 2021-2022 season:

### **FIL Luge School**

The FIL Luge School operates annually and is a weeklong introductory program for brand new athletes from developing nations. In 2021, the FIL submitted a grant request to the IOC via the Olympic Solidarity Program to fund the FIL Luge School. This request was approved and the FIL received US\$50,000 for the program. The School was first scheduled in Sigulda during its usual period in the early fall, but unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the global covid situation. It was then rescheduled for the end of the season after the Olympic Games, but regrettably, again had to be cancelled due to covid. It is believed that the IOC will permit this funding to be rolled over to the 2022-2023 season.

### **FIL Teams**

The FIL Teams, Group 1 and Group 2, are a corner stones of the entire FIL Development Program. For both groups the FIL provides coaches, equipment and transportation and includes weeks that are fully funded for both track fees and/or accommodations. In addition to the traditional winter training camps, summer camps in Smerzovka, CZE and Karpacz, POL were also added to the FIL Group program in 2021.

	NFs	# athletes	M	F	Training weeks	Races	Total runs
Group 1	11	20	12	8	4	10	2355
Group 2	9	24	16	8	7	7	2304

### **Patenschaft Program**

The FIL provides financial support to larger nations who partner with smaller, developing nations and provide coaching and sled tuning assistance as well as other benefits. Athletes from the smaller nation train and travel with their host counterparts.

Host NFs	General Class	Juniors	Total
AUT	SWE 2	SWE 4	31
GER	ARG 1/POL 5/SUI 1	POL 5/SUI 1	
RUS	NED 2		
USA	AUS 1/JPN 1/SVK 4	SVK 4	

### **Vouchers**

Valued at €25 each, track vouchers provided by the FIL can be used at any track toward training costs. For the 2021-2022 season, the following allocations were made:

Participating NFs	Total Vouchers Allocated	Total Value
35	10,400	€ 260,000

### **Beijing Olympic Games**

Athletes from the FIL Group participating in the Beijing Winter Olympic Games:

Men	Women	Doubles	Team
6	4	1	1
BIH/BUL/CZE/GEO/GBR/JPN	CZE/IRL/MDA/TPE	CZE	CZE

### **Equipment and Material**

Development allocations were made to multiple NFs in 2021-2022 for various purposes related to athlete development and program growth. Support for the purchase of suit/shoe/glove sets was made available to teams in need as were helmets to all nations at no cost. Athletes participating with Group 1 & 2 were also offered a sled to use at no cost.

	NFs Receiving Development Allocations	Equipment Set Allocations
# of NFs	29	26 (70 sets – suits/shoes/gloves)

### **Coaching**

The greatest support the FIL provides in terms of coaching is the staff assigned to FIL Groups 1 & 2. The FIL funds 100% of the cost for 3 coaches at the junior level and 2 at the general class level for nations that do not have the resources to fund their own coaching staff.

FIL Group 1	Maciej Kurowski, Head Coach	Yuriy Hayduk, Assistant Coach
FIL Group 2	Petr Kinzel, Head Coach	Bogdan Macovei, Tomas Kinzel, Asst. Coaches

### **Physical Testing**

Beginning in 2020, the FIL implemented a new program of physical testing for all athletes participating with FIL Group 1 & 2. Using a battery of 7 tests, the goal is to test athletes a minimum of 3 times per year to ensure their physical training program is effective and preparing them for peak performance during the coming season. All athletes must achieve required minimum scores in order to participate with the FIL groups.

### **Race Accommodation Support**

The FIL provided €500 for each athlete at a WC and JWC event for up to 4 athletes per nation, plus an additional €1000 for nations participating in all disciplines at a competition.

### **Conclusion**

Though it is financially impossible to address all the needs of every nation, the FIL offers significant subsidies to all NFs to help reduce the cost of travel, training, equipment and accommodations, focusing especially on the needs of developing nations. Other targeted issues include:

- Increased summer camp scheduling.
- Increased accountability on the part of NFs on voucher usage and financial allocations.
- Higher quality equipment for experienced athletes participating in FIL Groups 1 & 2.
- Individualized year-round support and oversight of athlete training by the FIL coaches.



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#### **"LUGE CAMP" at the YOUTH GAMES:**

The 2015/16 winter season saw the reintroduction of the International Youth Games. This was an important step in the development program. The aim was to once again focus on youth work and strengthen it in a targeted manner. What is new since then is that the Youth Games are coupled with a three-day international training camp under the guidance of experienced FIL coaches. At the "Luge Camp" in Latsch, Italy, in February 2018, 26 children and youths with 11 coaches from Slovenia, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Poland participated in the training. At the subsequent competition, there was a starting field of over 100 children from a total of 9 nations. In the winter season 2019/20 there was another highlight with the hosting of the FIL Youth Games in Lendak in Slovakia. The new approx. 300m long, child-friendly luge track was perfectly prepared for the race weekend and training and race runs could be followed via livestream. For the first time, athletes from France were also at the start.

<b>"LUGE CAMP" at the YOUTH GAMES</b>																
	<b>FRA</b>		<b>SRB</b>		<b>CRO</b>		<b>CZE</b>		<b>POL</b>		<b>ROU</b>		<b>SLO</b>		<b>SVK</b>	
	C.	A.	C.	A.	C.	A.	C.	A.	C.	A.	C.	A.	C.	A.	C.	A.
15/16					1	1	1	5					2	4		
16/17					2	3					2	4	3	7	3	5
17/18					1	1	3	7	2	7			2	5	3	6
18/19			1	2			3	6	1	2			4	7	2	7
19/20	0	2					2	7	1	4			2	2	4	11
20/21	CORONA SITUATION – NO "LUGE CAMP"															
21/22	CORONA SITUATION – NO "LUGE CAMP"															

#### **NEW CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH SLED:**

Another important step in the development program was to develop a children's and youth sled that is cost-effective and flexible in its use. A uniform device for all children's and youth categories should not only reduce costs, but also keep the organizational effort down. This was achieved with the development of the new youth sled, which was introduced in 2017 and has since proven its worth. It costs more than half less than its predecessor. With this new model, not only is an icy luge track passable, but also a "snow luge run" or a ski slope. Thus, luge is possible for children and young people on any snow slope and the entry into the sport of luge is easier, especially for new locations.

#### **TRAINING COACHES:**

The way forward must be through more qualified coaches. As many international coaches as possible are needed who have comprehensive know-how and can pass this on in their own country. The training and further education of coaches and trainers must become more of a focus. National federations must be supported even more in this area. Since 2019, there are first offers on the topic of "coach education natural track". With the "Tour Bus Plus", the possibility of a basic coaching course on site was introduced in 2019. So-called "sledding basics" are taught step by step via the tour bus to natural track. Training methods, material processing and track technical details are the focus. The course concludes with a small exam. In the fall of 2019, the "Tour Bus Plus" made a stop in Lendak, Slovakia. 12 future trainers from Slovakia and the Czech Republic were coached in the various areas. Andreas Castiglioni, Helmuth Ruetz, and Matteo Clara served as instructors. A similar coaching course took place in Slovenia. A total of 13 coaches from Slovenia and Croatia took part there. Since 2021 there is the possibility to participate in an advanced training course for "beginner training on ice" within the FIL School. Last winter, 2 coaches from France and 1 coach from Canada received this advanced training certificate.

TRAINING COACHES						
	CAN	CRO	CZE	FRA	SLO	SVK
2019		3	5		10	7
2020	CORONA SITUATION – NO COURSE					
2021	1			2		

#### **FIL GROUPS:**

Since 2014/15 there is the Junior World Cup for the youth at the natural track. In recent years, the international starting field could be increased enormously. In 2018, there was a record in the starting field at the Junior World Cup in Latsch. Approximately 70 young people from a total of 21 nations were involved. In 2019, at the Junior World Championships in St. Sebastian, ladies from 5 nations were able to place among the top 10 for the first time. In the same year, there was a record number of participants in the Junior World Cups. A total of 34 women and 61 men are listed in the overall standings. In the meantime, the FIL group consists mostly of juniors. Two thirds of the athletes are under 20 years of age. The level of the athletes has also risen sharply. With the help of a well-organized basic and advanced training, good basic skills are taught, and thus more sliding safety is achieved. Due to the increase of a professional coaching staff, the work in the FIL groups provides a very good basis for all athletes. The athletes are very well prepared and show good skiing skills. They find their way very well on the different competition tracks. Accidents and injuries in particular have decreased enormously. An important goal of the last years was also to increase the requirements for a starting place in the World Cup of the general class. The level of the FIL Group in the World Cup could be increased enormously. In recent years, two nations in particular have made a successful jump from the FIL Group to their own team. In 2018, the Ukrainian team succeeded in doing so together with long-time FIL coach Maryan Huzner, who was able to pass on his accumulated knowledge to his athletes. For 3 years now, the Slovak federation has also been working outside the FIL group. Slovakia does very good work with children and youth and now also has its own luge track. For the past seven years, an award for the newcomer of the year within the FIL Group has been held annually during the Championships. This award is given to FIL athletes who stand out for their dedication, hard work, excellent progress and very good performance. In the 2015 winter season, the award was given for the first time and was personally handed out by Honorary FIL President Josef Fendt to New Zealander Jack Leslie. Unfortunately, the last two winter seasons were dominated by the Corona pandemic. During this time almost all tour bus events, FIL Schools, and Luge Camps had to be cancelled. In addition, the entry regulations for the athletes from the various nations were made more difficult. Unfortunately, this also affected the starting field at the competitions.

AWARDS IN THE FIL GROUP		
YEAR	NAME	NATION
2015	Jack Leslie	NZL
2016	Veselin Iliev	BUL
2017	Andriy Demchuk/Myroslav Lenko (doubles)	UKR
2018	Anastasiya Slyusar Leonardo de Oliveira	UKR BRA
2019	Renzo Atance	ARG
2020	No prize awarded!	
2021	Charlotte Roche	FRA
2022	No prize awarded!	

FIL GROUP				
Season	Total	Men	Women	Coach
<b>14/15</b>	33			
		21	12	Karl Flacher (whole season) Matteo Clara (whole season) Maryan Huzner (whole season)
<b>15/16</b>	39			
FIL Group		28	11	Karl Flacher (whole season) Matteo Clara (whole season) Maryan Huzner (whole season)
<b>16/17</b>				
FIL Group	40			
		29	11	Karl Flacher (whole season) Matteo Clara (whole season) Maryan Huzner (whole season)
<b>17/18</b>	50			
FIL Group Juniors		16	10	Matteo Clara (whole season) Jovan Lekic (whole season) Martin Mayerhofer (partially)
FIL Group General		15	9	Karl Flacher (whole season) Maryan Huzner (whole season)
<b>18/19: UKR leaves FIL Group and works independently!</b>				
<b>18/19</b>	44			
FIL Group Juniors		22	8	Matteo Clara (whole season) Jovan Lekic (whole season) Philipp Haselrieder (partially)
FIL Group General		9	5	Karl Flacher (whole season) Andreas Schopf (whole season)
<b>19/20: SVK leaves FIL Group and works independently!</b>				
<b>19/20</b>	38			
FIL Group Juniors		15	8	Matteo Clara (whole season) Jovan Lekic (whole season) Andrii Demchuk (partially)
FIL Group General		8	7	Karl Flacher (whole season) Franz Obrist (whole season)
<b>20/21 (Corona year)</b>	17			
FIL Group		9	8	Christina Götschl (whole season) Franz Obrist (partially) Matteo Clara (partially) Alexandra Pfattner (partially)

<b>21/22</b>	27			
FIL Group Juniors		7	3	Matteo Clara (partially) Alexandra Pfattner (partially) Eddy Dunlop (partially)
FIL Group General		9	8	Christina Götschl (whole season) Franz Obrist (whole season)

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# FIL Youth Meeting 2022, JWM Winterberg, GER

Friday, 28.01.2022, Winterberg Start House 1

Present members of the Youth/Development Commission:

Hans-Jürgen Köhne, Maria Jasencakova, Petr Kinzel, Dmitry Kasatkin, Zianibeth Shattuk-Owen.

Excused:

Maria Loch, Dr. Jörg Ellermeyer, Mark Hatton, Sandra Lempert,

Guest:

Harald Steyrer Vize-Präsident Finanzen

**Nations:**

**AUT, CZE, GER, LAT, MDA, RUS, SLO, SVK, SWE, UKR, USA,**

**Start: 15.30 h**

**TOP 1 Welcome**

The Chairman Hans-Jürgen Köhne welcomes the delegates from 11 NFs and the present members of the Youth Commission as well as Harald Steyrer (Vice President Finances) as a guest, he welcomes them all to today's FIL Youth Meeting.

Hans-Jürgen Köhne brings the greetings of President Einars Fogelis and Secretary General Twight Bell and apologizes for their absence.

**TOP 2: Information Youth Commission:**

Hans-Jürgen Köhne explains to those present what has been implemented by the FIL Youth Meeting 2020 and the Commission Meeting Youth/Development 2021.

**Commission Meeting 2021:**

**Applications done in 2020:**

**Sizes of the training groups**

- The reduction in the size of the training groups has had a very positive effect on the training process in the 2019/20 season and is considered positive by the coaches.

**Training weeks for juniors**

- On the part of the coaches, the problem of the ITW's at the beginning and also during the season is addressed once again.

It is noted here that the IBSF, due to the many race series (EC Bobsleigh/Skeleton, ICC Skeleton, WC Bobsleigh/Skeleton), claims a lot of track time for itself and thus many training times are lost.

Here it is suggested that the FIL seeks a discussion with the IBSF and that the free track times are better distributed among the federations, because the FIL is awarded fewer times.

**Result:**

Maria Luise Rainer:

FIL plans more ITW's than IBSF. The IBSF only plans the competition calendar, the training times must be planned by all NFs of the IBSF themselves.

Own ITW's for seniors and juniors are often not possible because there are not enough participants and so a good track utilization is not given.

The ITW's planned by the FIL are an additional service of the FIL, each NF is then personally responsible for the booking/registration. The registrations are always made directly with the railroad operator and not through the FIL.

Christoph Schweiger:

The FIL is planning training centers at different lanes in the future in order to be able to offer training times there.

### **Raising the age for juniors**

- This topic will be addressed once again. The coaches see it somewhat differently here than the Youth Commission decided in 2019.

- Many coaches see an advantage here for the development of the youth athletes, because many federations no longer get the athletes so early to the sport. In most federations, athletes are 12 or 13 years old when you come to the sport, and here the one more year would be good for all athletes in their development.

Also, the higher school pressure here argues for an increase at the junior level.

### **Outcome:**

The request of the Youth Commission was positively approved and the age was raised from 20 to 21 years.

### **Introduce shortened start interval also for the races:**

- The shortened start intervals of 20 sec. for the singles and 35 sec. for the doubles should also be adopted for the races.

- o This has proven to be successful during the training

- o This can also save time in the races for the organizers with the large starting fields in the Youth A / Junior WC.

### **Result:**

The request of the Youth Commission was positively approved and the start intervals were adjusted/shortened accordingly.

### **Start heights:**

- The start height (women's start sole) for the youth A women's doubles in Igls, is felt to be too high by the coaches. This should be discussed again.

The starting height (women's start) for the junior men's doubles in Königssee is considered too high by the coaches. This should be discussed again

### **Result:**

The commission comes to the conclusion not to change the starting heights.

### **Team competition:**

- For the team competition, the starting height should be handled more flexibly, so that more NFs can participate in the team competition.

- For the team competition, the starting height could be moved from the junior doubles to the starting height of the youth A doubles, for example.

### **Result:**

The TD in the JWC can decide this depending on the situation.

This should not be included in the IRO.

### **Racing Shoes:**

- There have been a lot of foot injuries (midfoot fractures, etc.) this season.

It is suggested that better protection (protector) be added to the shoe in this area to minimize these injuries.

There is probably an old Adidas training shoe that has such protection



**Result:**

HJ Köhne will pass this item on to the Technical Committee for discussion/review.

**Review season 2020/21**

The 2020/21 season has been cancelled due to Corona.

**Review season 2021/22**

Due to the continuing Corona pandemic, the season was conducted with participant quotas in the JWC. This regulation in consultation with the national federations was a very good and necessary measure, even if at the beginning of the season not all NFs / coaches agreed and there was some resistance.

During the season, however, this measure turned out to be the right one, since the season was a challenge for all involved, whether coaches/supervisors, organizers or also for the FIL officials (TD and hygiene representatives).

The season of the juniors was conducted under 3G rules, this was another challenge, because in all countries and also federal states different Corona rules were applied and these changed almost weekly.

During the complete season there were only a few corona cases in the teams, but these did not affect the execution of the races. Due to the discipline of all involved the complete season could be carried out.

Hans-Jürgen Köhne thanks the coaches/supervisors for the good cooperation and the discipline of the teams during the season.

**TOP 3 Feedback and suggestions/suggestions from the team captains**

**Racing shoes/training shoes**

- The coaches criticize that no training shoes were developed, although this was thought of.
- Also in this season there were again some foot injuries (5 metatarsal) a start to the rail is already enough. Here again the foot protection should be improved.

**Women's doubles as an Olympic discipline:**

- It is mentioned that the FIL must intensively pursue the decision to make women's doubles an Olympic discipline, so that the NFs have planning security and continue to develop this discipline. Without the prospect that women's doubles will become Olympic, the NFs will certainly not push for further developments. Harald Steyrer explains that the FIL is in active contact with the IOC, but this decision is certainly also dependent on whether the number of athletes will be increased at the Olympic Games.

**TOP 4: Changes to Junior and Youth A World Cup:**

Hans-Jürgen Köhne presents the first ideas for a change in the Junior and Youth A World Cup to those present.

- The idea is that the Youth A World Cup will be separated from the Junior World Cup.
- They should become separate race series
- The Junior World Cup should remain as before and include the following disciplines and consist of 4-5 races plus the Junior World Cup:
  - o Junior male and female single seater
  - o Junior male and female double seaters
- The Youth A World Cup shall be held as a Continental race and shall include in the first step 3-4 races in Europe and North America with the following disciplines:
  - o Youth A male and female single seaters
  - o Youth A male and female double seaters

This step is necessary for the following reasons:

- Many organizers are no longer willing to hold races with the high numbers of participants as before the pandemic.
- Due to the high numbers of participants, training runs are shortened and training times go on throughout the day until late in the evening.
- By separating them, the development of each age group can be better controlled
  - o Number of training runs
  - o Development of the starting heights
- In the meantime 8 disciplines (21/22 9 disciplines)

All coaches give positive feedback on this move and unanimously support it.

**Suggestions coaches:**

- Do not limit starting fields too much (disciplines).  
As the development of youth and girls can be different and one is more flexible
- Do not limit fields of participants to disciplines, just give a contingent.

**Youth/Development Commission**

The Youth Commission will discuss the topics/concerns from the Youth Meeting at its workshop in Berchtesgaden (11 & 12 March 22) and look for solutions that meet the concerns of the delegates.

**Proposals to the commissions**

Proposals/motions developed at the Commission Meeting will be forwarded to the Commissions for evaluation or confirmation. The meeting of the Expert Commissions Sport and Technology will be held on 01.04. - 02.04.2022.

**Conclusion**

Hans-Jürgen Köhne closes the youth meeting at 16.30 and thanks all delegates for the constructive and very good cooperation with the youth commission.

A big thank you goes to the bobsleigh track in Winterberg and its staff for the support and provision of the meeting room.

End of the meeting: 16.30 h

Note:

28.01.2022

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Vorsitzender Kommission Jugend/Entwicklung

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# Working Group FIL Statutes / Executive Board



## FIL Statutes 2022

### 1 Basics

#### 1.1 Name, structure, and headquarters

Based on the present Statutes an association named "Fédération Internationale de Luge ~~de~~ ~~Course~~", "International Luge Federation", "Internationaler ~~Renn~~rodelverband" exists under Austrian Law. The National Luge Federations/National Federations (hereafter named NFs) which agreed to the Statutes and have been accepted as members are thus affiliated with the FIL.

The official abbreviation for the name International Luge Federation shall be FIL in all languages.

The Federation was founded in Davos, Switzerland on January 25, 1957.

The FIL headquarters are located in Salzburg-Wals, AUT.

#### 1.2 Goal

The FIL, whose activities are not for profit, aims:

to develop the sport of luge worldwide, to supervise it, to promote it, and to direct it.  
to represent the sport of luge in the ~~International~~ Olympic ~~sports~~ Movement.

#### 1.3 Means of achieving the goal

The goals of the FIL are to be achieved through the non-material and material resources listed below:

##### 1.3.1 Non-material means:

- Supporting the objectives of the NFs in the form of aid in theory and practice;
- Cooperation with other international sports organizations and ~~sports science organizations~~ ~~organizations involved in the sport of luge~~;
- Organization and promotion of the sports movement;
- Staging World Championships, Continental Championships, World and Continental Cups, as well as other competitions approved by the Congress or by the Executive Board;
- Functioning as the highest court of appeals for protests and other legal issues of international luge competitions, as well as for all questions relating to the FIL statutes and regulations;
- Promoting the exchange of experiences and lessons from the development of the sport of luge at the international level;
- Setting binding rules for all luge disciplines ~~as well as recommendations for the sport of luge in general~~;
- Recognizing international luge competitions, which are conducted in accordance with the statutes and regulations of the FIL;
- Implementation of necessary measures to ensure that the applicable statutes and regulations are complied with at the competitions of the FIL;
- Implementation of effective measures to prevent accidents;
- Consideration for the environment;
- Guaranteeing the principle of "Fair Play";
- Comprehensive documentation of the sport of luge, in particular through the storing and safeguarding of film, video, and audio materials;

- Advertising for and with the sport of luge;
- Promoting the sport of luge as a Public Sledding;
- Operating all accident prevention measures in the most effective manner possible;
- Fighting against doping and manipulation in sports competition.

#### 1.3.2. Material means:

- Resources from International Olympic Committee (IOC), specifically through the marketing of the Olympic Games;
- Marketing of luge events specifically by entering into advertising and sponsorship agreements;
- Production of film, video and audio material and their marketing;
- Licensing fee income;
- Membership fees.

### 1.4 Responsibility

1.4.1 The FIL is the highest authority in all questions which concern the sport of luge. It is the sole representative of the international sport of luge and represents all interests in the sport of luge worldwide, ~~so far as the luge disciplines are recognized by the FIL.~~ The FIL recognizes artificial track luge and natural track luge including popular sport.

1.4.2 The FIL is the sole luge federation acknowledged by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) with all of its disciplines.

1.4.3 The FIL acknowledges and adheres to the Olympic Charter.

### ~~1.5~~ — Purposes of the FIL

The purposes of the FIL are:

- ~~To develop the sport of luge by organizing and promoting sports activity on a worldwide basis;~~
- ~~To provide assistance in theory and practice for NFs and their aims;~~
- ~~To promote the exchange of experience and knowledge of the sport of luge on an international level;~~
- ~~To advertise in favour and by use of the sport of luge;~~
- ~~To represent the sport of luge within the international Olympic sports movement;~~
- ~~To co-operate with other international sport and sports science organizations;~~
- ~~To stage Championships, Continental Championships, World and Continental Cups as well as further competitions in the sport of luge approved by the Congress or the Executive Board;~~
- ~~To establish rules for all luge disciplines;~~
- ~~To recognize only such luge competitions which were staged according to the Statutes and Regulations of the FIL and to guarantee that these Statutes and Regulations are observed during such competitions;~~
- ~~To serve as highest Court of Appeal for protests and other legal issues resulting from international competitions as well as questions which concern the FIL Statutes and Regulations;~~
- ~~To carry out all measures to prevent accidents most effectively;~~
- ~~To respect the environment;~~
- ~~To enforce the principle of "fair play".~~
- ~~To fight against doping and manipulation in athletic competition~~

### 1.5 Principle of non-discrimination ~~Neutrality~~ and code of conduct

~~1.6.1 The FIL is neutral.~~

1.5.1 The FIL will not tolerate political, racist, religious, or any other discrimination towards its direct or indirect members. The FIL recognizes the necessity to take appropriate action to protect overriding reasons of public welfare, human rights and humanitarian concerns.

1.5.2 The FIL recognizes the principles and rules of the IOC Code of Ethics. On its own autonomy, the FIL has defined a framework of moral principles including a code of conduct, an integral component of the Statutes, the Ethics Code.

## **1.6 Languages and written form**

- 1.6.1** The official languages of the FIL are German and English.
- 1.6.2** The Congress can determine further languages as working languages.
- 1.6.3** For the interpretation of the Statutes, Regulations, and resolutions as well as for translations in other languages, the German wording is decisive. Regarding the FIL Anti-Doping Code and its enclosures, the English wording is binding.
- 1.6.4** The written form is also granted by e-mail and/or fax. Proof of delivery can be provided by an electronic acknowledgement of read receipt (e-mail) and/or transmission confirmation (fax).

## **2 Membership**

### **2.1 Ordinary membership**

- 2.1.1** Each NF with the aim of promoting the sport of luge may become an ordinary member.
- 2.1.2** Only a legal entity may become an ordinary member.
- 2.1.3** A nation may only be represented by a single NF regardless of its internal structure and sphere of activity. The NF must be recognized by its National Olympic Committee or its nation's highest sports authority.
- 2.1.4** A NF, which wishes to become a member of the FIL, must submit a written letter of application to the Executive Board. The letter of application shall include a copy of the statutes and the luge competition regulations of the NF in German ~~and/or~~ English, in order to prove that these meet the Statutes of the FIL. ~~; furthermore a list of the number of associated clubs and the total number of individual members of these associated clubs have to be included.~~
- 2.1.5** The Congress decides on the acceptance in the FIL. Admission requires a two-thirds majority.

### **2.2 Extraordinary Members**

- 2.2.1** Extraordinary members of the FIL include:
- Supporting members (individuals or organizations);
  - Honorary members.
- 2.2.2** The Congress decides on the admission of the supporting members.
- 2.2.3** Honorary members are nominated in accordance with the Code of Honor.

### **2.3. Rights and Obligations of Ordinary Members**

- 2.3.1** Ordinary members have the same rights and obligations.
- 2.3.2** Ordinary members have the right to participate and vote in the Congress, submit motions to the Executive Board and to the Congress. However, at the request of the Executive Board, the Congress can withdraw the right to vote when membership fees have not been paid over at time period of at least three years.
- 2.3.3** Each ordinary member has only one vote in the Congress. Each NF will designate a single voting candidate to the Congress in writing. The delegate must be a citizen of the member nation.
- 2.3.4** The ordinary members have the right:
- To be heard in all questions regarding their NF and to appeal,
  - To propose members of their NF for a position in the FIL,
  - To register its athletes for all FIL competitions, in agreement with the nomination regulations for these competitions,
  - To organize and stage FIL competitions.
- 2.3.5** The ordinary members are obliged to obey the Statutes and the respectively binding Regulations and Resolutions. The members are obliged to ensure that the sports clubs and athletes associated with them obey the Statutes and Regulations within the frame of FIL

activities. Furthermore, they are obliged to stage the competitions awarded by the FIL according to the requirements stipulated by the FIL.

2.3.6 Ordinary members must pay their annual membership fee ~~in time~~ by December 31.

2.3.7 Further rights and obligations of the ordinary members are regulated by the Rules of Procedure.

## **2.4 Termination of Membership**

2.4.1 Ordinary membership terminates

- Upon loss of pre-requisites for membership,
- Upon resignation,
- Upon expulsion.

2.4.2 The expulsion of an ordinary member may be dictated by a two-thirds vote of the Congress upon motion by a national federation or by the Executive Board if a serious violation of the FIL Statutes by the implicated national federation is established. Within two weeks after the Congress Resolution the expelled member can appeal to the FIL Court of Arbitration.

2.4.3 Extraordinary membership ends

- Upon demise or liquidation,
- Upon resignation,
- Upon deprivation.

## **2.5 Provisional Membership**

2.5.1 A provisional member can be a NF which is in the process of formation and still has no associated clubs or individual athletes. Its goal must be to build up the sport of luge and train athletes for participation in FIL competitions.

2.5.2 Based on criteria established by the Executive Board, the admission of provisional members will be decided by the Executive Board.

# **3 Organization of the FIL**

3.1 In accordance with the regulations of the IOC, the FIL is a voluntary, non-profit, international organization of national federations of individual states.

3.2 The NFs abide by their own statutes. They are autonomous; however, they are bound to the Statutes and Regulations of the FIL as well as to the resolutions of the FIL Congresses and the Executive Board. **In particular, this applies to the currently valid version of the FIL Anti-Doping Code.**

3.3 The FIL may not interfere with the internal operations of the NFs nor may the FIL interfere with the relationship between individual NFs beyond the context of the FIL Statutes and Regulations.

3.4 Any membership of the FIL in another federation requires congressional approval.

3.5 If the appointment to organs or other bodies of the FIL depends on the affinity of the official with a NF, then they belong to that NF of which they are a member or for which they are active in an honorary or paid function. If they do not belong to a NF and is not working for it in an honorary or paid function, the nationality is decisive. With multiple nationalities their actual official place of residence is decisive.

# **4 Executive Bodies of the FIL**

4.1 **The FIL includes the following executive bodies:**

4.1.1 The Congress

4.1.2 The Executive Board

4.1.3 The Presidium

4.1.4 The Expert Commissions for artificial track luge and natural track luge/**public sledding**

- 4.1.5 The Control Commission
- 4.1.6 The Court of Arbitration
- 4.1.7 The Legal Committee
- 4.1.8 The Ethics Commission
- 4.1.9 The Ethics Authority
- 4.1.10 The Youth/Development Commission Artificial Track
- 4.1.11 The Athletes' Commission
- 4.1.12 The Medical Commission
- 4.1.13 The Track Construction Commissions Artificial Track and Natural Track
- 4.1.14 Working Groups

## **4.2 The Congress**

4.2.1 The Congress is the highest authority of the FIL and consists of:

- The ordinary members;
- The members of the Executive Board;
- The Members of the Control Commission;
- The Chairpersons of the Expert Commissions mentioned in Section 4.1
- The Chairperson of the Legal Committee;
- The Chairperson of the Ethics Commission;
- The Chairperson of the Court of Arbitration;
- The Ethics Authority.

The right to a voice at the Congress is limited to those specified in this Section, in Section 4.1, and to those invited by the Executive Board to make a report.

- 4.2.2 Ordinary Congresses are held annually, and if possible in June. Motions regarding changes of the IRO are only discussed every two years (in even years).
- 4.2.3 NFs are entitled to vote. NFs which have not paid their membership fees for at least three years can have their right to vote withdrawn (2.3.2).
- 4.2.4 If the preceding Congress failed to make a decision as to the time, agenda, and place of the next Congress, this decision will be made by the Executive Board. The President summons the Ordinary Congress by written notice at least three months before the date of its meeting.
- 4.2.5 The Congress concerns itself with general issues and elects the Executive Board, the Court of Arbitration and the number of members of Commissions every fourth year in the year of the Olympic Winter Games. Working Groups can be formed at every Congress.
- 4.2.6 The agenda of the Congress must include the following items:
  - opening of the Congress
  - confirmation of members entitled to vote (roll call)
  - awards
  - approval of the minutes from the previous Congress
  - reports by the Executive Board members
  - annual closing of accounts and budget proposal
  - report by the Control Commission
  - discussion of reports and release of the Executive Board
  - elections (in every fourth year; the substitute member of the Control Commission every second year, ~~annually as needed for the working groups~~)
  - election of the members of the Executive Board (4.5.1) with the exception of the Executive Director
  - election of the chairperson, their representative and the members of the Court of Arbitration (4.9.4)
  - election of the substitute members of the Control Commission (4.8)
  - election of the Ethics Authority
  - election of the members of the Legal Committee
  - election of the members of the Ethics Commission



- election of commission members to be elected by the congress
  - determination of membership fees
  - motions
  - awarding of FIL Championships for a maximum of four years in advance
  - determination of time and place of the next Congresses
  - admission of new members
- 4.2.7 Motions for the Congress may be brought forth by the NFs, the Executive Board, the Expert Commissions according to 4.7.1, and by the Control Commission according to 4.8.3. They must be submitted to the President in writing and with substantiation at least ten weeks prior to the Congress with the exception of motions by the Executive Board, the Control Commission, and the Expert Commissions. Motions regarding IRO changes and supplements to the IRO must be submitted to the President in writing and with substantiation ~~at least twelve weeks prior to the Congress~~ **four weeks prior to the beginning of the commission meetings** with the exception of motions by the Executive Board and the Expert Commissions.  
At least four weeks prior to the opening of the Congress, a summary of the motions will be sent to the members in German and English by the Secretary General; for the FIL Anti-Doping Code and its enclosures forwarding in English is sufficient.
- 4.2.8 Motions regarding changes to the IRO, as far as they do not concern §§ *General Regulations, Medical Service, Advertising Regulations, Awarding of Titles, Awards Ceremony* and the *Supplements Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights* and *Olympic Rules* for the IRO Artificial Track and Supplement *Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights* for the IRO Natural Track may be presented to the Congress only after approval by the appropriate commission according to Section 4.7.1. If the appropriate commission has rejected a motion regarding an IRO change, the entity submitting the proposal may appeal to the Executive Board for submitting it to the Congress for the passing of a resolution, citing convincing reasons. The Executive Board may determine that the proposal to change the IRO should be included on the agenda of the next Congress.
- 4.2.9 Motions regarding changes to §§ *General Regulations, Medical Service, Advertising Regulations, Awarding of Titles, Awards Ceremony* and the *Supplements Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights* and *Olympic Rules* for the IRO Artificial Track and Supplement *Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights* for the IRO Natural Track may be presented to the Congress by the Executive Board for the passing of a resolution. NFs are entitled to propose changes to the quoted paragraphs of the IRO to the Executive Board.
- 4.2.10 The Congress does not decide on amendments of the FIL Anti-Doping Code and its enclosures, as far as these amendments are restricted to adjustments to the WADA World Anti-Doping Code and its enclosures.
- 4.2.11 The Congress can allow athletes to participate in its meeting, if necessary.
- 4.3 Extraordinary Congress**
- 4.3.1 An Extraordinary Congress may be called by petition of at least one tenth of the NFs or upon a resolution by the Executive Board.
- 4.3.2 The Executive Board determines the time, place, and agenda of the Extraordinary Congress which must be held within six weeks of receipt of the petition. Written notice of the meeting must be sent to the members at least four weeks prior to the Extraordinary Congress.
- 4.4 No Confidence Vote**  
Upon a motion by an ordinary member or by the Executive Board which passes by a two - thirds majority of the Congress, a vote of no confidence may be expressed against a member of an executive body which results in that person's dismissal from duties.
- 4.5 Executive Board**
- 4.5.1 The Executive Board includes:
- with seat and vote and elected by the Congress;
    - the President (\*)
    - the Secretary General (\*)
    - the Vice President for Finance (\*)
    - the Vice President for Marketing

- the Vice President for Sport - Artificial Track
  - the Vice President for Technical Affairs - Artificial Track
  - the Vice President for Natural Track and Public Sledding
  - two additional members
  - the Chair of the Athletes Commission (declaratory confirmation)
- with seat but without vote and elected by the Congress
    - a Vice President for those continents which are actively engaged in luge and which is represented by at least 2 National Federations as ordinary members of the FIL and is not already represented by at least one member on the Executive Board
  - with seat only
    - the Executive Director

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

- 4.5.2 The members of the Executive Board serve in a voluntary capacity with the exception of the Executive Director.
- 4.5.3 The members of the Executive Board (exception: Executive Director) are elected for a period of four years corresponding to the Olympic Winter Games. Among them there must be at least two male members and at least two female members, provided that among the candidates standing for election there are at least two of each gender. Candidate proposals have to be mailed to the Executive Director no later than ~~four~~ six weeks prior to the opening of the election Congress. After expiration of the deadline, the Executive Director will then inform the NFs in writing of the candidate proposals received. If there are no candidates for functions, the Congress can – upon motion of the President or a NF – pass a resolution, that those candidates for the election into the Executive Board can be admitted who are proposed by a NF in writing during the election Congress and within a certain extension of time.
- 4.5.4 Should a person resign from an elected position during the course of the term of office, a successor will be elected at the next Congress for the remainder of the term until the next statutory election.
- 4.5.5 The Executive Board fulfils its duties in accordance with the Statutes. It carries out the resolutions made by the Congress and takes care of all other tasks of the FIL, as far as these are not explicitly reserved for the Congress, the Presidium, or another body of the FIL and as far as the Congress did not regulate them by means of a resolution. The ~~Executive Board~~ Presidium and as needed in consultation with the respective Vice Presidents and Directors passes a resolution regarding the award of the FIL competitions (with the exception of FIL Championships), and regarding amendments of the FIL Anti-Doping Code including its enclosures, as far as the Congress has no authority of resolution according to 4.2.10, and confirms the Events Schedules. Regarding the assignment of tasks, the Executive Board issues the business responsibilities' overview, on which the NFs have to be informed.
- 4.5.6 The Executive Board can make decisions, which are actually reserved for the Congress according to paragraph 4.2.5 of the Statutes (including the approval of the approval of the annual statement of accounts and the budget proposal as well as changes and additions to the IRO, but excluding the elections of the organs), provisionally in urgent exceptional cases, if due to an imminent danger these decisions cannot be postponed until the next ordinary Congress. The Executive Board is to submit the urgent decisions taken by it to the next Congress for a definitive resolution, insofar as a resolution still appears reasonable for time, contractual and/or logistical reasons. The budget and the annual statement of accounts are in any case to be submitted to the Congress for final approval.
- 4.5.7 If required, the Executive Board can consult athletes ~~during its meetings~~ and other experts during the decision-making process.
- 4.5.8 In the following cases, which lie outside the sphere of influence of the FIL, such as in particular
- Terrorism, violent persons, riot, revolution, offensive or defensive war, civil war, strike, boycott, blockade, fire, embargo, sabotage, hostage taking, nuclear or chemical poisoning hazards,
  - Natural disasters of any kind, including floods, earthquakes, thunderstorms, volcanic eruptions, and temperatures and precipitation that affect health,

- Pandemic, epidemic, and other community-harming health risks,

the Executive Board can take appropriate measures to ensure safe, peaceful, integrity and rule-abiding activities, especially at FIL-sanctioned athletic competitions and at meetings of all FIL organs and other FIL bodies, if necessary, in place of the Congress or another competent FIL organ.

Appropriate organizational measures in this sense may include but are not limited to:

- Suspension of all statutory rights of member federations, clubs, athletes, coaches, officials, or other persons in the FIL or in its affiliated member federations and clubs for a definite or indefinite period of time with regard to individual or all activities for the FIL.
- Withdrawal of the rights to hold FIL-sanctioned competitions at individual or all sports venues of a country as well as to hold other events of FIL bodies at individual or all venues of a country or to relocate FIL events to another time and / or to other venues or to another country after the awarding of these events.
- other measures that the Executive Board deems appropriate to ensure the safety, integrity and fairness of FIL events or FIL meetings and the fulfillment of the purposes of the Federation in accordance with the Statutes.

The measures can be taken regardless of whether the persons concerned can be proven to have had a causal personal responsibility/support/assistance/participation in the cases described above.

In the event of an occurrence that has given rise to the adoption of measures in the above cases, the Executive Board may involve the Ethics Commission in the assessment of any organizational measures to be imposed.

The Executive Board is obliged to immediately revoke the measures it has taken if the reason for the measure taken no longer exists. If the measure is still valid until the next ordinary Congress, the latter shall decide on the continuation of the measure or its amendment or repeal. The Congress shall vote on this measure without regard to compliance with the formal requirements for the summons and agenda.

#### **4.6 Presidium**

4.6.1 The Presidium consists of the President, the Secretary General, the Vice President for Finance (with vote), and the Executive Director (with no vote).

4.6.2 The Presidium carries out all day-to-day business of the FIL and takes care of additional tasks assigned by the Executive Board.

4.6.3 All members of the Presidium, who are entitled to vote, individually represent the FIL in public. Limits on this authorization can be decided internally.

In order to be valid, written FIL documents require the signature of a member of the Presidium, who is entitled to vote. The Executive Director can be authorized by the members of the Presidium, who are entitled to vote, to sign individual or all business correspondence. Accounts payable for an amount up to Euro 10,000 must be signed by a member of the Presidium, who is entitled to vote. However, the Executive Director can be authorized by the members of the Presidium, who are entitled to vote, to sign for accounts payable up to Euro 10,000.

Accounts payable representing an amount of more than Euro 10,000 must be signed by the Vice President of Finance and a further member of the Presidium (including the Executive Director). Should the Vice President of Finance be indisposed, another member of the Presidium may stand in their place. In this case the permission of the Vice-President of Finance has to be obtained immediately (by telephone, fax or e-mail).

Legal transactions between one or more members of the Presidium and the FIL require the approval of another member of the Presidium with voting rights.

Authorization for parties to represent the FIL externally on its behalf is issued exclusively by the Presidium. The authorization can be revoked at any time by the Presidium. This also includes the authorization granted the Executive Director according to paragraph 2 and 3.

4.6.4 In emergencies and when time is of essence the President is authorized to make unilateral decisions in matters normally under the sphere of the Congress and Executive Board. However, approval from the respective FIL body is required.

#### 4.7 Expert Commissions

4.7.1 The tasks of the following Expert Commissions arise amongst others from their areas of responsibility as specified below:

##### **Sport - Artificial Track**

- IRO
- Statistics
- Training of Judges
- Training programs, courses, solidarity

##### **Technical - Artificial Track**

- IRO
- Sleds
- Equipment
- Tracks
- Safety and medicine

##### **Natural Track and Public Sledding**

- IRO
- Events Schedule
- Statistics
- Training of Judges
- Training programs, courses, solidarity
- Youth / Development
- Technical ~~Natural Track~~
- Sleds
- Equipment
- Tracks
- Safety and medicine

The Expert Commissions deal with all motions regarding IRO changes except *General Regulations, Medical Service, Advertising Regulations, Awarding of Titles, Awards Ceremony* and the *Supplements Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights* and *Olympic Rules* for the IRO Artificial Track and *Supplement Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights* for the IRO Natural Track, and within this scope are entitled to present motions regarding IRO changes to the Congress for the passing of a resolution. For this purpose, a two thirds majority within the respective Expert Commission is required.

4.7.2 The members of the Sport Commission Artificial Track will be:

- the Vice President for Sport Artificial Track as Chairperson,
- the Sport Director as Deputy Chairperson, who does not have a vote and is appointed by the Executive Board,
- three members elected by the Congress,
- up to four members which upon the recommendation of the Vice President for Sport Artificial Track after agreement from the respective NF, are appointed by the Executive Board and must belong to an NF which must have either an artificial track homologated by the FIL or at least one athlete with a FIL World Cup license.
- an athletes' representative in accordance with section 4.12
- ~~the chairperson of the Commission Youth/Development Artificial Track without the right to vote~~

~~Among them there must be at least two female members and at least two male members.~~

The members of the Commissions must belong to different NFs. However, the Chairperson, the Sport Director, and the Athletes' Representative are not affiliated with an NF in this respect.

4.7.3 The members of the Technical Commission Artificial Track will be:

- the Vice President for Technical Matters Artificial Track as Chairperson,
- the Technical Director as Deputy Chairperson, who does not have a vote and is appointed by the Executive Board,
- three members elected by the Congress,
- up to four members which upon the recommendation of the Vice President for Technical Matters Artificial Track after agreement from the respective NF, are appointed by the

Executive Board and belong to an NF which must have either an artificial track homologated by the FIL or at least one athlete with a FIL World Cup license.

- an athletes' representative in accordance with section 4.12
- the Permanent Technical Delegate for Juniors/Youth A Artificial Track without the right to vote

Among them there must be at least two female members and at least two male members.

The members of the Commissions must belong to different NFs. However, the Chairperson, the Technical Director, and the Athletes' Representative are not affiliated with an NF in this respect.

4.7.4 The members of the Commission Natural Track and Public Sledding will be:

- the Vice President Natural Track and Public Sledding as Chairperson,
- the Director for Sport and Technical Matters Natural Track and Public Sledding as Deputy Chairperson, who is appointed by the Executive Board and has no vote,
- three members who are elected by the Congress,
- up to five members which upon the recommendation of the Vice President for Natural Track and Public Sledding and approval of the NFs will be nominated by the Executive Board,
- two athletes' representatives in accordance with section 4.12

Among them there must be at least two female members and at least two male members.

Two members of the commission at most may belong to the same NF. However, the Director for Sport and Technical Matters and the Athletes' Representative are not affiliated with an NF in this respect.

4.7.5 The Executive Board can also remove those members of the Expert Commissions which they appointed. The resolution for removal does not require the approval of the respective NF. The members whose NF affiliation is determined according to 3.5, stay in office in the respective commission until the next election also if their NF affiliation changes during their term of office.

4.7.6 The Commissions may not propose IRO changes to a Congress held in odd years.

#### 4.8 Control Commission

4.8.1 The Congress elects a Control Commission, consisting of two ordinary members and a substitute, who belong to three different NFs which do not have members in the Executive Board

4.8.2 The longest serving member of the Control Commission retires after two years. Automatically the substitute member becomes an ordinary member of the Control Commission. The new substitute member has to be elected by the Congress. A retired member can be re-elected. At least ~~one~~ two of the three members elected must ~~be a professional accountant or auditor~~ have professional competence in accounting.

4.8.3 The duties of the Control Commission are to:

- provide for the auditing of the budget and the examination of the annual records,
- report to the Congress on the annual audit of the financial records,
- present the motion to release the Executive Board.

#### 4.9 Legal Bodies

4.9.1 The Court of Arbitration, the Legal Committee, the Ethics Commission and the Ethics Authority are the legal bodies. The members of the Court of Arbitration, the Legal Committee, the Ethics Commission and the Ethics Authority are elected for four years for the same time period as the members of the Executive Board.

4.9.2 Upon motion by a NF, the Executive Board, the Presidium, or a person concerned, the Court of Arbitration makes a decision in the case of violations by the members of the FIL bodies and the settlement of disputes. Furthermore, it decides on all other cases provided in the Statutes as well as in the case of complaints against sanctions and penalties of the Executive Board.

4.9.3 The Court of Arbitration decides under exclusion of ordinary legal proceedings.

4.9.4 The Court of Arbitration includes one Chairperson, his representative and three assessors who are elected by the Congress. The Chairperson should have completed a juristic

education. The members of the Court of Arbitration must not be members of the Executive Board and the Legal Committee. In general, the Court of Arbitration decides in triple manning with their Chairperson, respectively their substitute and two assessors. In special urgent cases, the Chairperson, respectively their substitute, can make decisions by themselves for preliminary measures.

- 4.9.5 Under exclusion of ordinary legal proceedings an appeal can be made to the Tribunal Arbitral du Sport (TAS)/Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) based in Lausanne on the basis of the Code of Sports-related Arbitration, as far as the FIL Law and Procedure Regulations does not contain any specifications for the appeals procedure.
- 4.9.6 The Law and Procedure Regulation which as enclosure is a component of the Statutes, regulates the Court of Arbitration proceedings to be adhered to.
- 4.9.7 In the Law and Procedure Regulations it is determined in detail, that the members, bodies and authorized representatives (for example coaches and judges) of the FIL, all participants in FIL Competitions as well as all other persons, who are - according to membership law or contractual law - subordinated to the Statutes, Regulations, Resolutions, and Rulings of FIL bodies, can be punished in the case of violation against the mentioned Regulations and Resolutions.

The following punishments are permitted:

- Reprimand
- Bans from half a month to up to two years
- Expulsion of athletes from official training or from competition effective immediately
- Suspension from being a Judge for the period of half a month up to two years
- Deletion from the Judge list
- limited ban from six months up to twenty-four months or permanent ban of the right to hold an official function with the Federation
- Fines of minimum € 100 up to € 7.000,00
- Expulsion

For doping infractions, solely the proceedings, elements of offence, and sanctions regulated by the Anti-Doping Code and its enclosures are valid. By the decision of all procedures carried out according to the Law and Procedure Regulations or the FIL Anti-Doping Code, the costs of all procedures may be imposed on the persons involved in them either completely or partially.

- 4.9.8 In the first place, the Executive Board decides on violations against FIL Regulations and against resolutions and rulings of FIL bodies. An appeal against the Executive Board's decision can be made to the FIL Court of Arbitration, unless according to 4.9.2 an immediate appeal to the Court of Arbitration is stipulated.
- 4.9.9 The Legal Committee includes one Chairperson and two other members. The members of the Legal Committee will be elected through Congress. The elected members vote a member to be Chairperson. The regular term of office is 4 years corresponding to the term of office of the Executive Board. The Chairperson must have completed a juristic education. The special tasks of the Legal Committee include the consultation of the Executive Board in all legal affairs as well as the legal judgement of Congress resolutions.
- 4.9.10 The Ethics Commission includes one Chairperson and two other members, who will be elected through Congress. The elected members vote a member to be Chairperson. The Chairperson must have completed a juristic education. At the request of the Executive Board, all members of the Legal Committee can also be members of the Ethics Commission.

The Ethics Commission monitors the implementation of and the compliance with the Ethics Code. Its members are all in contact with standing FIL persons, organizations, and institutions as section 1 of the Law and Procedure Regulations.

They are authorized, in the event of violations of the Ethics Code, to request an arbitration tribunal with the following penalties:

- a) Exclusion from competitions,
- b) Withdrawal of the right to organize events,



- c) Reprimand or warning,
- d) Declaration of a cease-and-desist obligation,
- e) Fines of €1,000.00 to €20,000.00
- f) Temporary or permanent release from functions or tasks,

A suspension of probation is permitted.

In cases of especially serious violations of the Ethics Code, the Ethics Commission can provisionally suspend the parties concerned from their position and duties for a maximum period of 90 days and/or prohibit them from other activities. In urgent cases of suspected contest manipulation, or a serious violation of the Ethics Code, athletes can be provisionally banned. Further details can be found in the Ethics Code.

#### 4.10 Youth and Development Commission Artificial Track

The Youth and Development Commission Artificial Track consists of the following members:

- ~~a member of the Executive Board as Chairperson,~~
- a ~~Deputy~~ Chairperson selected by the Executive Board,
- the permanent Technical Delegate Juniors without a vote,
- two members elected by the Congress,
- additional members appointed by the Executive Board,
- one member from the FIL coaches without a vote.

The Youth and Development Commission meets before the Expert Commissions and is authorized to submit motions to the Chairpersons of the Expert Commissions.

#### 4.11. Medical Commission

The Medical Commission is a body appointed by the Executive Board with the aim to advise, support and control the sport of luge, represented by the FIL, regarding any medical matters. The Executive Board has to obtain the consent of each corresponding national federation before appointing any person into the Medical Commission. ~~The Medical Commission elects a chairperson from its midst at its first meeting.~~ The Executive Board appoints a Chairperson of the Medical Commission. The tasks of the Medical Commission are stipulated in the "Regulations for the Medical Commission" to be confirmed by the Executive Board.

#### 4.12 Athletes' Representatives (Athletes' Commission)

4.12.1 The athletes who participate in FIL competitions in both artificial track and natural track luge will nominate candidates to the Athletes Commission, of which there must be a minimum of one male and one female. Athletes can nominate candidates from their own NF or other NFs. In both artificial track and natural track, the male and female athlete with the most votes will be elected to the Athletes Commission. In addition to those four members a 5th member from artificial track will be added who will be the male or female with the highest total votes outside of the athletes currently elected.

4.12.2 By the closing date of the first World Cup of the particular season, each athlete will be asked to nominate one candidate for the election positions according to section 4.12.1 in writing and to send or give their nomination to either the FIL office or to the FIL representative for this World Cup. The list of candidates will then be put in circulation by the FIL prior to January 1st of the election year. The election will take place at the World Championships of the post-Olympic season for the athletes who will serve on the Athletes Commission. The athlete with the highest number of votes for the respective position is the athletes' representative for the entire election period. In the event of a tie, an additional round of voting will be conducted by secret written ballot according to 4.12.4. Should this again result in a tie, then the vote will be decided by a drawing of lots

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

be a new election of an athletes' representative determined by the FIL Athletes Commission that will be held at the next opportunity according to 4.12.4. Until the election of a new athletes' representative their predecessor will remain in office.

4.12.4 The election will take place in writing and votes will be counted by the FIL representative or Chairperson of the Jury attending the competition. The term of office for the respective athletes' representatives is four years starting with their election. Athletes' representatives, who take over for their predecessor during a legislative period, hold the office until the end of the original term of office.

4.12.5 The elected members of the Athletes' Commission elect a Chairperson from their own ranks, who must belong to one of the Olympic luge disciplines.

4.12.6 The Athletes' Commission will be invited to participate at the Expert Commissions at the expense of the FIL. The athletes commission will vote amongst themselves for which athlete will have a vote in the sports commission and technical commission (Artificial Track) and natural track commission for the whole term of their elected period. The additional athlete is invited to participate in the Artificial Track Commissions as an expert but will have no vote. The Athletes' Commission chair will be invited to participate at all FIL Executive Board Meetings at the expense of the FIL. The chair athlete will be invited to the FIL Congress as well as one Commission Natural track athlete at the expense of the FIL. The Athletes' can submit motions to the Executive Board, which can be explained by the chairperson at the Executive Board meeting directly before the Congress.

#### 4.12 **Track Construction Commission**

##### 4.13.1 Track Construction Commission Artificial Track

The Track Construction Commission Artificial Track supervises the reconstruction of existing artificial tracks and the construction of new tracks. As needed, it can consult external experts and exchange experiences and plans with the associations responsible for bobsleigh and skeleton sport, in particular the IBSF.

The Track Construction Commission Artificial Track is under the supervision of the Vice President for Technical Matters – Artificial Track. The Chairperson and the members of the commission are appointed by the Executive Board.

##### 4.13.2 Track Construction Commission Natural Track

The Track Construction Commission Natural Track supervises the reconstruction of existing natural tracks and the construction of new tracks. As needed, it can consult external experts. The Track Construction Commission Natural Track is under the supervision of the Vice President Natural Track. The Chairperson and the members of the commission are appointed by the Executive Board.

#### 4.14 **Working Groups**

4.14.1 As needed, the Congress, the Executive Board, or the President can set up working groups. The FIL body which set up the working group appoints and removes the Chairperson and the members of the respective working group.

4.14.2 ~~Every working group will be set up for one year which begins and ends at the Congress. The body which set up the working group (Congress, Executive Board, President) can extend the function of this working group for one year.~~ The Chairperson of the working group must submit a written report to the body it was formed by at ~~the end of each year request.~~

## 5 **Finances of the FIL**

### 5.1 **The finances of the FIL include**

5.1.1 Annual membership fees paid by the NFs

5.1.2 Donations

5.1.3 Revenue of FIL competitions

5.1.4 Other income

5.2 **Management of finances** is governed by the Financial Regulations.

### 5.3 **Use of Financial Means**



- 5.3.1 Possible profits may only be used for purposes according to the Statutes. The NFs do not receive shares of the profit and in their capacity as members they do not receive other financial payments by the FIL; this is also applicable for the work of the Executive Board members and members of other FIL bodies.
- 5.3.2 Upon retirement or in case of dissolution of the FIL, no member has a right to obtain shares of the Federation's assets.
- 5.3.3 No person may benefit from administration expenses, which are unrelated to the purpose of the Federation or from reimbursements which are disproportionately high.
- 5.3.4 Within the frame of the purpose of the Federation cash expenses made by the members of the Executive Board and other executive bodies are reimbursed according to receipts or lump sum amounts permitted by law.

## 6 Dissolution of the FIL

- 6.1 The Congress may dissolve the FIL with a four-fifths majority vote with at least half of the NFs present.
- 6.2 In case of dissolution of the FIL or in case that its purposes so far no longer exist, the assets will fall to a similar, non-profit sports organization, which has to use them immediately and exclusively for non-profit purposes. Resolutions on the future use of the assets may only be realized after obtaining the approval of the competent Financial Authorities.

## 7 Voting

- 7.1 Resolutions in all bodies of the FIL will be decided with more than one half of the valid votes (simple majority) as long as one third of the voting members with of the bodies are present. If the alternatives provided do not receive the simple majority during a vote, then at the next voting process, the alternative which received the least votes will be rejected.

### Exceptions:

- 7.1.1 Acceptance of a National Federation (2.1.5) or expulsion of a National Federation (2.4.2) may only be enacted by the Congress and requires a two-thirds majority with at least a third of the NFs present.
- 7.1.2 Changes in the Statutes may only be decided by the Congress and need a two thirds majority with at least a third of the NFs present. This does not apply for amendments of the FIL Anti-Doping Code and its enclosures in terms of 4.2.10.
- 7.1.3 Proposed changes to the IRO with the exception of §§ 1 *General Regulations, Medical Service, Advertising Regulations, Awarding of Titles, Awards Ceremony* and the Supplements *Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights* and *Olympic Rules* for the IRO Artificial Track and Supplement *Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights* for the IRO Natural Track for the IRO require a two thirds majority of the according to 4.7.1 appropriate Commission before they may be submitted to the Congress for the passing of a resolution (4.2.8).
- 7.2 All votes are open. If one third of the voting members request a secret ballot, this request must be granted.
- 7.3 ~~Upon determination of a quorum the subsequent invalid votes and abstentions do not eliminate the quorum.~~ Invalid votes, votes not cast, and abstentions are not counted when determining the majority of votes.

## 8 Elections

- 8.1 Basically, elections must be held in the order stipulated under 4.5, 4.7, 4.8, 4.9, and 4.10.
- 8.2 Only NFs are authorized to make proposals for all elective functions.
- 8.3 The candidate who receives a simple majority of eligible votes (more than 50% of the valid votes) is elected. At the request of the Executive Board or the election director, the Congress

can resolve that a relative majority is sufficient if more than two candidates stand for election for the office to be elected.

- 8.4 The validity of an election requires the quorum of the Congress according to 7.1. Apart from this, the procedure for elections is regulated by the General Rules of Procedure.

## **9 Enclosures and by-laws**

- 9.1 **Coequal part of the Statutes** is the FIL Anti-Doping Code (FIL Anti-Doping Rules) including its enclosures, the International Standards, especially the Prohibited List, the International Standards for Testing and Investigations (ISTI), for Therapeutic Use Exemptions (ISTUE), for Protection of Privacy and Personal Information (ISPPPI) and for Laboratories (ISL).

### **9.2 Supplemental regulations to the Statutes are:**

- 9.2.1 The IRO - International Luge Regulations for Artificial Track and Natural Track – including supplements
- 9.2.2 The General Rules of Procedure
- 9.2.3 The Finance Regulations
- 9.2.4 The Code of Honor
- 9.2.5 The Law and Procedure Regulations
- 9.2.6 The Ethics Code

- 9.3 **The Business Responsibilities' Overview** is passed by the Executive Board and is to be announced to the NFs.

## **10 FIL Emblem**

Only upon written approval by the Executive Board, are all individual and legal entities associated with the FIL by means of their membership or by contract, allowed to use the FIL Emblem.

## **11 Amendments to the Statutes**

- 11.1 Amendments to the Statutes can only be enacted by an Ordinary Congress. This is not valid for amendments of the FIL Anti-Doping Code including its enclosures in the terms of 4.2.10.
- 11.2 Amendments are to be announced on the agenda in advance.
- 11.3 Motions of urgency concerning changes in the Statutes (excluding IRO changes) and regarding dissolution of the FIL are not possible.

## **12 Date of Validation**

These Statutes take effect upon resolution by the **70<sup>th</sup>** FIL Congress and replace the Statutes which were valid until now.

# **LAW AND PROCEDURE REGULATIONS of the International Luge Federation (FIL)**

## **1. Violations**

Members (NFs), bodies including their members and authorized persons (for example coaches and judges) of the FIL, all athletes and other participants in FIL competitions as well as all other persons, who are - according to membership law or contractual law - subordinated to the Statutes, Resolutions and Rulings of FIL bodies, can be punished in the case of a violation against the Statutes, including the Regulations, Resolutions or Rulings by FIL bodies. In case of doping infractions for the elements of offence to be sanctioned and the sanctions to be imposed solely the FIL Anti Doping Code and its enclosures are valid.

## **2. Limitation of Time**

Violations which in some cases would only be punished with a reprimand, can no longer be prosecuted after the expiration of three months since the deed. All other violations are barred after one year. The initiation of a procedure in sports law (fig. 4) and each action in sports law interrupts the limitation of time. If a person concerned avoids such proceedings or the initiation of such proceedings by resignation, these proceedings will be continued or initiated if the person acquires a new membership. The resignation suspends the limitation of time up to this point of time. **Also in other proceedings of the FIL Court of Arbitration, a complaint period of 2 weeks applies, which begins with the announcement of an verbal decision or the delivery of a written decision.**

The limitation of doping infractions solely depends on the FIL Anti-Doping Code.

## **3. Degree of Punishment**

### **3.1** The following punishments are permitted:

- a) Reprimand,
- b) Bans for NFs and their members as well as athletes, managers, coaches, medical doctors, judges or other persons described in Section 1 from half a month to up to two years,
- c) Disqualification of the participation of athletes in official training or in competition runs effective immediately,
- d) Deletion from the Judge list,
- e) limited deprivation from six months up to twenty-four months at the most or permanent deprivation of the right to hold an official function with the Federation,
- f) Fines from € 100,00 up to € 7.000,00,
- g) Expulsion.

### **3.2** For doping infractions solely the FIL Anti Doping Code with its enclosures, especially the List of Prohibited Substances and Methods, the Standard for Doping Controls and the Standard for the sample analysis and reporting, are valid. The enclosures to the FIL Anti Doping Code and the World Anti Doping Code are also published in English in the internet on the website of WADA [www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org) .

## **4. Procedures**

On the violations on the terms of point 1 the Executive Board decides in the first instance, as far as these violations do not concern members of FIL bodies. Within two weeks an appeal can be made to the FIL Court of Arbitration against the decision of the Executive Board under exclusion of ordinary legal proceedings. The time limit starts from the delivery of the decision.

For doping infractions regarding the jurisdiction and the procedure solely the rules of the FIL Anti Doping Code and its enclosures are valid.

### **4.1. FIL Court of Arbitration**

4.1.1 Regarding violations by the members of the FIL bodies, the settlement of disputes as well as in those cases provided in the Statutes, the FIL Court of Arbitration makes a decision on the request of a NF, the Executive Board, the Presidium or a person concerned under exclusion of ordinary legal proceedings. In the final trial it hears both parties and gives a judgement with majority vote.

4.1.2 In general the Court of Arbitration decides with one chairperson and two assessors. The composition of the Court of Arbitration follows a plan in which the tasks are distributed amongst the members. The Court of Arbitration decides on this plan with a simple majority vote at the beginning of the election period. In very urgent cases the Chairperson decides alone on intermediate measures and/or interim rulings, in general after hearing the parties concerned. In case of a protest by the aggrieved party, the Court of Arbitration decides with its normal composition. The protest has no postponing effect. At the latest, the protest has to be submitted to the FIL Court of Arbitration four weeks after the announcement, or alternatively after delivery of the complete decision in writing.

4.1.3 The Court of Arbitration is authorized to demand written statements from the parties, to invite witnesses, to hear experts, to make visits to the scene, as well as to use federations' or associations' files or other seemingly appropriate material and to make it a subject of the proceedings. In order to speed up the proceedings, the Court of Arbitration can determine deadlines for testimonies and summons at its approved discretion. In case of culpable default, the Court of Arbitration can reject means of attack and defence and decide in accordance with the records. The Court of Arbitration may conduct oral hearings also via conference call.

4.1.4 The decisions of the Court of Arbitration are based on the Statutes, the Regulations of the FIL and other rulings passed by the FIL bodies within their competence, as well as on relevant contracts.

5.1.5 An appeal against the final decisions of the FIL Court of Arbitration can be made at the Tribunal Arbitral du Sport (TAS) under exclusion of the due process of law. The time limit for appeal is two months; it starts from the delivery of the completely written decision. With respect to the formal requirements regarding the filing of an appeal, the procedure regulations of TAS are applicable.

For appeals to the Tribunal Arbitral du Sport in doping cases solely the rules of the FIL Anti Doping Code, its enclosures and its references are valid.

4.1.6 In cases involving doping violations, only the rules of the FIL Anti-Doping-Code, its

enclosures and references, including those relating to legal remedies, are exclusively valid also in view of legal action excluding the jurisdiction of an ordinary court.

#### **4.2 Further competence of the Tribunal Arbitral du Sport**

Disputes within the FIL which can neither be settled by the Executive Board nor by the FIL Court of Arbitration, can be submitted by the parties to the Tribunal Arbitral du Sport (TAS) for decision under exclusion of ordinary legal proceedings. The decision of TAS is binding and final.

### **5. Exclusion of Liability of the FIL Courts**

The FIL and the members of its bodies and their subdivisions are not liable for damage which originates for National Federations including their bodies and members, for the participants in FIL events and for all other persons and institutions that are effected by the procedures and decisions of the FIL's legal bodies, due to decisions or omissions of these legal bodies and their members.

### **6. Enforcement**

The filing of a complaint, an appeal or a legal remedy does not have a postponing effect. The enforcement of the disputable decision, however, can be postponed on well-founded exceptions upon the request of the person concerned or officially by the chairman of the now competent higher court.

### **7. Costs of the proceedings**

The party which loses the case or which caused the costs is liable to pay the expenses. This is also valid in case of a withdrawal of the charge, the motion, or the legal remedy; in these cases only half of the determined fee can be charged. In well-founded exceptional cases the competent higher court can determine a different distribution of costs according to its dutiful discretion. FIL bodies and their members do not have the duty to bear the costs. According to its dutiful discretion the competent higher court decides on the duty of costs reimbursement amongst the litigant parties.

### **8. Date effective**

These Law and Procedure Regulations will be in effect upon adoption by the 70th FIL Congress on June 18, 2022.

# **RULES OF PROCEDURE of the International Luge Federation (FIL)**

## **1 Area of application – Participation in meetings**

- 1.1 These Rules of Procedure apply to the conduct of International Luge Federation Congresses, meetings, and other sessions, herein-after called meetings.
- 1.2 The Congress is open to the public. Upon the adoption of a resolution based on a motion, the public can be excluded.
- 1.3 All other meetings are not open to the public. Meetings may be deemed open if the members at the meeting agree to permit such.
- 1.4 The members of the Presidium are authorized to participate in all meetings.
- 1.5 During open meetings, an individual or individual groups may not be excluded unless the maintenance of order is jeopardized.
- 1.6 The audio and visual recording of meetings and sessions of FIL bodies and committees is not permitted unless the respective FIL body and committee have passed a resolution to allow the recording of the meeting based on a motion by a member of the respective FIL body or committee. The Congress **is recorded on audio and/or video** equipment.

## **2 Call to meeting**

- 2.1 The calling of Congress must be in accordance with Sections 4.2 and 4.3 of the Statutes and must be in written form. The **deadline for the** invitation for other meetings **is to must** be made by the chairpersons at least eight weeks prior to the meetings. The agenda must be enclosed with the invitation.
- 2.2 At the same time the Presidium is to be informed on the mailing of the invitations and the agenda.
- 2.3 A meeting must be held if more than one-third of the members request it.

## **3 Quorum**

- 3.1 A meeting has a quorum if, after a duly published invitation, at least one third of the members authorized to vote are present. Proxy voting is not permitted.
- 3.2 A meeting no longer has a quorum if more than two thirds of the voting members are no longer present.
- 3.3 If a meeting is dissolved due to lack of a quorum, within four weeks a new meeting is to be called. At this meeting, only the remaining agenda items are considered.

## **4 Chairmanship of a meeting**

- 4.1 The Congress and the Executive Board meetings are convened, presided over and closed by the FIL President, the other meetings are convened, presided over and closed by the chairperson.
- 4.2 If the chairperson and his statutory substitute are unable to attend, the members present select a meeting chairperson among themselves. The same procedure applies to discussions and consultations which personally concern the usual chairperson.
- 4.3 The chairperson may take all necessary steps in order to preserve order. If the orderly conduct of the meeting is threatened, the chairperson may rule someone out of order, expel individual members temporarily or for the duration of the meeting, or order a break in or termination of the meeting.
- 4.4 Objections, which must be raised immediately and without substantiation, are decided upon by the meeting with a simply majority vote and without discussion.
- 4.5 After the opening of a meeting, the chairperson verifies the convening of the meeting, the roll call, the rights to vote and announces the agenda. These verifications may be delegated. Objections or proposals for changes in the agenda are decided by the members at the meeting with a simple majority vote without debate.
- 4.6 Objections against the agenda or motions to change something are decided by the meeting with a simple majority.
- 4.7 The agenda items are discussed and voted upon in the stipulated order.

## **5 Granting or permission to speak and order of speakers**

- 5.1 In principle, each participant invited to the meeting has the right to speak. At the Congress, this applies to a maximum of two invited delegates per National Federation (NF) and to each member of the Executive bodies of the FIL. Additional requests for permission to speak are at the discretion of the chairperson in agreement with the meeting.
- 5.2 A speaker list is to be drawn up for each agenda item. Speakers are listed in order of their requests for permission to speak. This list may not be initiated before discussion has begun.
- 5.3 Permission to speak is given by the chairperson. Speaking then occurs in the order noted in the speaker's list.
- 5.4 Meeting participants must leave the meeting room if agenda items are covered which concern them personally even if the assembly loses its quorum with the person's departure.



- 5.5 Members giving reports and proposers of motions may speak at the beginning of the discussion of their agenda item. They may also request to speak without regard to the order of the speaker list; their request to speak is to be honored by the chairperson.
- 5.6 The chairperson may speak without regard to the order of the speaker list at all times.

## **6 Rising to order**

- 6.1 If a participant wishes to rise to a point of order, he may do so without regard to the order of the list of speakers, after the preceding speaker has finished.
- 6.2 Only one proponent and one opponent may rise to a point of order.
- 6.3 The chairperson may rise to a point of order at any time, if necessary, and may also interrupt speakers.

## **7 Motions**

- 7.1 Persons permitted to bring forward motions at the Congress are specified in Sections 4.2.7, 4.2.8, and 4.2.9 of the Statutes. Motions to other bodies and meetings may be proposed by the voting members or by members of the respective bodies and meetings.
- 7.2 As long as a deadline for the submission of motions is not given in the Statutes, motions must be submitted not later than one week before the date of the meeting.
- 7.3 All motions have to be submitted in writing and with substantiation. Unsigned motions will not be considered.
- 7.4 Motions which result from the consideration of another motion and improve upon, shorten or expand upon it, are accepted without establishment of urgency.
- 7.5 Motions regarding amendments to the Statutes are considered in accordance with Section 11 of the Statutes.

## **8 Motions of urgency**

- 8.1 Motions, which are not on the agenda, are considered motions of urgency and are only discussed and voted upon with the consent of a two-thirds majority. Motions of urgency must be presented to the chairperson in writing.
- 8.2 The urgency of a motion is voted upon immediately and without regard to the order of the list of speakers, after the proponent of the motion has spoken. One opposing speaker is permitted.
- 8.3 Motions of urgency to change the Statutes (with the exception of IRO changes) and to dissolve the FIL are not possible.



## **9 Motions regarding the Rules of Procedure**

- 9.1 Motions regarding rules of procedure, for closure of the debate or limitation of speaking time must be voted upon immediately without regard to the order of the speaker list and after the proponent and opponent have spoken.
- 9.2 Speakers who have spoken on the subject already may not move for closure of the debate or limitation of speaking time.
- 9.3 Before voting on a motion for closure of the debate or limitation of speaking time, the remaining names on the list of speakers must be announced.
- 9.4 If the motion is adopted, upon request the chairperson will ask only the proponent or the member giving the report to speak.
- 9.5 Motions to close the list of speakers are not permitted.

## **10 Voting**

- 10.1 The order of motions to be voted upon must be announced clearly before the vote.
- 10.2 Every motion has to be read once again by the chairperson before the vote.
- 10.3 If several motions have been submitted on the same item, the most extensive one must be voted on first. If doubt exists as to which motion is the most extensive, the meeting makes a decision without discussion.
- 10.4 Substitute motions, expanded motions, and subordinate motions must be voted upon separately following the motion regarding the respective issue.
- 10.5 Voting is open. If voting cards have been issued, they have to be used. The chairperson may nevertheless require a secret ballot or roll call vote; the chairperson must do so if such a motion has been adopted. Such motions have to be supported by at least 1/3 of the persons authorized to vote.
- 10.6 In case of a roll call vote, the names of the voting participants and their decisions must be recorded in the minutes.
- 10.7 After voting has begun, speaking on the issue is no longer permitted.
- 10.8 However, if questions arise about the vote, the chairperson may speak and relay information.
- 10.9 In all voting, as long as the Statutes do not dictate otherwise, a simple majority of votes cast determines the outcome. An equal number of votes requires rejection. Abstentions and invalid votes are not counted.
- 10.10 Upon the passing of a motion, open votes called in question must be repeated in the form of a secret ballot or a roll call vote.
- 10.11 For voting, the following order is binding: asking for approval, opposition, abstention.

## **11 Elections**

- 11.1 Elections must only be conducted if they are required according to the Statutes, are on the agenda, and have been announced upon the calling of the assembly.
- 11.2 In principle, elections must be conducted in written form, in secrecy, and in the order prescribed in the Statutes if the meeting does not decide otherwise.
- 11.3 Before the elections, an election committee with at least three members is to be appointed. Its duty is to count and verify the votes.
- 11.4 The election committee has to appoint a chief election official, who has the rights and obligations of a chairperson during the election procedure.
- 11.5 Before the election, the election committee must verify whether the nominated candidates fulfil the qualifications stipulated in the Statutes.
- 11.6 Absent persons may be elected if a written statement of the candidate indicating their willingness to accept the office has been submitted to the chief election official before the election. This is not valid for the election of the members of the expert commissions, according to Point 4.7 of the Statutes, and of the members of the Commission “Development/Youth”, according to Point 4.10 of the Statutes. The confirmation of the delegate of the corresponding National Federation is sufficient here.
- 11.7 Before the election, candidates must be asked whether they are willing to assume the office if they are elected.
- 11.8 The results of the election must be ascertained by the election committee, reported to the chairperson; its validity must be explicitly confirmed in the minutes.

## **12 Minutes**

- 12.1 Minutes must be kept of all meetings. Copies of the minutes must be delivered within four weeks to the meeting participants, to the members of the appropriate Executive bodies and to the Executive Board.
- 12.2 The NFs must be informed about resolutions by the Executive Board promptly in German and English.
- 12.3 The minutes are considered accepted if within four weeks after delivery no written objection to the dispatched version is raised (with the exception noted in Section 4.2.6 of the Statutes).

## **13 Effective Date**

These Rules of Procedure are in effect upon acceptance by the 70<sup>th</sup> FIL Congress on June 18, 2022.

# **FINANCE REGULATIONS of the International Luge Federation (FIL)**

## **1 Applicability**

These Financial Regulations govern the business affairs of the FIL in accordance with Section 5 of the FIL Statutes.

## **2 Use of funds**

The funds standing at the disposal of the FIL are to be used in a cost effective manner.

## **3 Vice-President for Finance**

3.1 The Vice-President for Finance is responsible to the Executive Board and to the Congress for all economic matters.

3.2 The Vice-President for Finance has to pay attention to adherence to financial obligations by members and has to remind them of overdue accounts.

## **4 Legal Matters**

4.1 Entering into legally binding matters basically remains the province of the Executive Board. In urgent cases, the Vice-President for Finance may make a decision. An Executive Board resolution is the final authority.

4.2 In all current business affairs, the Presidium may enter legally binding arrangements pertaining to the budget.

## **5 Budget**

5.1 The budget forms the basis for the conduct of business. For one fiscal year (April 1 - March 31) the draft for the budget is made by the Vice-President Finance and ~~three~~ **four** weeks before the Congress it is mailed to the NFs. It will be submitted by the Executive Board for approval by the Congress.

5.2 If the planned funding does not fully suffice for the current fiscal year, a supplemental budget is to be submitted by the Vice-President for Finance for approval by the Executive Board.

5.3 Transfers within individual sections of the budget may be made by the Vice-President for Finance.

5.4 Congress establishes the membership fees. Payment of annual dues must take place by ~~April 30~~ **December 31** at the latest for the current fiscal year.

## **6 Annual Statement of Accounts**

- 6.1 Budgetary income and expenses are to be verified and accounts receivable and accounts payable entered in the annual statement of accounts. In addition, an overview of assets must be included. It is to be sent to the NFs and ~~three~~ four weeks before the Congress at the latest.
- 6.2 After examination by the Control Commission, the Vice-President for Finance files a report with the Executive Board on its findings. Based on the Annual Statement of Accounts the Control Commission submits a motion to the Congress to release the Executive Board.

## **7 Management of Accounts**

- 7.1 As much as possible, financial transactions involving FIL accounts are to be transacted without the use of cash. The Presidium has the right of disposal for the accounts.
- 7.2 Payments are made on the basis of the approved budget as well as upon Executive Board resolution, in day-to-day FIL business upon Presidium resolution.
- 7.3 Before checks are prepared for payment, all bills of a value of more than €5,000 are to be examined by two members of the Presidium (one of whom should be the Vice-President for Finance) as to factual and mathematical accuracy. Written financial documents, enabling asset disposals of up to €10.000,-- have to be signed by a member of the Presidium entitled to vote. The Executive Director can be authorized, upon decision of the members of the Presidium with voting power to sign individual financial documents of up to €10.000,--. From a value of more than €10.000,--, written financial documents, in particular for bank transactions, have to be signed by the Vice-President for Finance and another member of the Presidium (including the Executive Director). Should the Vice-President for Finance be unavailable, he will be substituted by another member of the Presidium (including the Executive Director). In this case, permission of the Vice-President for Finance has to be obtained promptly by telephone, fax or e-mail.  
Legal transactions between one or more members of the Presidium and the FIL require approval by another member of the Presidium entitled to vote.

## **8 Meetings and travel**

- 8.1 Conferences, meetings, participation in events, etc., will be covered as provided by funding allocated in the budget.
- 8.2 Reimbursement of travel costs will be made in accordance with travel regulations in effect at the time.
- 8.3 Official trips generally require approval of the FIL President. This does not pertain to trips which the Congress has authorized.

## **9 Control**

Control will be undertaken by the Control Commission according to Section 4.78 of the Statutes.

## **10 Concluding regulations**

- 10.1 Upon the proposal of the Vice-President for Finance, the Executive Board is the authority in all financial and accounting questions which are not covered by these Financial Regulations.
- 10.2 These Financial Regulations will become effective upon adoption by the 70th FIL Congress on June 18, 2022.

# **CODE OF HONOR**

## **of the International Luge Federation (FIL)**

### **1 Distinguished Medal of Honor of the FIL**

#### **1.1 Bestowal**

1.1.1 On FIL officials, who have been active on the Executive Board for at least two election periods.

1.1.2 On officials of the NFs, sponsors, promoters.

#### **1.2 Right of Nomination**

1.2.1 Via the NFs

1.2.2 Via the FIL Executive Board

#### **1.3 Confirmation**

1.3.1 By the Executive Board

1.3.2 In urgent cases, by the President

1.3.3 By the Congress (for diamond)

#### **1.4. Guidelines for the proposals for FIL and NF officials**

1.4.1 Bronze          10 years of service / national or international achievements

1.4.2 Silver          15 years of service / national or international achievements

1.4.3 Gold          20 years of service / international achievements

1.4.4 Diamond      over 20 years of international service or upon special merits for the FIL and already a recipient of the FIL Gold Medal of Honor

#### **1.5 Award of Medal of Honor and Certificate**

1.5.1 At Congresses and Executive Board meetings

1.5.2 At the close of FIL competitions

1.5.3 At celebrative events of the FIL and the NFs

#### **1.6 Certificate**

It has to show:

- The first and family names of the recipient
- Place and date of the location during which the award was confirmed
- Level of award (bronze, silver, gold, diamond)
- Signature of the President
- Official seal of the FIL

## **1.7 Registration**

This is carried out by the FIL-Office and is to be completed with current data; the following items must be entered in the official register:

- The complete name of the recipient
- The level of the award
- The applicable NF
- The year of the award

## **1.8 Dispossession of an award**

This takes place by motion and decision of Congress.

# **2 Honorary Membership**

## **2.1 Title**

### **2.1.1 Honorary Member**

- On FIL officials with many years of service at the end of, or retirement from, active participation
- On sponsors, promoters
- Posthumous award

### **2.1.2 Honorary Vice-President**

- On Vice-Presidents who have carried out this function for at least three election periods and are retiring from active participation.
- Posthumous award

### **2.1.3 Honorary President**

- On Presidents who are retiring from active participation and who have carried out this function for at least three election periods.
- Posthumous award

## **2.2 Right of Nomination**

### **2.2.1 Via the Executive Board**

### **2.2.2 Via the NFs**

## **2.3 Confirmation**

By the Congress

## **2.4 Nomination**

At the beginning of the Congress with awarding of the Certificate and the Medal of Honor.

## **2.5 The Certificate has to contain:**

### **2.5.1 Family and first name of the person to receive the award**

### **2.5.2 Place and date of the Congressional resolution**

### **2.5.3 Notation of title**

2.5.4 Signature of the President

2.5.5 FIL seal

## **2.6 FIL Medal of Honor – Design**

~~Like the FIL Medal of Honor in gold with additional gold wreath. The title granted must be engraved upon it.~~

Awarded to deserving persons outside the FIL organization, at the recommendation of the Executive Board.

## **2.7 Registration**

2.7.1 All persons on whom honorary membership has been bestowed are to be cited in a list in which their full names, the titles awarded, the year of bestowal and the applicable NF are to be entered.

2.7.2 The FIL Office has to establish and update the list.

2.7.3 The list of persons who possess an honorary membership should appear in special official FIL publications, e.g., special bulletins, magazines, etc.

2.7.4 On the FIL address register, honorees' name and home addresses are to be noted.

## **2.8 Privileges of Honorary Members**

2.8.1 Forwarding of FIL informational publications

2.8.2 Free admission to all FIL events and special attention at all FIL events

2.8.3 Invitation to special FIL events or the Congress

2.8.4 Invitation of the Honorary Presidents to the Congress and to special FIL events

## **2.9 Dispossession**

Honorary membership may be removed by Congressional resolution for substantiated claims.

## **3 Concluding Regulations**

The FIL Code of Honor takes effect upon acceptance by the 70<sup>th</sup> FIL Congress on June 18, 2012.



# FIL Ethics Code

## I FIL Ethical Principles

The FIL is the highest authority in all matters concerning the sport of luge. It is the only representative of the international sport of luge and represents the interests of the sport of luge worldwide, so far as the luge sports are recognized. The FIL recognizes the Artificial Track sport and the Natural Track sport.

The FIL ~~is neutral. It~~ allows no discrimination against its members or other persons or institutions associated with the FIL for political, racial, religious, or any other reasons. **The FIL recognizes the necessity to take appropriate action to protect overriding reasons of public welfare, human rights and humanitarian concerns** and it protects the personal rights of all parties.

The FIL, whose activity is not for profit, have the following aims:

- to develop, oversee, promote, and direct the sport of luge worldwide;
- to lead the sport of luge within the framework and spirit of the Olympic Sports Movement and the Olympic Charter;
- to support the objectives of the National Federations in the form of help in theory and practice;
- collaboration with other international sport and sports science organizations;
- the organization and promotion of the sports movement;
- the organization of World Championships, Continental Championships, World and Continental Cups, as well as others from Congress or from Executive Board approved competitions;
- the establishment and maintenance of a highest court of appeal for protests and other legal issues from international competitions, as well as all matters concerning the FIL Statutes and FIL Regulations;
- the promotion of the exchange of experience and insight for the development of the sport of luge on an international level;
- the implementation of binding rules for all luge disciplines;
- the recognition that international luge competitions will be executed in accordance with the FIL Statutes and Regulations;
- the implementation of necessary measures to ensure that the current Statutes and Regulations will be observed at FIL recognized competitions;
- the implementation, if possible, of effective measures for accident prevention and sufficient medical treatment;

- the consideration of the environment;
- the guarantee of “Fair Play” – principles as well as rules – and law abidance;
- the transparency of the federation’s leadership, and the awarding and execution of sporting events;
- the comprehensive documentation of the sport of luge, in particular through the retention and protection of film, photographic, and audio material;
- the advertising for and with the sport of luge.

## **II Specification of the Guidelines for Action**

### **1. Addressed audience of the FIL Ethics Code**

The FIL Ethics Code is aimed at all Members of the FIL (NFs), bodies of the FIL including their members and representatives (for example coaches and judges), all athletes and other parties involved in FIL competitions and training events as well as all other persons who are under the membership of or are contractually under the control of the Statutes, resolutions or orders of the FIL, including all persons who establish and support artificial and natural tracks for the sport of luge, as well as those who deliver or install equipment or facilities for these tracks.

### **2. The Concrete Guidelines for Action**

All actions carried out by the FIL, or in the interest of the FIL, including those carried out by associated federations, clubs, institutions, and athletes must satisfy the ethical principles laid out in Section I as well as the following ethically required guidelines for action:

- 2.1** Equal opportunities for athletes in training and competitions (sporting events) must be maintained.
- 2.2** The sanitary integrity of all parties at a sporting competition must be maintained.
- 2.3** The privacy, as well as the personal and sexual integrity, of all parties at a sporting competition must be maintained, including in the execution of doping tests and in the provision of changing room facilities and toilets.
- 2.4** The personal dignity and honor, mutual respect, and appreciation of personal rights must be guaranteed.
- 2.5** Help and protection must be given to the disabled and incident victims, also with regard to the media and public opinion.
- 2.6** The physical integrity and safety of the athletes and all other parties at a sporting event must be protected by means of the equipment, sleds, and sports facilities.

**2.7** The integrity of the sporting competitions must be guaranteed in every respect, in particular:

**2.7.1** Transparency of the bidding procedure and the awarding procedure as well as the uniformity of the invitation to bid for all competitions,

**2.7.2** The independence of awarding decisions from unfair influence through financial or other measures,

**2.7.3** The guarantee of uniform training opportunities in the spirit of "Fair Play",

**2.7.4** The guarantee of the neutrality and rule compliance of all official parties at a sporting competition, including the Jury and judges,

**2.7.5** The regular execution of doping controls both within and outside of the sporting competitions on the basis of the FIL Anti-Doping Codes,

**2.7.6** Transparency of the inspections of athletes' equipment and their sleds in accordance with the rules of the IRO,

**2.7.7** The fight against the manipulation of sporting competitions and their results and the execution of all sporting competitions according to the principle of "Fair Play".

**2.7.8** The monitoring and enforcement of prohibitions in Article 1 and Article 2 and the rules of Article 6 of the "Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions" (supplement enclosed).

**2.8** The principles of environmental protection and sustainability are observed when constructing and operating sports venues.

**2.9** The right of all member federations (NFs) to equal treatment within sporting competitions is observed.

- 2.10** Conflicts of interest must be disclosed and, where possible, strictly avoided.
- 2.11** The leadership of federations and all administrative bodies is neutral in respect of religious, racial, and sexual aspects and carried out without any discrimination.
- 2.12** The sporting performance of all athletes in sporting competitions is encouraged, also accordingly through the FIL development program.
- 2.13** With regards to hiring decisions; the transparency and neutrality of choices is ensured and internationality is guaranteed.
- 2.14** The combination of private interests with the FIL's interests and / or the interests of the National Federations is to be strictly avoided and can at best be accepted after the disclosure of which through the responsible body.
- 2.15** The acceptance and / or promise of financial or non-material benefits in connection with the planning, handling, or closing of business for the FIL or National Federations is forbidden.
- 2.16** All financial transactions for the benefit of or at the expense of the FIL must be made transparent to and disclosed to the Congress as a FIL institution and to the relevant auditing bodies.
- 2.17** The transparency of all payments to members of FIL bodies, FIL representatives and business partners is guaranteed.
- 2.18** Suspected corruption must be disclosed to the responsible FIL bodies with concrete, substantiated facts.
- 2.19** All actions which could risk the loss of non-profit status and tax integrity must be avoided.
- 2.20** If any noticeable competition is present on the relevant purchasing market, applicable to the purchase of goods or services in the value of at least

€50,000, there is an obligation to obtain at least three competing offers. If according to any mandatory, statutory regulations there exists an obligation to tender, these regulations must be observed.

**2.21** The management of the Federation budget must satisfy the principles of the economy.

**2.22** The management of the Federation should, if possible, affordable, and practical, endeavor to implement reasonable insurance cover to protect the risks from sporting competitions, and the activity of institutions and representatives of the FIL.

### **III Procedure for suspicion of violations of the FIL Ethics Code**

#### **1. Responsible Investigative Bodies**

**1.1** The responsible investigative bodies of the FIL are the FIL Ethics Authority and the three member FIL Ethics Commission. Both bodies are to be elected through Congress. At the request of the Executive Board, all members of the Legal Committee can also be members of the FIL Ethics Commission.

**1.2** The FIL Ethics Authority and the FIL Ethics Commission will each be elected at the Congress that is held in the same year as the next Winter Olympic Games.

**1.3** The FIL Ethics Authority and the FIL Ethics Commission are independent and neutral and are not subject to instructions. The FIL Ethics Authority is not a member of the Executive Board and may not belong to any other body of the FIL. The FIL Ethics Commission are not members of the Executive Board and also may not belong to any other body of the FIL, with the exception of the Legal Committee.

#### **2. Notification of violations against the Ethics Code**

A notification of a violation of the FIL Ethics Code can be submitted by any FIL body, any national Federation, any athlete or any third party who feels that they

have been affected by the alleged violation. A notification can also be made anonymously. Notifications of violations of the FIL Ethics Code must be submitted to the FIL Ethics Authority.

When the FIL Ethics Authority believes there could be a violation of the FIL Ethics Code, in the case of a minor violation they will speak with the parties concerned to request that they voluntarily cease the prohibited behavior. If the request is refused, or in the case of a more serious violation, the FIL Ethics Authority will request that the FIL Ethics Commission begin investigation proceedings, unless the court of arbitration are deemed to be the responsible body. If the FIL Ethics Authority believes that the initial suspicion is unfounded they can discontinue the proceedings.

### **3. Conduct of Investigations**

At the request of the FIL Ethics Authority, the Chairman of the FIL Ethics Commission leads the preliminary proceedings and carries out a hearing from the parties concerned and a clarification of the violation of the FIL Ethics Code. If required, the Chairman of the FIL Ethics Commission can consult with the other members of the FIL Ethics Commission. The FIL Ethics Commission can also call in or question third parties in connection with the investigation.

### **4. Conclusion by the FIL Ethics Commission**

If after the assessment the FIL Ethics Commission have a sufficient suspicion regarding a violation of the FIL Ethics Code, they can at their discretion, according to the seriousness of the offence, impose suitable provisional sanctions, without anticipating the outcome of the overall investigation. In particular, the FIL Ethics Commission can provisionally suspend the parties concerned from their position and duties for a maximum period of 90 days and/or prohibit them from other activities. In urgent cases of suspected contest manipulation, or a serious violation of the FIL Ethics Code, athletes can be provisionally banned for a maximum period of 90 days.

In addition, the FIL Ethics Commission apply for the execution of proceedings by the court of arbitration.

The FIL Ethics Commission end the proceedings if as a result of their investigation no sufficient suspicion is found, if the violation is classified as minor, or if the matter can be settled with the payment of a fine.

## **5. Sanctioning of Violations of the FIL Ethics Code**

The court of arbitration have to punish proven violations of the FIL Ethics Code with the sanctions that are specified for this purpose in the FIL Statutes. The court of arbitration also decide upon the costs of the investigations and the arbitration proceedings. In the case of a termination of proceedings, the court of arbitration can, upon application to the FIL Ethics Commission, impose the cost of the investigation either in full or in part onto the complainant whose claim is considered an abuse of law.

## **6. Conduct of Proceedings**

The arbitration process is led under the exclusion of the public. The results of these arbitration proceedings may be published by the FIL Ethics Commission in an appropriate manner and with the protection of the personal rights of the parties involved.

## **7. Other Applicable Rules and Commencement**

In addition, the Statutes, Legal Order, Rules of Procedure of the FIL are applied.

The "Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions" applies to the following versions of Article 1 and Article 2, and Article 6:

### **Article 1 - Definitions**

- 1.1 "Benefit" means the direct or indirect receipt or provision of money or the equivalent such as, but not limited to, bribes, gains, gifts and other advantages including, without limitation, winnings and/or potential winnings

as a result of a wager; the foregoing shall not include official prize money, appearance fees or payments to be made under sponsorship or other contracts;

- 1.2 "Competition" means any sports competition, tournament, match or event, organized in accordance with the rules of a Sports Organization or its affiliated organizations, or, where appropriate, in accordance with the rules of any other competent sports organization;
- 1.3 "Inside Information" means information relating to any competition that a person possesses by virtue of his or her position in relation to a sport or competition, excluding any information already published or common knowledge, easily accessible to interested members of the public or disclosed in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the relevant Competition;
- 1.4 "Participant" means any natural or legal person belonging to one of the following categories:
  - a. "athlete" means any person or group of persons, participating in sports competitions;
  - b. "athlete support personnel" means any coach, trainer, manager, agent, team staff, team official, medical or paramedical personnel working with or treating athletes participating in or preparing for sports competitions, and all other persons working with the athletes;
  - c. "official" means any person who is the owner of, a shareholder in, an executive or a staff member of the entities which organize and/or promote sports competitions, as well as referees, jury members and any other accredited or engaged persons. The term also covers the executives and staff of the sports organization, or where appropriate, other competent sports organization or club that recognizes the competition.
- 1.5 "Sports Betting, Bet or Betting" means any wager of a stake of monetary value in the expectation of a prize of monetary value, subject to a future and uncertain occurrence related to a sports competition

## **Article 2 – Violations**

The following conduct as defined in this Article constitutes a violation of this Code:

### **2.1 Betting**

Betting in relation either: to the Participant's sport.

### **2.2 Manipulation of sports competitions**

An intentional arrangement, act or omission aimed at an improper alteration of the result or the course of a sports competition in order to remove all or part of the unpredictable nature of the sports competition with a view to obtaining an undue Benefit for oneself or for others.

### **2.3 Corrupt conduct**



Providing, requesting, receiving, seeking, or accepting a Benefit related to the manipulation of a competition or any other form of corruption.

## **2.4 Inside information**

- 2.4.1. Using Inside Information for the purposes of Betting, any form of manipulation of sports competitions or any other corrupt purposes whether by the Participant or via another person and/or entity.
- 2.4.2. Disclosing Inside Information to any person and/or entity, with or without Benefit, where the Participant knew or should have known that such disclosure might lead to the information being used for the purposes of Betting, any form of manipulation of competitions or any other corrupt purposes.
- 2.4.3 Giving and/or receiving a Benefit for the provision of Inside Information regardless of whether any Inside Information is actually provided.

## **2.5 Failure to report**

- 2.5.1 Failing to report to the **FIL** concerned or a relevant disclosure/reporting mechanism or authority, at the first available opportunity, full details of any approaches or invitations received by the Participant to engage in conduct or incidents that could amount to a violation of this Code.
- 2.5.2 Failing to report to the **FIL** concerned or a relevant disclosure/reporting mechanism or authority, at the first available opportunity, full details of any incident, fact or matter that comes to the attention of the Participant (or of which they ought to have been reasonably aware) including approaches or invitations that have been received by another Participant to engage in conduct that could amount to a violation of this Code.

## **2.6 Failure to cooperate**

- 2.6.1 Failing to cooperate with any investigation carried out by the **FIL** in relation to a possible breach of this Code, including, without limitation, failing to provide accurately, completely and without undue delay any information and/or documentation and/or access or assistance requested by the **FIL** as part of such investigation.
- 2.6.2 Obstructing or delaying any investigation that may be carried out by the **FIL** in relation to a possible violation of this Code, including without limitation concealing, tampering with or destroying any documentation or other information that may be relevant to the investigation.

## **2.7 Application of Articles 2.1 to 2.6**

- 2.7.1 For the determination of whether a violation has been committed, the following are not relevant:
  - a. Whether or not the Participant is participating in the Competition concerned;
  - b. Whether or not the outcome of the Competition on which the Bet was made or intended to be made;
  - c. Whether or not any Benefit or other consideration was actually given or received;
  - d. The nature or outcome of the Bet;

- e. Whether or not the Participant's effort or performance in the Competition concerned were (or could be expected to be) affected by the acts or omission in question;
  - f. Whether or not the result of the Competition concerned was (or could be expected to be) affected by the acts or omission in question;
  - g. Whether or not the manipulation included a violation of a technical rule of the **FIL**;
  - h. Whether or not the competition was attended by the competent national or international representative of the **FIL**.
- 2.7.2 Any form of aid, abetment or attempt by a Participant that could culminate in a violation of this Code shall be treated as if a violation had been committed, whether or not such an act in fact resulted in a violation and/or whether that violation was committed deliberately or negligently.

## **Article 6 – Mutual recognition**

- 6.1 Subject to the right of appeal, any decision in compliance with this Code by a Sporting Organizations must be recognized and respected by all other Sporting Organizations.
- 6.2 All Sporting Organizations must recognize and respect the decision(s) made by any other sporting body or court of competent jurisdiction which is not Sporting Organization as defined under this Code.

Otherwise, the rules of procedure and sanctions of FIL Statutes, the FIL Law and Procedure Regulations, and the FIL Ethics Code apply.

The FIL Ethics Code comes into force with the passing of a resolution during the 70<sup>th</sup> FIL Congress 2022

Amended on June 18, 2022

# Amendment to the 2022 FIL Statutes



**Applicant: Russia**

**§ 1**

**Motion No.:1**

**Old text:**

1.4.1. The FIL is the highest authority in all questions which concern the sport of luge. It is the sole representative of the international sport of luge and represents all interests in the sport of luge worldwide, so far as the luge disciplines are recognized by the FIL. The FIL recognizes artificial track luge and natural track luge.

**New text:**

1.4.1. The FIL is the highest authority in all questions which concern the sport of luge. It is the sole representative of the international sport of luge and represents all interests in the sport of luge worldwide, so far as the luge disciplines are recognized by the FIL. The FIL recognizes artificial track luge, natural track luge and public sledding.

**Reason:**

- Popularization of luge sport;
- Development of the sledding club culture and organization of the amateur club competitions at different levels (schools, clubs, villages/cities, etc.);
- Possibility of transition talented children (Amateur tournaments) to the professional sports;
- Increase participation in Luge.

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

§ 1.4.1.

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# IRO Amendment 2022



☒ Artificial Track      ☐ Natural Track

**Applicant: Youth Commission**

**§ 2 1.3.5**

**Motion No. 1**

## Old text:

1.3.5 Youth A World Cup (YAWC)

♦ minimum 4 races per season

Junior World Cup and Youth A World Cup are staged in one event.

## New text:

1.3.5 Youth A **Continental Cup** (CC)

♦ minimum **3** races per season

## Reason:

Due to the large number of participants and numerous classes, the Junior and Youth A World Cup can no longer be handled or implemented by a JWC event organizer in the conventional format.

## Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?

several

# IRO Amendment 2022



☒ Artificial Track      ☐ Natural Track

**Applicant: Athlete Commission**

**§3 3.2**

**Motion No.: 2**

## **Old text:**

Eligibility per NF for World Cup

World Cup

Women	Men	Women's Doubles	Men's Doubles
4	5	3	3

## **New text:**

Eligibility per NF for World Cup

World Cup

Women	Men	Women's Doubles	Men's Doubles
4	4	3	3

**Reason:** Implementing gender equality means that our World Cups and quotas for participation need to be the same.

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# IRO Amendment 2022



☒ Artificial Track      ☐ Natural Track

**Applicant: Athlete Commission**

**§3 3.3**

**Motion No.: 3**

**Old text:**

Nations Cup refer to Section 3, 6.5.1

Women	Men	Women's Doubles	Men's Doubles
2	3	2	2

Additional starters (Section 3, 6.5)

- Additional starters will not be awarded WC points

**New text:**

Nations Cup refer to Section 3, 6.5.1

Women	Men	Women's Doubles	Men's Doubles
2	2	2	2

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**Reason:** Implementing gender equality means that our Nations Cup and quotas for participation need to be the same.

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# IRO Amendment 2022



☒ Artificial Track      ☐ Natural Track

Applicant: Youth Commission

§ 3 3.4

Motion No. 4

## Old text:

### 3.4 Junior World Cup / Youth A World Cup:

	Junior	/	Youth A	/	Together
Women's singles	5		5		maximum 8
Men's singles	6		6		maximum 10
Women's Doubles	3		3		6
Men's Doubles	3		3		6

## New text:

### 3.4 Junior World Cup

	Junior	Together
<b>Women's singles</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>women's and men's</b>
<b>Men's singles</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>singles max. 10</b>
<b>Women's Doubles</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Men's Doubles</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

### 3.5 Youth A **Continental Cup**

	Youth A	Together
<b>Women's singles</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>women's and men's</b>
<b>Men's singles</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>singles max. 10</b>
<b>Women's Doubles</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Men's Doubles</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

## Reason:

Due to the introduction of the new series of races, the eligibility for participation needs to be redone.

## Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?

several



# IRO Amendment 2022



☒ Artificial Track      ☐ Natural Track

**Applicant: Athlete Commission**

**§3 5.2**

**Motion No.: 5**

## **Old text:**

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

12 women

15 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 captains before each draw.

## **New text:**

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## **Reason:**

Establishing gender equality also implies to the seeded groups.

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

6.1.1 Preliminary run of WCh

Seeded group:

The starting order of the seeded group will be drawn:

-Men's Singles: 1-6 + 7-12

The 1<sup>st</sup> competition run will be as follows:

-Men's Singles 1-6,7-12 13 – last place according to placing in preliminary run.

6.5.3 Start order for the Nations Cup / Qualification for WC

Women (s) 13<sup>th</sup> place to the end Men (s) 13<sup>th</sup> place to the end.

6.5.4 Qualification for World Cup Races

The fastest 16 women, 20 men and 12 Women's, Men's doubles will qualify for participation in the World Cup Races.

6.5.5 Participation in World Cup races

	Women (S) (28)	Men (S) (32)	W&M Doubles (24)
Seeded Group	12	12	12
Qualification/ NC	16	20	12

6.5.7 Nations Cup: Allocation of World Cup points for non-qualified athletes

-Men (s) 21<sup>st</sup> place in Nations Cup = 8 World Cup points according to list in Section 3, 10.1 from 33<sup>rd</sup> place downwards;

Section 9 3.4 will also need updating

Section 9 3.5 will also need updating

# IRO Amendment 2022



☒ Artificial Track      ☐ Natural Track

<b>Applicant: Sport Commission</b>	<b>§ 3, 6.1.1</b>	<b>Motion No. 6</b>
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## Old text:

3, 6.1.1

Seeded group:.....

The 1<sup>st</sup> competition run will be as follows:

Women's Singles                      1 - 6, 7 - 12, 13 - last place according to placing in preliminary run

Men's Singles                          1 - 7, 8 - 15, 16 - last place according to placing in preliminary run

Women's-, Men's Double    1 - 6, 7 - 12, 13 - last place according to placing in preliminary run

## New text:

3, 6.1.1

Seeded group:.....

The 1<sup>st</sup> 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

## Reason:

The 1st run at FIL World Championships is unattractive and boring because the leader(s) after the 1st run is/are already determined after start number 1, but 90% after bib number 6. In order to offer a more interesting and exciting competition for spectators/TV, the starting order in the 1st run must be adjusted.

## Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?

# IRO Amendment 2022



☒ Artificial Track      ☐ Natural Track

**Applicant: Athlete Commission**

**§3 6.4.8**

**Motion No.: 7**

## Old text:

At APCh and ACh titles are only awarded if at least three (3) athletes/athlete pairs/teams have reached a result in their respective discipline. (Rank 1-3)

## New text:

At APCh and ACh **an award ceremony is only held** if at least three (3) athletes/athlete pairs/teams have reached a result in their respective discipline. (Rank 1-3)

## Reason:

Under the current wording if three or more sleds enter a competition but only 2 manage to receive a result the athletes who won would not receive a title. The athletes should still receive this title but no award ceremony may be necessary for only two sleds. This also promotes athletes to train for an APCh or APc without fear that the race might not ultimately happen.

## Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?

# IRO Amendment 2022



☒ Artificial Track      ☐ Natural Track

**Applicant: Sport Commission**

**§ 3, 6.5.5**

**Motion No. 8**

## Old text:

3, 6.5.5

Participation in World Cup races

Women (S) (28)    Men (S) (32)    Women's-, Men's Doubles (D) (24)

Seeded Group                      12                      15                      12

Qualification / NC                16                      17                      12

The size of the field will be adjusted only by a tie in points or placing and also in the case of the absence of athletes of the seeded group.

## New text:

3, 6.5.5

Participation in World Cup races

Women (S) (30)    Men (S) (30)    Women's-, Men's Doubles (D) (24)

Seeded Group                      12                      12                      12

Qualification / NC                18                      18                      12

The size of the field will be adjusted only by a tie in points or placing and also in the case of the absence of athletes of the seeded group.

## Reason:

The implementation of gender equality means that the participation quotas in the disciplines at World Cup races must be the same/equal.

## Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?

§ 3, 6.5.4; § 3, 6.5.7

# IRO Amendment 2022



☒ Artificial Track      ☐ Natural Track

**Applicant: Athlete Commission**

**§3 6.5.8**

**Motion No.: 9**

## Old text:

World Cup: Allocation of World Cup points in the case of a default.

Athletes who participate in the World Cup, including seeded and athletes qualified through the Nations Cup, but who do not achieve a result, due to a crash, injury or due to illness are not at the start (DNS), are awarded the amount of World Cup points which are normally given to the top ranked non-WC qualified athlete in each discipline (Point 6.5.7).

For seeded group athletes this rule (DNS) only applies if the athlete starts in the final training for seeded athletes.

This rule does not apply:

- If no qualification to participate in the World Cup was necessary in a discipline
- In the case of a disqualification
- For the Sprint World Cup

## New text:

World Cup: Allocation of World Cup points in the case of a default.

~~Athletes who participate in the World Cup, including seeded and athletes qualified through the Nations Cup, but who do not achieve a result, due to a crash, injury or due to illness are not at the start (DNS), are awarded the amount of World Cup points which are normally given to the top ranked non-WC qualified athlete in each discipline (Point 6.5.7).~~

World Cup participants who receive an DNS or DNF are awarded the amount of World Cup points for the top ranked non-WC qualified athlete in the Nations Cup in their respective discipline (point 6.5.7).

For seeded group athletes this rule (DNS) only applies if the athlete starts in the final training for seeded athletes.

This rule does not apply:

- ~~If no qualification to participate in the World Cup was necessary in a discipline~~
- In the case of a disqualification
- For the Sprint World Cup

## Reason:

Why should one race potentially have a very different outcome for a DNF? In this last quad there were a few races where the full World Cup field was not filled. If you are a seeded athlete who crashes in this race as opposed to a race which has a full field there is a drastically different point differential that is awarded. By removing this sentence, it makes our World Cup's more equitable and simplifies the points awarded to all athletes all the time.

## Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?

# IRO Amendment 2022



☒ Artificial Track      ☐ Natural Track

**Applicant: Youth Commission**

**§ 3 6.9.6**

**Motion No. 10**

## **Old text:**

### 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) or must participate in the FIL ITW.

## **New text:**

### 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.

## **Reason:**

To rule out JWCh qualification through participation in a double World Cup.

## **Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

several

# IRO Amendment 2022



☒ Artificial Track      ☐ Natural Track

Applicant: Youth Commission

§ 3 9,c

Motion No. 11

## Old text:

### 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,

For Juniors / Youth A, this rule is only applied at the Junior World Championships (JWCh) and the Youth Olympic Games (YOG),

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

This rule is valid for all Junior and Youth Competitions.

## New text:

### 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,

**For Youth A, this rule is only applied at the Youth Olympic Games (YOG).**

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

This rule is valid **for all Youth A Competitions.**

## Reason:

In the junior class (19-21) it is necessary to show an appropriate athletic level.

## Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?

several



# IRO Amendment 2022



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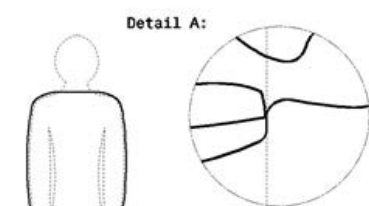
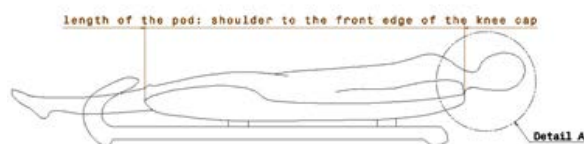
Applicant: Technical Commission

§ 5 1.3.1

Motion No.12

## Old text:

### 1.3.1 Singles pod

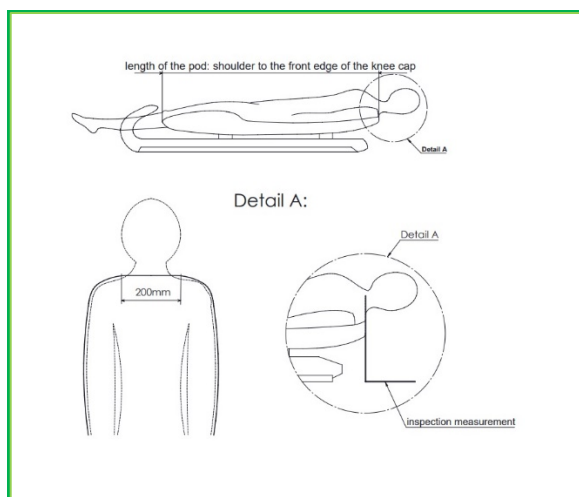


- a) The pod may not extend past the shoulders in the back and not past the front edge of the athlete's knee cap in the front.

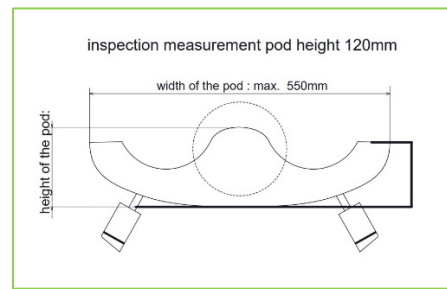


## New Text:

### 1.3.1 Singles pod



- a) The pod may not extend past the shoulders in the back and not past the front edge of the athlete's knee cap in the front.
- b) The inspection measurement for the back pod length is performed with a 90 degree angle. The back end of the pod must not protrude in the middle towards the back over a distance of 200 mm. The inspection measurement of the seat pod height can be carried out additionally with a measuring gauge in connection with the athlete.



**Reason:**

Standardization of the technical inspections.

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# IRO Amendment 2022



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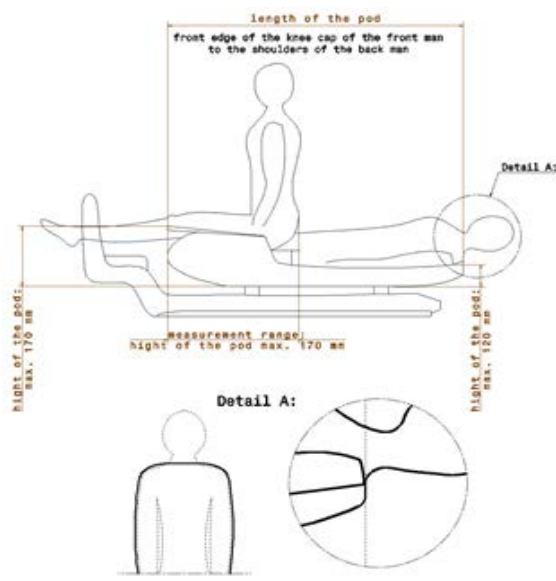
Applicant: Technical Commission

§ 5 1.3.2

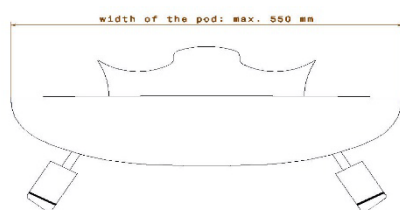
Motion No. 13

## Old text:

### 1.3.2 Doubles pod

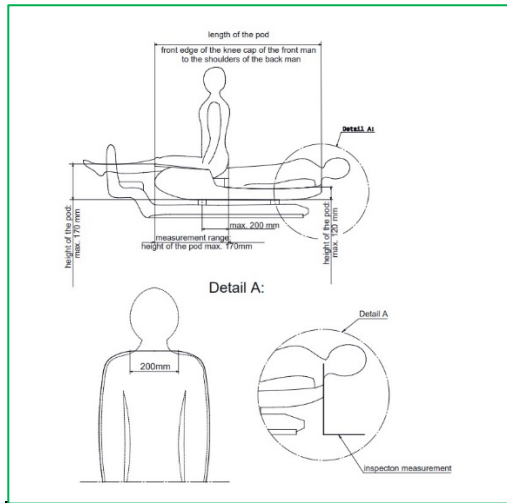


- For doubles, the front edge of the knee caps of the front man and the shoulders of the back man are the decisive measuring points.
- The sitting position of the doubles athletes has to be one behind the other.
- The length of terraced seat can reach to the end of the buttocks of the front man at the most.

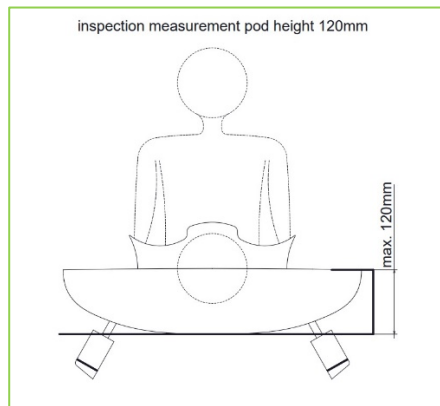
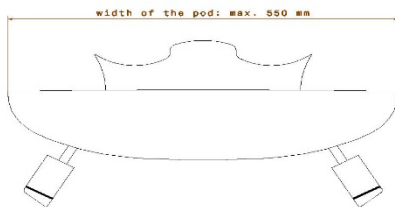


## **New Text:**

### **1.3.2 Doubles pod**



- a) For doubles, the front edge of the knee caps of the front man and the shoulders of the back man are the decisive measuring points.  
The inspection measurement for the back pod length is performed with a 90 degree angle.  
The back end of the pod must not protrude in the middle towards the back over a distance of 200 mm.
- b) The sitting position of the doubles athletes has to be one behind the other.
- c) ~~The length of terraced seat can reach to the end of the buttocks of the front man at the most.~~  
The measuring range of the maximum seat (shell) height of 170 mm is defined as follows.  
From the kneecap - front edge of the front man to 200 mm after the center of the front bridge.  
The inspection measurement of the seat pod height 120 mm can be carried out additionally with a measuring gauge in connection with the athletes.



## **Reason:**

The definition of precise dimensions makes the technical inspection easier.

## **Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# IRO Amendment 2022



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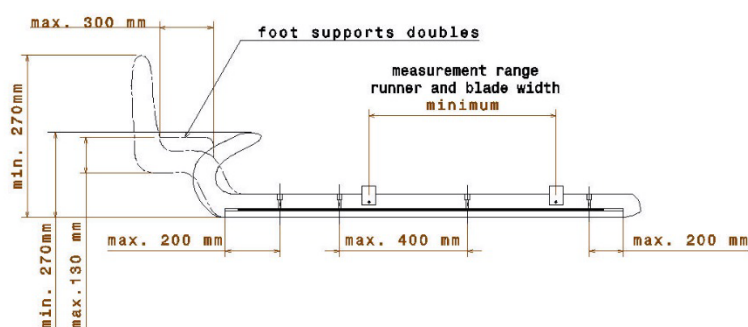
Applicant: Technical Commission

§ 5 1.3.3

Motion No. 14

## Old text:

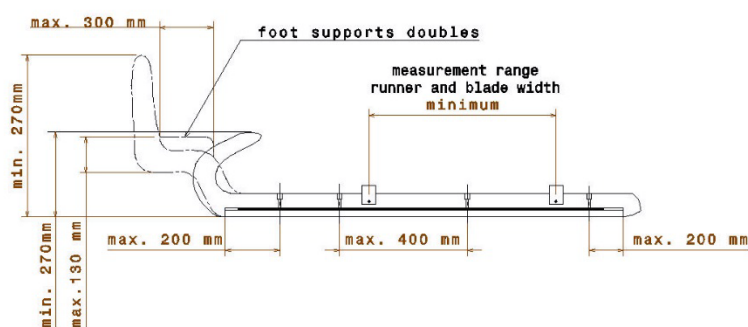
### 1.3.3 Runner

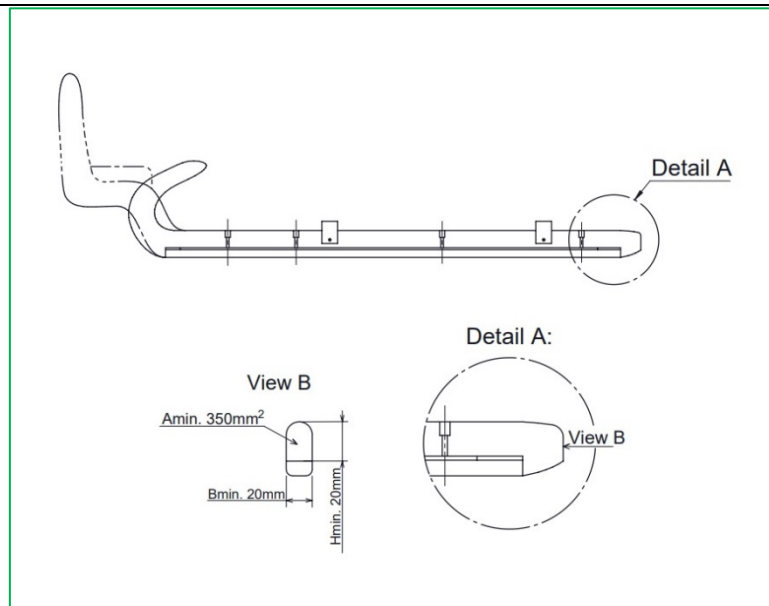


- The foot supports for the back man of the doubles sled must not be longer than 300 mm. The allowed height of the runner in that area is not allowed to exceed 130 mm (sketch 1a). The width of the runner is not allowed to exceed 50 mm.
- The first and last screw/bolt mounting the steel to the runner must be within 200 mm from the beginning and the end of the steel.
- The mounting screws/bolts may not be further than 400 mm apart.
- The runner must be at least 25 mm wide from the area of the middle of the rear bridge to the middle of the forward bridge.
- The runner may be comprised of two or more parts. These parts must be force-fitted with screws/bolts and must not adjust or change when sliding.
- The runner horns must be at least 270 mm high.

## New Text:

### 1.3.3 Runner





- a) The foot supports for the back man of the doubles sled must not be longer than 300 mm. The allowed height of the runner in that area is not allowed to exceed 130 mm (sketch 1a). The width of the runner is not allowed to exceed 50 mm.
- b) The first and last screw/bolt mounting the steel to the runner must be within 200 mm from the beginning and the end of the steel.
- c) The mounting screws/bolts may not be further than 400 mm apart.
- d) The runner must be at least 25 mm wide from the area of the middle of the rear bridge to the middle of the forward bridge.
- e) The runner may be comprised of two or more parts. These parts must be force-fitted with screws/bolts and must not adjust or change when sliding.
- f) The runner horns must be at least 270 mm high.
- g) The end of the runner must have a minimum vertical cross-sectional area of 350 mm<sup>2</sup> (minimum width or height 20 mm).
- h) All youth sleds 14 kg and 16 kg as well as the Youth B doubles sled 24 kg are excepted from points f) and h).
- i) The steel may not extend past the end of the runner.

**Reason:**

Reduction of risk of injury in the event of a crash.

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# IRO Amendment 2022



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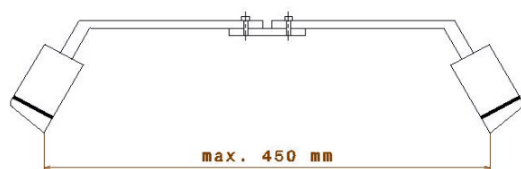
**Applicant: Technical Commission**

**§ 5 1.3.4**

**Motion No. 15**

## Old text:

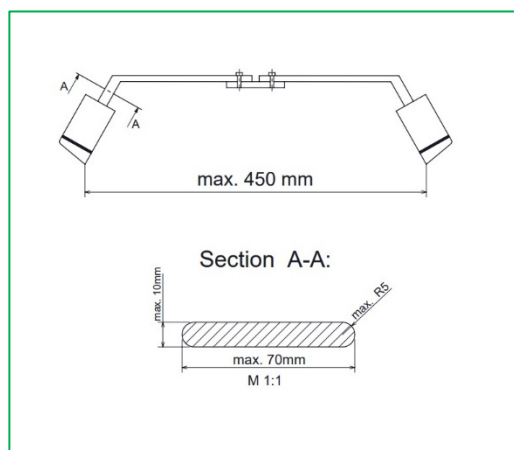
1.3.4 Bridges



- 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.
- 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.
- 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
- 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.

## New Text:

1.3.4 Bridges



- 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.
- 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.
- 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.**
- 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.
- 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.**
- Twisting or contorting the bridge legs is not allowed.**
- 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:

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# IRO Amendment 2022



☒ Artificial Track      ☐ Natural Track

**Applicant: Technical Commission**

**§ 5, 1.3.4**

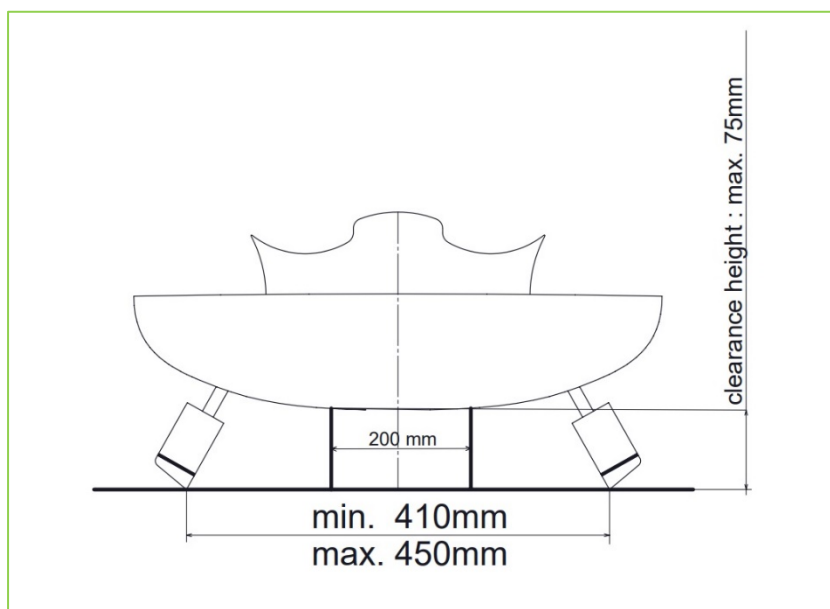
**Motion No. 16**

## Old text:

none

## New Text:

IRO § 5, 1.3.4.1 **Additional regulation for doubles bridges**



- a) The measuring range of the distance of the steels from each other is defined from the center of the front bridge to the center of the back bridge.
- b) The steels must be between 410 mm and 450 mm apart.
- c) The maximum clearance height is measured between the center of the front bridge to the center of the rear bridge at the lowest point. The two measuring points are 200mm apart in width and are centered to the longitudinal axis of the sled.
- d) The maximum clearance height is 75 mm.
- e) Attachments and shaping that serve to minimize the maximum clearance height are not permitted.
- f) Kastle V1 and V2 standard sleds in their respective original design are excluded from this regulation.

## Reason:

## Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?



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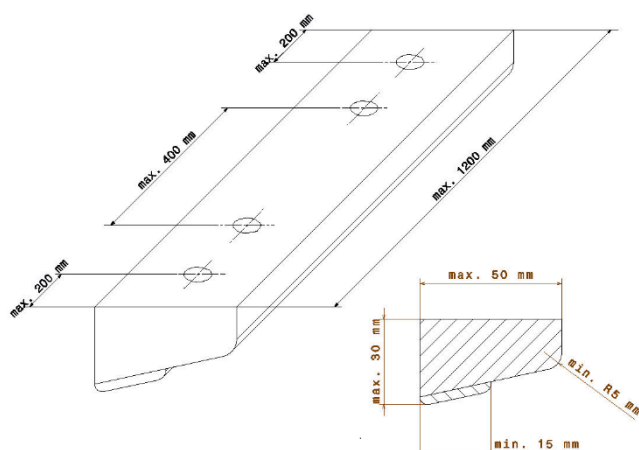
Applicant: Technical Commission

§ 5 1.3.5

Motion No. 17

## Old text:

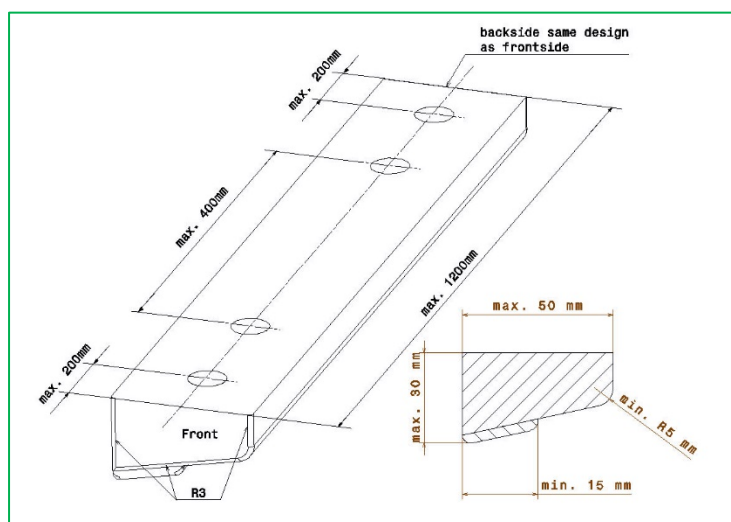
### 1.3.5 Steels



- The steel must be screwed/bolted to the runner by at least 4 screws/bolts.
- 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.
- The steels may be drilled or milled lengthwise, however a margin must remain
- The steel may not be cut crosswise.
- Guide pins and/or guide rails for stabilizing the steel are not allowed.
- 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:

### 1.3.5 Steels



- The steel must be screwed/bolted to the runner by at least 4 screws/bolts.
- 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.
- The steels may be drilled or milled lengthwise, however a margin must remain
- The steel may not be cut crosswise.
- 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:**

Editorial change

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# IRO Amendment 2022



☒ Artificial Track      ☐ Natural Track

**Applicant: Technical Commission**

**§ 5 2.2 + 2.3**

**Motion No. 18**

## Old text:

**2.2      Safety Helmet, training/competition**

Wearing a safety helmet according to the FIL guidelines for safety helmets is mandatory.

**2.3      Luge shoes, training/competition**

Wearing luge shoes according to the FIL guidelines for luge shoes is mandatory at FIL competitions.

## New Text:

**2.2      Safety Helmet, training/competition**

Wearing a safety helmet according to the FIL guidelines for safety helmets is mandatory. The guidelines are available for download on the FIL website under the tab Rules and Regulations.

**2.3      Luge shoes, training/competition**

Wearing luge shoes according to the FIL guidelines for luge shoes is mandatory at FIL competitions. The guidelines are available for download on the FIL website under the tab Rules and Regulations.

## Reason:

By the anchoring the rules in the IRO there is at least 2 years planning security for the national federations and there is the possibility to find the current rules simply. It can not be that there are short-term changes to the race shoes and the costs must be carried by the national federations.

## Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?

Addition to § 5 sled, equipment, inspections

# IRO Amendment 2022



☒ Artificial Track      ☐ Natural Track

**Applicant: Sweden/Technical Commission**

§5 3.1.1 f

**Motion No.: 19**

## Old text:

f) The results of these temperature checks are to be posted in 1/10 degrees on a notice board that is visible to everyone.

## New text:

f) ~~The results of these temperature checks are to be posted in 1/10 degrees on a notice board that is visible to everyone.~~ 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.

## Reason:

To avoid unnecessary DSQ because of easy made counting errors.

## Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?

# IRO Amendment 2022



☒ Artificial Track      ☐ Natural Track

**Applicant: Canada**

**§7 2.4 Page  
35**

**Motion No 20**

**Old text:**

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 frontside 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).

**New text:**

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 frontside 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.**

**Reason:**

Advertising on Caps, Headbands, and Other Headgear

Item 2 on page 35 2.4. The description of the allowed number of trademarks on these surfaces unclear and could be interpreted as 3,4, or 5 logos. FIL has confirmed that the maximum number of markings is 5.

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

Section 7 2.4 only

# IRO Amendment 2022

☒ Artificial Track      ☐ Natural Track

Applicant: USA

§ 7 4.1

Motion No.: 21

## Old text:

Provided there are no stricter national laws, following advertisement is prohibited:

1. On the athlete and sled: advertising for tobacco, illegal drugs or alcohol. Exception: advertising for non-alcoholic beer and, regarding athletes of age (18), advertising for products with an alcohol percentage of less than 10%.

## New text:

Provided there are no stricter national laws, **the** following advertisement is prohibited:

1. On the athlete and sled: advertising for tobacco, illegal drugs or alcohol. Exception: advertising for non-alcoholic beer and, regarding athletes of age (**21**), advertising for products with an alcohol percentage of less than **15%**.

## Reason:

The correction in the first paragraph is grammatical.

The increase in percentage of alcohol is to allow nations to open the door to wine sponsorships. While the rest of the global sports world has accepted hard alcohol and wine as open categories for sponsorship sales, allowing wine as a sponsorship category is a modest step towards sponsorship modernization and will not be deemed as offensive by the public or existing sponsors.

## Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?

# IRO Amendment 2022



☒ Artificial Track      ☐ Natural Track

**Applicant: Athlete Commission**

**§8 1.1**

**Motion No.: 22**

## **Old text:**

1.1 The NF that is holding a FIL World Championships (General Class) or Junior World Championship must provide an International Training Week before the staging of the championship in the respective season.

At least 6 training days with a minimum of 4 training runs daily have to be offered to all interested National Federations.

If the organizers do not adhere to this requirement, the Executive Board can reject the next application for an event.

## **New text:**

1.1 The NF that is holding a FIL World Championships (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 must 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.

## **Reason:**

Our IRO does not clearly define the ITW that happens before the WCh and JWCh. Parts of this format are taken from Supplement 4 Olympic Rules 1.10 which defines how the ITW will work at the Olympic Track. For the sake of transparency we should define a minimum set of guidelines that the host NF and organizer will follow.

## **Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# IRO Amendment 2022



☒ Artificial Track      ☐ Natural Track

**Applicant: Athletes Commission**

**§8 3.2.7**

**Motion No.: 23**

**Old text:**

Doubles athletes may start from the men's or doubles start in singles training.

**New text:**

Doubles athletes may start from the men's, **women's** or doubles start in singles training.

**Reason:**

With the addition of Women's doubles we need to allow the women's doubles athletes to slide singles from their respective start height.

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**



# IRO Amendment 2022



☒ Artificial Track      ☐ Natural Track

**Applicant: Athlete Commission**

**§10 1.3**

**Motion No.: 24**

## **Old text: Command to Start**

The signal to start has to be carried out acoustically and optically by a time display which is clearly visible to the athlete.

Start signal lights and start clocks must be installed at all start heights.

- The track is closed to all athletes when the lights is red. The athlete at the start may only start the green light is visible.
- In training, the start must take place within 20 seconds after the “Track is Clear” notice for singles (S) and within 35 seconds at the “Track is Clear” notice for doubles (D).
- In all competition runs of the general class, the start must take place within thirty (30) seconds after the “Track is Clear” notice for singles and within 45 seconds after the “Track is Clear” notice for doubles.
- All Junior and Youth A competitions must take place within 20 seconds after the “Track is Clear” notice for singles and within 35 seconds after the “Track is Clear” notice for doubles.
- The start is valid if the athlete has left the start handles within this time with a push and has put the sled in motion.
- A flying start is not allowed
- 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: Command to Start**

The signal to start has to be carried out acoustically and optically by a time display which is clearly visible to the athlete.

Start signal lights and start clocks must be installed at all start heights.

- The track is closed to all athletes when the lights is red. The athlete at the start may only start the green light is visible.
- In all FIL competitions as well as training, the start must take place within 20 seconds after the “Track is Clear” notice for singles (S) and within 35 seconds after the “Track is Clear” notice for doubles (D).
- The start is valid if the athlete has left the start handles within this time with a push and has put the sled in motion.
- A flying start is not allowed
- 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.

**Reason:** We have been slowly implementing this quickened start procedure to reduce the overall time it takes to send athletes down the track. This allows for more training runs and can also lead to shorter overall competitions. It is important to remember that at the end of the day we are considered entertainment and by reducing the start clock this allows more athletes to be seen on TV and can also shorten the time in between athletes at races.

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# IRO Amendment 2022



☒ Artificial Track      ☐ Natural Track

**Applicant: Sport Commission**

**§ 10, 1.4**

**Motion No. 25**

## Old text:

### 1.4 Start Intervals

- Only one sled may be on the run at any one time; exception: Team Relay competition (§ 3, 6.7).
- The start leader may allow the athlete to start only if the "Track is clear" statement has been relayed to the start leader from the finish.

## New text:

### 1.4 Start Intervals

- Only one sled may be on the run at any one time; exception: Team Relay competition (§ 3, 6.7).
- The start leader may allow the athlete to start only if the "Track is clear" statement has been relayed to the start leader from the finish.
- **Under adverse weather forecasts the Race Director, together with the Technical Director, may shorten the start intervals by 10 second increments up to a minimum of 1, 30 min.**

## Reason:

The Race Director, together with the Technical Delegate, must have the ability to shorten the start intervals for the upcoming competition days to ensure a better level playing field for all participating athletes.

The number of participants of the seeded groups shall be adjusted according to the proposals of the Sport Commission meeting.

## Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?

§ 3, 6.1.1

# IRO Amendment 2022



☒ Artificial Track      ☐ Natural Track

**Applicant: Athlete Commission**

**§10 2.2**

**Motion No.: 26**

## **Old text:**

In the finish area, the Sports Director must arrange a zone where the athlete must be able to leave the track without any help.

An escort in this zone is not allowed.

This is valid for the OWG, FIL Championships and World Cups in the General Class

## **New text:**

In the finish area, the Sports Director must arrange a zone where the athlete must be able to leave the track without any help.

~~An escort in this zone is not allowed.~~

This is valid for the OWG, FIL Championships and World Cups in the General Class

## **Reason:**

By establishing that there is a zone where the athlete must be able to leave the track without any help implies that they will not have an escort to help them leave the track. But there are situations where a coach, teammate or staff member is necessary such as rainy conditions, injuries sustained during that run or to help the athlete if needed. This person can also enhance the celebration, excitement, and overall presentation of our sport by grabbing the sled in this area. We should not limit the presentation of our sport in the IRO.

## **Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# IRO Amendment 2022



☒ Artificial Track      ☐ Natural Track

Applicant: AUT/TC

Supplement 1 3.4 e

Motion No. 27

## Old text:

For men, women, doubles, juniors and youth events, the track must be equipped with all the necessary starting structures to guarantee normal execution in all disciplines.

During FIL competitions, it must be possible to close off the starting zone.

The individual components of the start facility are:

.....

e) From the ice to the upper edge of the handles at an equal height: 230 mm - 250 mm.

## New text:

For men, women, doubles, juniors and youth events, the track must be equipped with all the necessary starting structures to guarantee normal execution in all disciplines.

During FIL competitions, it must be possible to close off the starting zone.

The individual components of the start facility are:

.....

e) From the ice to the upper edge of the handles at an equal height: ~~230 mm—250 mm.~~ **230 mm – 270 mm.**

## Reason:

A minimal increase in handle height would reduce the maximum torso angle at the inversion point during the takeoff process. Thus, the risk of injury in the lumbar region would be reduced.

After some test launches, with launch handles at 270 mm, this height was found to be very good by all Austrian athletes. Especially in doubles, a significant relief of the load on the lower back could be observed.

Shorter athletes were not able to find any disadvantage.

At a meeting of the athletes in Whistler (season 2019/20) Reinhard Egger informed all athletes present about the plan to write this IRO amendment. It found great approval and nobody spoke against it.

The lifting of the minimum height by 15 mm should make it possible to continue to use current infrastructure.

## Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?

Possibly the requirements from the Track Construction Commission

# IRO Amendment 2022



☒ Artificial Track      ☐ Natural Track

**Applicant: Technical Commission**

**Supplement 5 § 1**

**Motion No. 28**

## Old text:

### **§ 1      General Regulations**

- For the doubles - disciplines Youth A women, Youth A men, & Junior women (from 2020/2021) and women (from 2021/2021) additionally, to the IRO (in the current valid edition), the provisions of supplement 5 apply.
- For the doubles disciplines Youth A women, Youth A men, & Juniors (from 2020/21) and women (from 2021/22) all standard sleds (V1, V2) and components must be used from the manufacturer named by the FIL.

## New Text:

### **§ 1      General Regulations**

- For the doubles - disciplines Youth A women, ~~Youth A men~~, & Junior women (from 2020/2021) and women (from 2021/2021) additionally, to the IRO (in the current valid edition), the provisions of supplement 5 apply.
- For the doubles disciplines Youth A women, ~~Youth A men~~, & Juniors (from 2020/21) and women (from 2021/22) all standard sleds (V1, V2) and components must be used from the manufacturer named by the FIL.

## Reason:

Emergency motion to the FIL Executive Board for improved individual fitting. After feedback from the Youth Commission and the National Federations GER, ITA, RUS, USA, LAT, AUT as well as a selection of technical experts from the Youth Commission, National Federations and the FIL, the above changes were discussed and elaborated. The Technical Commission AT supports these proposals one hundred percent.

Since in further consequence from the season 2022 / 2023 for all men's doubles classes only standardized component groups (bridges, runners) will be used, it is not sensible to equip the youth A male doubles necessarily with the complete standard sled V1, V2. Of course the V1, V2 sled can be used.

## Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?

# IRO Amendment 2022



☒ Artificial Track      ☐ Natural Track

**Applicant: Technical Commission**

**Supplement 5 §5 1.2**

**Motion No. 29**

## Old text:

The weights including attached accessories are:

Sled	Minimum	Maximum	Basis for calculation
Doubles Women	25 kg	30 kg	27 kg
Doubles Junior women	25 kg	30 kg	27 kg
Doubles Youth A women	25 kg	30 kg	27 kg

## New Text:

The weights including attached accessories are:

Sled	Minimum	Maximum	Basis for calculation
Doubles Women	25 kg	30 31 kg	27 kg
Doubles Junior women	25 kg	30 31 kg	27 kg
Doubles Youth A women	25 kg	30 31 kg	27 kg

## Reason:

Emergency motion to the FIL Executive Board for improved individual fitting. After feedback from the Youth Commission and the National Federations GER, ITA, RUS, USA, LAT, AUT as well as a selection of technical experts from the Youth Commission, National Federations and the FIL, the above changes were discussed and elaborated. The Technical Commission AT supports these proposals one hundred percent.

## Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?

# IRO Amendment 2020



☒ Artificial Track      ☐ Natural Track

**Applicant: Technical Commission**

**Supplement 5  
§ 5 Pt. 1.3.2**

**Motion No.: 30**

## **Old text:**

- 1.3.2 Standard doubles pod
- a) The original pod must be used.
  - b) Pod form may not be changed with the exception of repairs and cutouts.
  - c) The pod construction may not be changed.
  - d) The seat construction may not be changed; however, it is permitted to change the position of the raised seat.
  - e) The closure system of the belts may not be changed.

## **New text:**

- 1.3.2 Standard doubles pod
- a) The original pod must be used.
  - b) Pod form may not be changed with the exception of repairs and cutouts.
  - c) The pod construction may not be changed.
  - d) The raised seat, from the upper edge of the bridge, including the leg support shell of the front woman/man, may be individually adapted in compliance with the dimensions valid in the 2020 IRO § 5 Pt. 1.3.2. The seat construction may not be changed; however, it is permitted to change the position of the raised seat.
  - e) The closure system of the belts may not be changed.

## **Reason:**

Emergency motion to the FIL Executive Board for improved individual adjustment. After feedback from the Youth Commission and the national federations GER, ITA, RUS, USA, LAT, AUT as well as a selection of technical experts from the Youth Commission, National Federations and the FIL, the above changes were discussed and worked out. The Technical Commission AT supports these motions one hundred percent.

## **Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**



# IRO Amendment 2020



☒ Artificial Track      ☐ Natural Track

**Applicant: Technical Commission**

**Supplement 5  
§ 5 Pt. 1.3.3**

**Motion No.: 31**

## Old text:

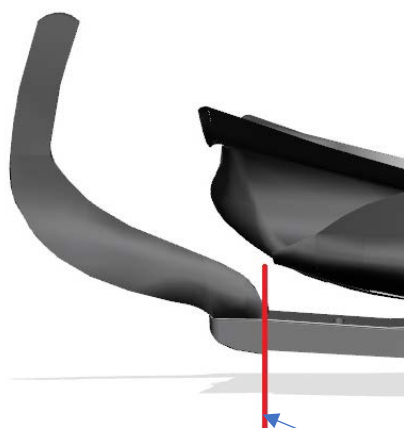
1.3.3 Standard doubles runner

- 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) Cutting out the foot supports, and runner horns is permitted.
- d) The runner construction may not be changed.
- e) steel screws/bolts M 8
- f) No additional drilling in the runner is permitted.

## New text:

1.3.3 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) ~~Cutting out the foot supports, and runner horns is permitted~~ The runner horns may be individually adapted from the interface section "insertion groove for runner horns" in compliance with the dimensions valid in the 2020 IRO § 5 Pt. 1.3.3. Self-produced runner horns may also be used.



interface section "insertion groove for runner horns"

- d) The runner construction may not be changed.
- e) steel screws/bolts M 8
- f) No additional drilling in the runner is permitted.

## Reason:

Emergency motion to the FIL Executive Board for improved individual adjustment. After feedback from the Youth Commission and the national federations GER, ITA, RUS, USA, LAT, AUT as well as a selection of technical experts from the Youth Commission, National Federations and the FIL, the above changes were discussed and worked out. The Technical Commission AT supports these motions one hundred percent.

## Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?

# IRO Amendment 2020



☒ Artificial Track      ☐ Natural Track

**Applicant: Technical Commission**

**Supplement 5  
§ 5 pt. 1.3.4**

**Motion No.: 32**

## **Old text:**

### 1.3.4 Standard doubles bridges

- a) The original bridges must be used.
- b) The distance between the runners must measure 415 to 450 mm.
- c) The front bridge mounting bracket may not be changed.
- d) The back bridge mounting bracket can be changed individually.
- e) 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:**

### 1.3.4 Standard doubles bridges

- a) The original bridges must be used.
- b) The distance between the runners must measure 415 395 to 450 mm.
- ~~c) The front bridge mounting bracket may not be changed.~~
- d) The front and back bridge mounting bracket can be changed individually.
- e) 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:**

Emergency motion to the FIL Executive Board for improved individual adjustment. After feedback from the Youth Commission and the national federations GER, ITA, RUS, USA, LAT, AUT as well as a selection of technical experts from the Youth Commission, National Federations and the FIL, the above changes were discussed and worked out. The Technical Commission AT supports these motions one hundred percent.

## **Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

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# IRO Amendment 2022



☐ Artificial Track      ☒ Natural Track

**Applicant: Natural Track Commission**

**§ 2**

**Motion No.:1**

## Old text:

### **1. FIL Competitions**

1.1 Luge competitions in Olympic Winter Games

1.2 **FIL Championships**

	Until 2022	From 2023
World Championships (WCh)	in odd numbered years	annually
Junior World Championships (JWC)	in even numbered years	annually
U23 World Championships		("Race in Race" FIL-WCh) annually
Continental Championships <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• European Championship (ECh)</li><li>• American Pacific Championships (APCh)</li><li>• Asia Championships (ACh)</li></ul>	in even numbered years	("Race in Race" / WC) in odd numbered years
North American Championships	annually	See Continental Championships
Continental Championships for juniors	in odd numbered years	in odd numbered years

## New text:

### **1. FIL Competitions**

1.2 Luge competitions in Olympic Winter Games

1.2. **FIL Championships**

World Championships (WCh)	in odd numbered years
Junior World Championships (JWC)	in even numbered years
U23 World Championships	
Continental Championships <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• European Championship (ECh)</li><li>• American Pacific Championships (APCh)</li><li>• Asia Championships (ACh)</li></ul>	in even numbered years (race in race)
North American Championships	annually
Continental Championships for juniors	in odd numbered years

## Reason:

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# IRO Amendment 2022



☐ Artificial Track      ☒ Natural Track

**Applicant: Natural Track Commission**

**§ 3, 1.**

**Motion No.:2**

## **Old text:**

### **1. Disciplines**

The following disciplines participate in the championships and competitions:

- Women's singles
- Men's singles
- Doubles
- Team Competition

The organizer together with the Natural Track Sports Director shall determine whether the Team Competition is to be held prior to or following the individual competitions.

If they are held prior to the individual competitions, the athletes who did not participate in the Team Competition shall be allowed an additional training run.

## **New text:**

### **1. Disciplines**

The following disciplines participate in the championships and competitions:

- Women's singles
- Men's singles
- Doubles
- Team Competition

**A team competition is to be staged at championships (junior and general class).**

The organizer together with the Natural Track Sports Director shall determine whether the Team Competition is to be held prior to or following the individual competitions.

If they are held prior to the individual competitions, the athletes who did not participate in the Team Competition shall be allowed an additional training run.

## **Reason:**

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# IRO Amendment 2022



☐ Artificial Track      ☒ Natural Track

**Applicant: Natural Track Commission**

**§ 5, 1.3**

**Motion No.:3**

## **Old text:**

### **1.3 Weight of the Sled**

Youth male and female	12 kg
Juniors male and female	14 kg
Women's and men's	14 kg
Doubles	20 kg

## **New text:**

### **1.3 Weight of the Sled**

Youth male and female	12 kg
Juniors male and female	<b>14.5</b> kg
Women's and men's	<b>14.5</b> kg
Doubles	20 kg

## **Reason:**

- The sled (seat, hand protection, sides, runners....) could be built stronger/thicker.
- The sled would become therefore more stable, cheaper, and safer.

## **Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# IRO Amendment 2022



☐ Artificial Track      ☒ Natural Track

**Applicant: GER // BSD Bob- u. Schlittenverband für Deutschland**

**§ 5, 1.6.4**

**Motion No.:4**

## **Old text:**

1.6.4 Height of the burr: maximum 0.12 mm, measurement C (measured perpendicular to the running surface)

## **New text:**

1.6.4 Height of the burr: maximum **0.06** mm, measurement C (measured perpendicular to the running surface)

## **Reason:**

- Preparing the steels is significantly easier if the burr is reduced, both the time required as well as the cost are reduced.
- Driving/sliding safety is increased and accidents prevented.
- False preparation of the steels is minimized considerably.

## **Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

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# General Motion to the 2022 FIL Congress



**Applicant: Sweden**

**Motion No.: 1**

## Motion:

Speed up the work with implementing standardized sleds so they are put in use before the Olympic season 2025-2026. The last season when not standardized sleds are allowed should be the 2024-2025 season.

### OUR ROADMAP TO 2026

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Create strategy to be an umbrella organization for sliding activities around the world						
Prepare plan for rebranding of the FIL						
Establish regional hubs - Europe, North America, and Asia						
Complete inventory of all tracks in the world						
Review membership guidelines and expectations for NFs						
Create luge toolbox for NFs						
Expand umbrella structure for sliding						
Expand and enhance the image of the FIL to the world audience as an umbrella structure for sliding worldwide						
Active utilization of the regional hubs in WC race calendar						
Implement standardized sleds at junior and senior levels						
Expand and enhance events for basic/mass-participation sliding in winter sport areas						

## Reason:

To make the sport of AT Luge interesting to the border masses and to engage more national federations in the game the sleds need to be standardized. As it is today the difference in sled material are too big between different nations.

With standardized sleds the gap between sliders in competitions will shrink and make the competitions more exciting to watch. Leveling out the differences in material will also make it more fair for smaller nations with high NOC standards of results for qualifying to the Olympic games.

Let's create a sport where the best athletes win. Not the athletes with the superior sled material and highest budget.

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**Annual Statement of Account**

**April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022**

**1. INCOME**

<b>Account Number</b>		<b>Budget €</b>	<b>Income €</b>
1100	Income from 2020/2021 Budget	0,00	<b>0,00</b>
1200	Annual Membership Fees from National Federations	4.000,00	<b>6.100,00</b>
1300	Return on Investment, Dividends, Interests	80.000,00	<b>144.737,50</b>
1400	IOC Subsidies	62.000,00	<b>63.636,36</b>
1500	Television and Advertising Revenues	1.620.500,00	<b>1.419.500,00</b>
1600	Sales	5.500,00	<b>1.382,00</b>
1700	Miscellaneous Income	8.000,00	<b>0,00</b>
<b>2021/2022 Total Income</b>		<b>€ 1.780.000,00</b>	<b>€ 1.635.355,86</b>

## **2. EXPENSES**

<b>Account Number</b>		<b>Budget €</b>	<b>Expenses €</b>
3100	Management President	36.600,00	<b>36.600,00</b>
3200	Admin. Expenses Secretary General	25.000,00	<b>25.000,00</b>
3310	FIL Office Berchtesgaden	457.000,00	<b>454.283,44</b>
3400	FIL Office Salzburg (Operating Costs, Office Material)	4.000,00	<b>3.100,00</b>
3500	Administrative Expenses VP Finance	39.600,00	<b>39.600,00</b>
3600	Lump Sum Admin. Expenses VPs, Executive Board Members	17.600,00	<b>17.600,00</b>
3800	Expenses for FIL Commissions / WG	61.000,00	<b>60.349,88</b>
3900	Travel Expenses Executive Board and Officials	120.000,00	<b>119.956,61</b>
4100	Translation Expenses	6.500,00	<b>6.500,44</b>
4200	FIL Meetings (incl. Congress)	180.000,00	<b>163.702,00</b>
4300	Membership Fees (SportAccord, Fair Play)	4.500,00	<b>3.841,43</b>
4400	Advertising Public Relations Work	388.000,00	<b>386.354,77</b>
4490	Social Media, Internet	81.000,00	<b>95.788,17</b>
4500	Various Publishing Costs	3.000,00	<b>0,00</b>
4600	Trophies, Medals (AT, NT)	30.000,00	<b>36.407,39</b>
4700	Magazines, Spezialized Literature, Subscriptions	3.500,00	<b>2.946,87</b>
4800	FIL Magazine	32.000,00	<b>29.914,14</b>
5000	Athletes Subsidy Championships	12.000,00	<b>21.380,00</b>
5100	Athletes Subs. 2022 JWM AT	50.000,00	<b>37.500,00</b>
5110	Athletes Subs. 2022 JEM NT	15.000,00	<b>14.900,00</b>
5200	Athletes Subsidy WC AT incl. 3 Disc.	420.000,00	<b>456.500,00</b>
5300	Athletes Subsidy JWC AT	285.000,00	<b>185.000,00</b>
5400	Athletes Subsidy World Cup NT	100.000,00	<b>100.390,00</b>
5450	Athletes Subsidy JWC NT	70.000,00	<b>55.700,00</b>
5500	Prize Money	530.000,00	<b>577.080,00</b>
5600	Doping Controls	250.000,00	<b>238.555,16</b>

<b>Account Number</b>		<b>Budget €</b>	<b>Expenses €</b>
5700	Subsidies for Organizers of WC	843.000,00	<b>773.497,64</b>
6100	Expenses f. Permanent TDs/Directors	205.000,00	<b>206.789,60</b>
6200	Subsidies for Organization	125.500,00	<b>121.500,00</b>
6300	Development Program Artificial Track	674.750,00	<b>623.546,68</b>
6400	Development Program Natural Track	114.000,00	<b>118.176,71</b>
6605	Special Costs OWG 2022	150.000,00	<b>130.232,98</b>
6630	Development Womens Doubles Sled	20.000,00	<b>3.326,09</b>
6700	„Patenschaft“ Program AT	35.000,00	<b>63.000,00</b>
6800	Flight a. Travel Subsid., Transp. Costs For National Federations	80.000,00	<b>37.307,14</b>
7100	FIL Vehicles	50.000,00	<b>37.104,53</b>
7200	Purchase of Helmets	30.000,00	<b>27.489,00</b>
7300	Insurances	15.000,00	<b>14.072,99</b>
7400	Bank Charges	4.000,00	<b>3.899,81</b>
7401	Fund Management Fee	70.000,00	<b>60.095,12</b>
7402	Costs of Financing FIL Office	12.000,00	<b>12.729,38</b>
7450	Description of Buildings, Equipments	65.000,00	<b>67.614,62</b>
7460	Inventories movements	0,00	<b>-26.088,00</b>
7500	Agent Responsible for Television	70.000,00	<b>67.142,74</b>
7550	TV Expenses	700.000,00	<b>692.395,97</b>
7600	Expenses from 2020/2021 season (Payables)	30.000,00	<b>28.717,34</b>
7700	Unforeseen Expenses	2.000,00	<b>2.432,93</b>
7710	<u>Costs COVID-19 actions</u>	30.000,00	<b>33.670,70</b>
7800	Allocation of hardship fund	10.000,00	<b>10.000,00</b>
<b>2021/2022 Total Expenses</b>		<b>€ 6.556.550,00</b>	<b>€ 6.277.604,27</b>

Salzburg, April 09, 2022

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FIL Vice President for Finance



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**Annual Budget**  
**from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023**

**1. Income (in EURO)**

**Account No.**

1100	<u>Income from 2021/2 budget (Receivables)</u>	-
1200	<u>Annual Membership Fee from National Federations</u>	3.000,00
1300	<u>Return on Investments, Dividends, Interests</u>	140.000,00
1400	<u>IOC Subsidies</u>	62.000,00
1500	<u>Television and Advertising Revenues</u>	1.542.000,00
1600	<u>Sales</u>	1.500,00
1700	<u>Miscellaneous Income</u>	-
<b>2021/2022 Total Income</b>		<b>1.748.500,00</b>

## 2. Expenses (in EURO)

<u>Account No.</u>		
3100	<u>Management President</u>	36.600,00
3200	<u>Administrative Expenses Secretary General</u>	25.000,00
3300	<u>FIL Office Berchtesgaden</u>	478.500,00
3400	<u>FIL Office Salzburg (Operating Costs, Office Material)</u>	4.000,00
3500	<u>Administrative Expenses VP Finance</u>	71.500,00
3600	<u>Lump Sum Adm. Expenses Executive B. Memb. (except Pres.)</u>	32.000,00
3800	<u>Expenses for FIL Commissions/Working Groups</u>	95.000,00
3900	<u>Travel expenses Executive Board Members and Officials</u>	120.000,00
4100	<u>Translation Expenses</u>	8.500,00
4200	<u>FIL Meetings</u>	220.000,00
4300	<u>Membership fees (GAISF, "Fair Play" etc.)</u>	4.500,00
4400	<u>Advertising/Public Relations Work</u>	510.000,00
4490	<u>Social Media, Internet</u>	131.000,00
4500	<u>Various Publishing Costs</u>	3.000,00
4600	<u>Trophies, Medals (AT, NT)</u>	40.000,00
4700	<u>Magazines, Specialized Literature, Subscriptions</u>	3.500,00
4800	<u>FIL Magazine</u>	32.000,00
5000	<u>Athletes Subsidy for Championships General Class</u>	-
5100	<u>Athletes Subsidy 2023 JWM AT</u>	-
5110	<u>Athletes Subsidy 2023 JWM NT</u>	-
5200	<u>Athletes Subsidy WC AT including 4 Disciplines</u>	250.000,00
5300	<u>Athletes Subsidy Junior WC Artificial Track</u>	185.000,00
5400	<u>Athletes Subsidy World Cup Natural Track</u>	50.000,00
5450	<u>Athletes Subsidy Junior WC Natural Track</u>	32.000,00
5500	<u>Prize Money</u>	756.000,00
5600	<u>Doping Controls</u>	250.000,00
5700	<u>Subsidies for Organizers</u>	961.000,00
6100	<u>Expenses for Directors, permanent TD's, etc.</u>	237.000,00
6200	<u>Subsidies for Organization</u>	151.000,00



<b>Account No.</b>		
6300	<u>Development Program Artificial Track</u>	554.000,00
6400	<u>Development Program Natural Track</u>	84.000,00
6605	<u>Special Costs Strategy Plan SLIDE 2026</u>	50.000,00
6630	<u>Development Standard Components AT</u>	10.000,00
6700	<u>"Patenschaft" Programs AT</u>	35.000,00
6800	<u>Flight and Travel Subsidies, Transportation Costs</u>	80.000,00
7100	<u>FIL Vehicles</u>	50.000,00
7200	<u>Purchase of Helmets</u>	39.270,00
7300	<u>Insurances</u>	15.000,00
7400	<u>Bank Charges</u>	4.000,00
7401	<u>Fund Management Fee</u>	80.000,00
7402	<u>Finance Costs New Office</u>	12.000,00
7450	<u>Asstets Depreciation</u>	65.000,00
7500	<u>Agent responsible for Television</u>	75.000,00
7550	<u>Television Expenses</u>	690.000,00
7600	<u>Expenses from the 2021/2022 season (Payables)</u>	30.000,00
7700	<u>Unforeseen Expenses</u>	2.000,00
7710	<u>COVID19 Actions</u>	30.000,00
7800	<u>Allocation Hardship Cases Fund</u>	10.000,00
<b>2022/2023 Total Expenses Annual Budget</b>		<b>6.602.370,00</b>
<b>Less 2022/2023 Total Income Annual Budget</b>		<b>1.748.500,00</b>
<b>RELEASE OF RESERVES 2022 / 2023 from Annual Budget</b>		<b>- 4.853.870,00</b>

Salzburg, April 30, 2022

Harald Steyrer

Vice-President for Finance of the FIL



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**To the 70th FIL Congress 2022  
in Hall / AUT**

**AUDIT REPORT May 8, 2022**

We, the undersigned, members of the Control Commission, in accordance with our mandate and in the period from May 6 to May 8, 2022, in Reichenau an der Rax / AUT, examined the accounts, the annual financial statement for March 31, 2022 and all transactions for the business year 2021 / 2022.

We find that:

1. the accounts were correctly kept in accordance with the legal requirements,
2. all documentary evidence and bank statements are available and agree with the account entries
3. we have checked the assets and liabilities as of March 31, 2022 for any impairment, and established that they were correct on March 31, 2022,
4. the annual financial statement for March 31, 2022 and the balance sheet for March 31, 2022 are in agreement with the figures in the accounts.

The annual financial statement for March 31, 2022 shows:

<b>Income</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>1,635,355.86</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>6,277,604.27</b>
<hr/>		
<b>Net outlay of resources</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>4,642,248.41</b>
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The development of our investments at LGT Bank in Liechtenstein continued to be very pleasing in this financial year. The average return on our investments in the 2021/2022 financial year was (rounded) 1.64%.

Our investments at LGT Bank in Liechtenstein achieved a performance of 09.85% in the period from July 2, 2014 to March 31, 2022 in the area of the "iron reserve" as well as in the area of "capital consumption investments", i.e. approx. 1.35% p.A.

The business performance in the financial year 2021/2022 was very exactly in line with the budget in almost all budget items, so that detailed explanations in written form are not necessary. Details of the financial statements as of March 31, 2022 will be explained verbally at the FIL Congress.

A random review of FIL's inventoried assets as of March 31, 2022, revealed that the items on hand were consistent with the records.

### **Comments on the Audit**

We note that in addition to the business cases already commented on, there are no noteworthy changes to comment on compared to the 2021/2022 proposal.

Dear delegates, we again note that in the past year 2021/2022 our FIL Vice President for Finances, Harald Steyrer, has managed the assets of the FIL extremely professionally, prudently, and together with the FIL Presidium with above-average commitment successfully for the benefit of the entire FIL family.

All documents for our audit were available in a complete and orderly manner and were made available for our work without being requested.

We note that the cooperation between the FIL office in Berchtesgaden and the Vice President for Finance is excellent.

We would like to thank our staff in the FIL Office, headed by Executive Director Christoph Schweiger, for the excellent work they have done.

For the past year 2021/2022, it is of great importance to us to thank the FIL Presidium with President Einars Fogelis at its head, in particular also the Vice President for Finance Harald Steyrer, the entire Executive Board, the Commissions, Working Groups and all FIL officials and employees for their excellent and tireless work in the interest of the worldwide sport of luge.

Based on our audit, we recommend to the Congress to release with thanks the Vice President for Finance Harald Steyrer, the FIL Presidium, the entire Executive Board as well as the Audit Commission.

For the Control Commission:



Günther Beck  
Chairman



Derek Prentice  
Member

Reichenau an der Rax, May 8, 2022

## **International Luge Federation (FIL)**

### **Report on agreed-upon procedures concerning the**

### **Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2022**

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## **List of abbreviations**

EUR	Euro
FIL	International Luge Federation (Fédération Internationale de Luge de Course)
UGB	Austrian Business Code
IFAC	International Federation of Accountants
ISA	International Standards on Auditing
ISRS	International Standard on Related Services
IAASB	International Accounting and Assurance Standards Board

# 1 Engagement and implementation of agreed-upon procedures

## 1.1 Agreed-upon procedures

Based on an engagement as of 16 May 2022 by the

International Luge Federation, 5071 Wals-Salzburg,  
(hereinafter also referred to as "FIL")

we have been instructed to carry out procedures agreed upon in detail with regard to the Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the International Luge Federation as at 31 March 2022.

In accordance with the engagement and in compliance with "Fachgutachten KFS/PG 14" the following procedures had to be performed:

- Obtaining external confirmations of the credit balances and debit balances in bank accounts and securities accounts as defined by the International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 505 "External Confirmations", to compare the balances of assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2022 with the bank letters and to determine deviations.
- Inspection of the cash journal to compare the balances of assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2022 with the account books.
- Obtaining external confirmations of the accounts receivable as at 31 March 2022 and accounts payable as at 31 March 2022 on a test basis of ten. The selection of random has to include the five highest accounts receivables and accounts payables and moreover at random. Provided that the relevant outstanding items are balanced at the time of the procedure, it is permitted to verify instead of external confirmations the payment flow in compliance with bank statements.



## 1.2 Implementation of agreed-upon procedures

The agreed-upon procedures were implemented in May 2022, with Mr. Ewald Klösch as the leading person.

Neither an audit nor a review was carried out, so that no assurance is expressed.

The sole purpose of the instruction is to check accuracy of the Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the International Luge Federation as at 31 March 2022 by means of agreed-upon procedures in order to be able to document accuracy vis-à-vis the bodies and members of FIL. Our report must not be used for any other purpose.

Our activities were based on the General Conditions of Contract for the Public Accounting Professions issued by the *Kammer der Steuerberater und Wirtschaftsprüfer* [Austrian Chamber of Public Accountants and Tax Advisors]. A copy thereof is attached to this report as Annex 4.

## 1.3 Documents

The following material documents were taken into consideration:

- a. Status of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2022" (Annex 1)
- b. Detailed list "Accounts receivable as at 31 March 2022" (Annex 2)
- c. Detailed list "Accounts payable as at 31 March 2022" (Annex 3)

## **2 Findings**

### **2.1 Credit balances and debit balances in banks**

The check of credit balances and debit balances in bank accounts and securities accounts as stated in the "Status of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2022" was carried out by sending letters to banks and by obtaining the relevant confirmations directly from those banks as defined by the International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 505 "External Confirmations". We received all letters of confirmation directly by post.

The credit balances and debit balances in accounts and securities accounts stated in the "Status of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2022" were confirmed by the relevant banks.

### **2.2 Other assets**

The "Status of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2022" shows "accounts receivable according to bookkeeping" in the total amount of EUR 345.268,41 as other assets.

We examined those accounts receivable on a test basis as agreed upon, which examination covered a total amount of EUR 243.215,02 (70%).

## 2.3 Liabilities

The "Status of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2022" shows "liabilities as at 31 March 2022" in the amount of EUR 275.241,84.

We examined those accounts receivable on a test basis as agreed upon, which examination covered a total amount of EUR 158.901,48 (58%).

The examination of "unrealised price changes assets 31 March 2022" was not part of the agreed-upon procedures.

## 3 Final remarks

The engagement was undertaken in compliance with the statutory provisions applicable in Austria as well as in accordance with the International Standard on Related Services (ISRS) 4400 "Engagements to Perform Agreed-Upon Procedures Regarding Financial Information" issued by the International Accounting and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC).

Neither an audit nor a review was carried out, so that no assurance is expressed.




We would like to point out that in the course of additional examination procedures, reviews or an audit of annual financial statements additional aspects may be found, on which we would then report.

Our activities were based on the General Conditions of Contract for the Public Accounting Professions issued by the *Kammer der Steuerberater und Wirtschaftsprüfer* [Austrian Chamber of Public Accountants and Tax Advisors]. A copy thereof is attached to this report as Annex 4.

If it is established that pecuniary damage is due to gross negligence on our part, our liability shall be limited to EUR 2,000,000 in accordance with the provisions of Section 275 (2) UGB.

In accordance with the regulation contained in the General Conditions of Contract for Audits of Annual Accounts liability on our part for slight negligence is excluded. The limitation of our liability also applies vis-à-vis any third party that takes or refrains from taking actions in reliance upon these agreed-upon procedures.

**SOT Süd-Ost Treuhand GmbH**  
**Wirtschaftsprüfungs- und Steuerberatungsgesellschaft**

  
  
Mag Nina Klösch  
  
MMag Ewald Klösch  
Auditors

Salzburg, 23 May 2022

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# Antrag auf Ausrichtung von FIL-Meisterschaften

## - Bereich Kunstbahn-Rennrodeln -

**Nationale Föderation:** Bob- und Schlittenverband für Deutschland e.V.

**Vorgesehene Meisterschaft:** Rennrodel Junioren-Weltmeisterschaften 2026

**Geplanter Austragungsort:** SachsenEnergie-Eiskanal Altenberg/Sachsen

**1. Gewährte Vergünstigungen für die Teams in der Internationalen Trainingswoche:**  
(z.B. Übernahme Aufenthalt für eine bestimmte Anzahl von Athleten; Nutzung der Bahn ohne Gebühren oder mit Preisnachlass; Durchführung eines Sportlerabends)

Noch offen \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Gewährte Vergünstigungen für die Teams bei den Meisterschaften:**  
(z.B. Übernahme Aufenthalt für eine bestimmte Anzahl von Athleten; Durchführung eines Sportlerabends)

Lt. FIL-Regularien \_\_\_\_\_

Sportlerabend \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

(Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen)

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

**5. Steht an allen Wettkampftagen ein VIP-Zelt zur Verfügung?**

(Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen)

Ja	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	(wenn ja: ungefähre Anzahl der Sitzplätze: 100)
Nein	<input type="radio"/>	

**6. Werden für die VIP-Gäste spezielle Zonen geschaffen / Tribünen aufgebaut?**

(Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen)

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

7. Welche Maßnahmen sind zur Sicherung  
vorgesehen?

einer hohen Zahl von Zuschauern

Tribünen  
Verpflegungsstände  
Parkplätze mit Shuttleservice  
Unterhaltung/Darbietungen

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

Eröffnungsveranstaltung  
Sportlerabend/Empfang  
Öffentliche Auslosungen/Siegerpräsentationen  
Schulprojekte

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

Ja ☒ noch offen

Nein ☐

Wenn ja: Name des Sponsors: noch offen \_\_\_\_\_

Vereinbarter Name des Austragungsorts: \_\_\_\_\_

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

10. Durchgeführte Meisterschaften in den letzten 5 Jahren

Jahr der Durchführung:

Welche Meisterschaften:

2017-2018: FIL Weltcup und FIL Junioren-Weltmeisterschaften

2018-2019: FIL Weltcup

2019-2020: FIL Weltcup und FIL Junioren-Weltcup

2020-2021: FIL Weltcup

2021-2022: FIL-Weltcup

Nachrichtlich: 2023-2024: FIL-Weltmeisterschaften

Mit der Unterschrift unter diesen Antrag wird bestätigt, dass

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

14/03/22

Datum



Stempel

Unterschrift des Präsidenten  
bzw. des Generalsekretärs der NF

## Fragebogen für Bewerber von FIL-Meisterschaften – Kunstbahn

1. Welche internationalen Wettbewerbe wurden vom Bewerber im Zeitraum der vergangenen 5 Jahre (allgemeine Klasse und Junioren) durchgeführt?

2017-2018: FIL Weltcup und FIL Junioren-Weltmeisterschaften

2018-2019: FIL Weltcup

2019-2020: FIL Weltcup und FIL Junioren-Weltcup

2020-2021: FIL Weltcup

2021-2022: FIL-Weltcup

Nachrichtlich: 2023-2024: FIL-Weltmeisterschaften

2. Welche Bemühungen wurden in den vergangenen 5 Jahren vom Bewerber unternommen, um FIL-Wettbewerbe zu Events zu entwickeln?

Eröffnungsveranstaltung

Sportlerabend/Empfang

Öffentliche Auslosungen/Siegerpräsentationen

Schulprojekte

Kultur/Musik

Catering

3. Welche Beiträge wurden in den vergangenen 5 Jahren von der Bewerbernation zu den Entwicklungs- und Patenschaftsprogrammen der FIL geleistet?

Der BSD unterhält Partnerschaften mit verschiedenen Nationen.

Am SachsenEnergie-Eiskanal finden regelmäßig internationale Trainingswochen statt.

4. Wie hat sich die sportliche Entwicklung der Bewerbernation in den vergangenen 5 Jahren in den Bereichen Jugend, Junioren und allgemeine Klasse vollzogen?

Sehr gut.

Spitzenplatzierungen in der Allgemeinen Klasse, bei den Junioren sowie in der Jugend A.

5. Wann hat die letzte Homologierung der Bahn des Bewerbers stattgefunden?

2019

6. Welche Maßnahmen zur Verbesserung der Infrastruktur der Bahn sind in Vorbereitung der beantragten Meisterschaften vorgesehen?

Neugestaltung der Starthöhe K8 mit separatem Startbock.

7. Sicherheitsfragen

7.1 Ist eine Video-Überwachungsanlage vorhanden?

X ja 0 nein

7.2 Existiert eine Streckentelefonanlage?

X ja 0 nein

7.3 Existiert ein Raum für medizinische Erstversorgung?

X ja 0 nein

8. Allgemeine Fragen

8.1 Gibt es im Zielauslauf eine für die Athleten gut sichtbare Platzanzeige? X ja 0 nein

8.2 Reicht die Lichtstärke für TV-Übertragungen bei Dunkelheit? X ja 0 nein

8.3 Stehen genügend Arbeitskräfte z.B. bei Schneefall bereit? X ja 0 nein



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**Bid**  
**to host FIL Championships**  
**- Natural Track Luge -**

**National Federation:** ROMANIA

**Designated Championships:** 2023

**Planned Venue/Track:** BUCOVINA LUGE NATURAL TRACK – VATRA DORNEI, SV, ROU

**Name of Organizing Club:** ROMANIAN BOBSLEIGH AND LUGE FEDERATION

**1. Technical Data from Track**

**Homologation Date:** 18.10.2018

**Length of Track:** 1012m

**Sea Level at Start:** 894m

**Sea Level at Finish:** 860m

**Average Drop:** 12,70%

**Maximum Drop:** 124m

*(Please mark with a cross)*

**Existing road:**

☒

**Existing footpath at the track:**

☒

**Heated start house:**

☒

**Start house:** ☒

**Provisional arrangement at start:** ☒

**Heated finish house:**

☒

**Finish house:** ☒

**Provisional arrangement at finish:** ☒

**2. Have naming rights for the venue been granted to a sponsor?**

Yes

☒

No

☐

**If yes:**

**Name of the sponsor:** AQUA CARPATICA

**Appointed name of the venue:** AQUA CARPATICA WCH LUGE ON NATURAL TRACK

The FIL expressively states that any naming right for the venue granted after the awarding of the event must be approved by the FIL. In particular, the FIL reserves the right to not use the name for this event.

### 3. Previous International Competitions

Year of Event:

Name of Event:

21.01.2022 – 23.01.2022, Luge World Cup on Natural Track Vatra Dornei, ROU  
 17.01.2020 – 19.01.2020, Luge World Cup on Natural Track Vatra Dornei, ROU  
 08.02.2019 – 10.02.2019, Luge World Cup on Natural Track Vatra Dornei, ROU  
 02.02.2017 – 05.02.2017, World Championships on Luge on Natural Track Vatra Dornei, ROU  
 15.01.2016 – 17.01.2016, Luge World Cup on Natural Track Vatra Dornei, ROU  
 29.01.2015 – 01.02.2015, GRM GROUP Luge World Cup on Natural Track Vatra Dornei, ROU  
 21.02.2014 – 23.02.2014, Junior World Championships on Luge on Natural Track Vatra Dornei, ROU  
 17.02.2014 – 19.02.2014, Luge World Cup on Natural Track Vatra Dornei, ROU  
 22.02.2013 – 24.02.2013, Luge World Cup on Natural Track Vatra Dornei, ROU  
 26.02.2013 – 28.02.2013, Luge World Cup on Natural Track Vatra Dornei, ROU  
 01.03.2013 – 03.03.2013, European Luge Cup on Natural Track Vatra Dornei, ROU

### 4. Benefits granted for teams during the Championships:

(i.e. covering accommodation costs for a certain number of athletes; organizing a party for athletes)

Will cover the accommodation for two persons from each NF who will take part on the WCH during the race days

A party for athletes will be organize

### 5. Will a VIP tent be available during all competition days?

(please mark with a cross)

Yes ☒ (if yes: approximate number of seats: 40)  
 No ☐

### 6. Will there be special areas arranged for VIP guests / Will stands be built?

(please mark with a cross)

Yes ☒  
 No ☐

### 7. Which measures are planned in order to secure a high number of spectators?

Create a special event for kids

All Romanian sport clubs affiliate to our federation will take part on event

Organize 2 interactive meetings during the race days

Create a special show/festival with music and dance

### 8. Which activities worth mentioning will be staged as fringe program for participants (transform the competition into an „event“)?

Luge runs with demonstration for spectators

Tombola for participants

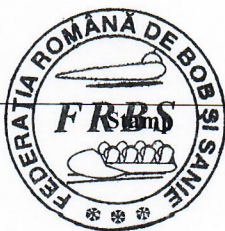
An evening program with music and dance

With your signature, you are confirming that it will be recognized

- the IRO, especially

- the „Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights“ (IRO 2020, Sep 2020)
- § 6 of the IRO “Medical Service” (IRO 2020)
- the „Advertising Rules of the FIL“ (will be sent soon),
- the „Media Handbook of the FIL“ (will be sent soon)

9 May 2022  
 Date



Elena – Sorina Ticu  
 Signature of Secretary General of NF ROU



# Antrag auf Ausrichtung von FIL-Meisterschaften

## - Bereich Naturbahn-Rennrodeln -

ÖRV \_\_\_\_\_  
Nationale Föderation:

Junioren EM 2023 \_\_\_\_\_  
Vorgesehene Meisterschaft:

Mariazell – Rennstrecke Mariazellerlandbahn \_\_\_\_\_  
Geplante(r) Austragungsort/Rennstrecke:

ASKÖ SV St. Sebastian \_\_\_\_\_  
Name des ausrichtenden Vereins:

### 1. Technische Daten der Rennstrecke

Homologierungsdatum: 2022 ..... Bahnlänge: 974 m .....

Seehöhe Start: 933 hm ..... Seehöhe Ziel: 811 hm .....

Durchschnittsgefälle: 12.6 % ..... Maximalgefälle: .....

*(Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen)*

Auffahrtstraße vorhanden: x      Fußweg an der Bahn vorhanden:      x

Starthaus mit Wärmeraum: x      Starthütte: O      Startprovisorium: O

Zielhaus mit Wärmeraum: x      Zielhütte: x      Zielprovisorium: O

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

Ja      O

Nein      x

Wenn ja: Name des Sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_

Vereinbarter Name des Austragungsorts: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### 3. Bisherige internationale Veranstaltungen

<u>Jahr der Durchführung:</u>	<u>Name der Veranstaltung:</u>
2022 _____	Weltcup Rennen Allgemeine Klasse _____
2020 _____	Junioren Weltmeisterschaft _____
2019 _____	Junioren Weltcup _____
2015 _____	Weltmeisterschaft Allgemeine Klasse _____
2010 _____	Europameisterschaft Allgemeine Klasse _____
2016 _____	Fil Jugendspiele _____

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

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

Eröffnungsfeier, Funktionärsabend \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Ja ☒ (wenn ja: ungefähre Anzahl der Sitzplätze: 100 .....)  
 Nein ☐

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

Ja ☒  
 Nein ☐

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

Werbung in sozialen Medien, Homepage, TV, Printpresse \_\_\_\_\_

Shuttle Bus \_\_\_\_\_

Nachlauf mit fernsehtauglicher Flutlichtanlage \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Mit der Unterschrift unter diesen Antrag wird bestätigt, dass anerkannt werden:

- die IRO, ganz besonders
  - die „Regelung der Rechte für audiovisuelle Medien“ (IRO 2020 - Druck Sep 2020)
  - § 6 der IRO „Medizinischer Dienst“
- die „**Werbeordnung der FIL**“
- das „**Medienhandbuch der FIL**“

09.05.2022

Datum



Stempel

*Josef Probst*

Unterschrift des Präsidenten  
bzw. des Generalsekretärs der NF





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An das  
Präsidium des Internationalen Rodelverbandes

Mariazell, 07.03.2022

Bewerbung Junioren-Europameisterschaften 2023 - Naturbahnrodeln

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren!

Der Sportverein St. Sebastian/Mariazell (AUT) bewirbt sich für die Austragung der Junioren-Europameisterschaften 2023.

Als Referenz führen wir an:

2007 Junioren Europameisterschaften

2009 Weltcup Allg. Klasse

2010 Europameisterschaften Allg. Klasse

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2015 Weltmeisterschaften Allg. Klasse

2018 Weltcup Allg. Klasse und Junioren

2020 Junioren Weltcup, Junioren WM

2022 Weltcup Allg. Klasse

2mal FIL-Jugendspiele, letzte mal 2016 und mehrere Intercontinental-Cups

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Wir hoffen keine Fehlbitte abzugeben und verbleiben

mit sportlichen Grüßen

Für den SV St. Sebastian – Sektion Rodeln

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Gerhard Kleinhofer



# Fragebogen für Veranstalter - Naturbahn

(Welche Leistungen wurden bei früheren Veranstaltungen realisiert bzw. sind bereits vorhanden oder geplant)

**Rennbüro** Ja, vorhanden ☒ Nein, geplant ☐

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**Siegerpräsentation/-ehrung als eigene Veranstaltung geplant?** Ja ☐ Nein ☒

Örtlichkeit und Rahmen: im Rahmen der Veranstaltung

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professionelle Ja ☐ Nein ☒  
Agenturname:

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Welche:

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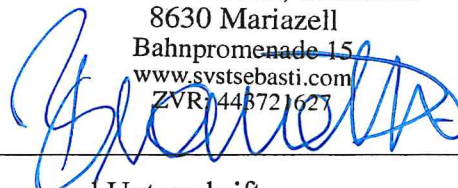
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**Nominations of Candidates for the Election of  
the Executive Board at the 70th FIL Congress 2022  
in Hall in Tirol /AUT**

- **President**
  - Einars Fogelis / LAT
- **Secretary General**
  - Dwight Bell / USA
- **Vice-President Finance**
  - Philipp Trattner / AUT
- **Vice-President Marketing**
  - Thomas Schwab / GER
- **Vice-President Sport Artificial Track**
  - Claire DelNegro / USA
- **Vice-President Technical Matter Artificial Track**
  - Armin Zöggeler / ITA
- **Vice-President Natural Track**
  - Leander Moroder / ITA
  - Geoff Balme / NZL
  - Sorin Buta / ROU
- **Members at large**
  - Markus Prock / AUT
  - Alex Gough / CAN
  - Harald Rolfsen / NOR
  - Geoff Balme / NZL (if not elected as "VP Natural Track")
  - Sorin Buta / ROU (if not elected as "VP Natural Track")
  - Sorina Ticu / ROU
  - Natalia Gart / RUS
  - Taras Hartsula / UKR
- **Vice-President Asia**
  - Jieun Park / KOR
- **Vice-President Oceania**
  - Geoff Balme / NZL (if not elected as "VP Natural Track" or "Member at large")





Internationaler Rennrodelverband (FIL)  
z.H. Herrn Christoph Schweiger  
Nonntal 10  
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DEUTSCHLAND

Innsbruck, am 18. Mai 2022

## Wahlvorschläge für Exekutive

Sehr geehrter Herr Schweiger, lieber Christoph,

nachfolgend dürfen wir termingerecht die Kandidatenvorschläge des Österr. Rodelverbandes die Wahl der FIL-Exekutive übermitteln:

- FIL-Vizepräsident für Finanzen: Philip Trattner
- Mitglied für die Exekutive: Markus Prock

Mit sportlichen Grüßen

Markus Prock  
Präsident



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Executive Director of the Fédération Internationale de Luge de Course

Mr. Christoph Schweiger

Nonntal 10

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Deutschland

Innsbruck, am 22.03.2022

**Subject: Vice President of Finance**

Dear Mr. Ececutive Director, dear Christoph!

After the longterm Vice President of Finance Harald Steyrer advised, that he will not run for re-elction at the FIL Kongress 2022, the Austrian Luge Federation hereby submits an election proposal within the period prescribed.

The Austrian Luge Federation nominats Mr. Philipp Trattner LL.M., BSc, BSc for the office of the Vice President for Finance.

Philipp Trattner is skilled well in diverse ways. He made a degree in sports science and sports management at the Leopold Franzens University in Innsbruck. At the Donau University in Krems he studied law and completed this education with the degree Master of Laws (LLM). During lawscool he spezialiced on TV- licensing, sports marketing as well as association- and labour law.

His professional career was strongly connected with sports and the associated organisational and finacial aspects of sports.

In the years 2007 and 2008 he was project manager at the European Football Championships. Afterwards he was working for the Austrian Luge Federation as an athletic coach and in the organisation of the association. As a coach he was part of the Austrian Olympic Team in 2014. From June 2014 until 2016 he was sports director and from 2016 by the end of the year 2017 general secretary of the Austrian Basketball Association.



In December 2017 Philipp Trattner became department head at the Federal Ministry of Arts, Culture, Civil Service and Sports. He is the head of the department of sports and therefore the highest official in Austrian sports. From the budget report of the Austrian Ministry of Finance 2021 shows that the before mentioned Ministry - respectively the department of sports - paid out in subsidies over 267 million Euros.

In consideration of his education, his career and the volume of resources he manages, it should be noted, that he definitely has the operational knowledge that is required for the FIL Vice President of Finance. Furthermore he has consolidated knowledge about the Austrian and international clubs and societies.

Whereas the FIL is an association under Austrian law, it seems to be important, that the Vice President for Finance has the appropriate knowledge of the law in which the federation is subject.

With Philipp Trattner a well qualified candidate is available for the position of the Vice President for Finance, for which reason he is nominated by the Austrian Luge Federation.

Kind regards,



Markus Prock

Präsident ÖRV



May 18, 2022

FIL Office  
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Germany  
Attention: Christoph Schweiger

Re: Nominations of Candidates for Election

Dear Christoph,

The Canadian Luge Association would like to make the following nominations for elections at the 2022 FIL Congress in Innsbruck, Austria.

For International Luge Board membership

*Alex Gough – Member at Large*

For the International Luge Federation Commission membership;

*Robert Fegg – Sport Commission in Artificial Track*

*Duncan Kennedy – Technical Commission in Artificial Track*

*Chris Wightman – Commission in Natural Track*

Yours in Sport,



Tim Farstad  
Executive Director  
Canadian Luge Association



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FIL  
Nonntal 10  
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Berchtesgaden, 31.03.2022

### **Kandidatenvorschlag zum FIL Wahlkongress 2022**

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,

als Kandidaten für die Ernennung der Mitglieder der Exekutive schlagen wir hiermit

**Thomas Schwab als Vizepräsidenten für Marketing**

vor.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Andreas Trautvetter  
Präsident

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IL PRESIDENTE

Milano, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022

To the kind attention of

Mr. Cristoph Schweiger  
FIL Executive Director

**Subject: FIL Congress 2022 Hall / Tirol – Nominations of Candidates for the Executive Board and Commissions**

Dear Mr. Executive Director,

In order to ensure the best experts to the FIL Executive Board and Commissions, *Federazione Italiana Sport Invernali – FISI* (Italian Winter Sports Federation) would like to support the following candidacies:

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Vice President Technical Matters Artificial Track  
Mr. Armin Zöggeler

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Vice President Natural Track  
Mr. Leander Moroder

**Expert Commission Sport - Artificial Track**

Member  
Mr. Klaus Kofler

**Expert Commission Technical – Artificial Track**

Member  
Mr. Oswald Haselrieder

**Expert Commission – Natural Track**

Member  
Mr. Armin Niedermair

Thank you for your kind attention

Best regards

Flavio Roda



Korea Luge Federation

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10<sup>th</sup>, May, 2022.

To FIL Office,

Korea Luge Federation would officially like to recommend following person to the  
“FIL Executive Board” for position of **Regional Vice President Asia**.

1. Jieun Park(KOR)

Korea Luge Federation would officially like to recommend following person  
to the “FIL Expert Commission” for **Sport** – Artificial Track.

1. Wolfgang Staudinger(KOR)

Korea Luge Federation



International Luge Federation (FIL)  
Nonntal 10,83471 Berchtesgaden, Germany  
President of FIL Mr. Einars Fogelis

April 20th, 2022  
Riga  
No. 25

*Latvian Luge Federation's nominations for Commissions*

With this letter, the Latvian Luge Federation nominates Atis Strenga for FIL Sport Commission, Zintis Šaicāns for FIL Youth Commission, Inārs Kivlenieks for Technical Commission and Einars Fogelis for President of FIL.

Atis Strenga is a long-time president of Latvian Luge Federation, who during his long-term work has been part of various FIL commissions, contributing to the development of luge sport. Atis Strenga has also participated in three Winter Olympics Games as one of the jury members.

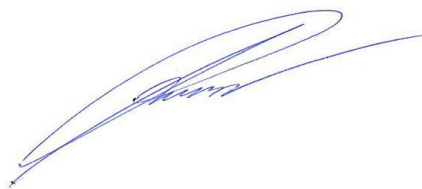
Zintis Šaicāns has provided his professional perspective and performance in the development of youth luge sport while working in the FIL Youth Commission. Zintis, as the head coach of the Latvian Junior and Youth Luge Team, is able to objectively assess and weigh the most important things necessary for the development of youth sport.

Inārs Kivlenieks has been in luge sport since 1998. In the position of mechanic of the Latvian Luge Team since 2020. Inārs Kivlenieks as an athlete has participated in three Winter Olympics. The 2010 XXI Winter Olympics in Vancouver, Canada, the 2014 XXII Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia and the 2018 XXIII Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea. And as a mechanic in XXIV Winter Olympic Games in Beijing 2022.

Einars Fogelis, in our opinion, has performed the duties of FIL President brilliantly so far. Recent and still-present events linked to Russia's invasion of Ukraine clearly show that Mr. Fogelis is able to lead the FIL quickly and smoothly in a crisis situation. Looking at FIL work in communication and decision-making, we believe that Mr. Fogelis is fit to be president of FIL.

Latvian Luge Federation

Secretary-General



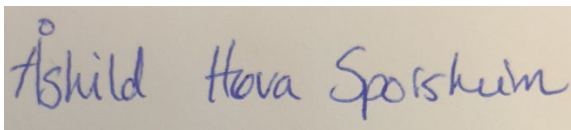
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To: FIL,  
Christoph Schweiger

Lillehammer, 26.04.2022

## Candidate for election to the position of Executive Board Member

The Norwegian Luge,- Bob- and Skeleton Federation is proposing Harald Rolfsen as a candidate for election to the position of Executive Board member, Member at Large, 2022-2024 at the FIL Congress, 2022.



The Norwegian Luge,- Bob- and Skeleton Federation

Åshild Høva Sporsheim  
Secretary General

## Anja Fischer

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**Von:** Christoph Schweiger  
**Gesendet:** Donnerstag, 19. Mai 2022 07:47  
**An:** Anja Fischer  
**Betreff:** Fwd: Proposal for candidates for the election

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Geoff Balme <gbalme@xtra.co.nz>  
**Date:** 19. May 2022 at 04:51:52 CEST  
**To:** Christoph Schweiger <schweiger@fil-luge.org>  
**Subject:** Proposal for candidates for the election

Hi Christoph

The New Zealand Olympic Luge Association submits the following proposals for the election:

Vice President Natural Track – Geoff Balme  
Vice President at Large – Geoff Balme  
Vice President Oceania – Geoff Balme

Thanks and best regards




Geoff

**Geoff Balme**  
**President**  
**New Zealand Olympic Luge Association Inc**  
**Mobile + 64 274 958 923**



**ELENA – SORINA ȚICU**

## ***MOTIVATED TO DEVELOP TOGETHER***

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Date of birth: 5 December 1973  
Nationality: Romanian

### **CANDIDATE for Member of FIL Executive Board**

*I am an active person who travels a lot for work. I'm never home!*

Due to my position as a secretary general, I'm leading the entire activity of the Romanian Bobsleigh and Luge Federation.

Starting by 2020 I represent the Romanian winter sport disciplines in the NOC ROU in my position as a member of the Olympic Technical Commission and Excellence Sports.

As a luge athlete I participated in the OWG Lillehammer, NOR in the women's luge competition. Shortly after I started my career as a luge coach at a national level. I took part in 4 editions of the OWG as an official - leader of the Romania delegation in bobsleigh, luge and skeleton: Turin-ITA, Sochi-RUS, PyeongChang-KOR and Beijing-CHN.

I have completed my postgraduate studies at master level and 2022 is the final year for my PhD. The research topic is "*Performance Improvement Strategy for Luge on artificial track*".

I consider professional development as a continuous element and I am 100% involved in the affirmation of women as managers and leaders specialized in high performance sports.

***I believe that the next 4 years, as a member of the FIL Executive Board will play an important role in my life and I am motivated to actively bring my contribution to the development of international luge activity.***

***I consider that this position suits me, being a natural follow-up of my sports career, where fair-play and teamwork have always been guidelines of my working style. I wish to be a part of FIL, as a specialist, in order to improve and complete my knowledge, but also to perpetuate the values and importance of sports.***

May 20, 2022

Elena – Sorina Țicu



## Letter of motivation

### ***Subject : 2022 – 2026 Candidate to continue for member of the Executive Board in the International Luge Federation***

In my position, as a president of a national federation with four sport disciplines– BOBSLEIGH, LUGE ON ARTIFICIAL TRACKS – LUGE ON NATURAL TRACKS – SKELETON, I have carried out a specialised activity throughout the last 14 years that allowed me to acquire in-depth knowledge in the field of sports and quite particularly, in the area of luge. The intention to continue to bring my contribution at the level of the FIL leadership is a challenge for me, meaning to improve myself as a leader of a winter Olympic sport with great importance and resonance worldwide. I will be available for every request and pay my attention to each nation.

I wish to continue to bring my personal contribution to the development of luge. These are the main reasons why I am asking you to vote again for me and thus be elected to the FIL Executive Board

At present, my interactions, as a leader of the Romanian Bob and Luge Federation, both in national and also international area have allowed me to develop my spirit of initiative, ability to solve concrete problems and provide relevant solutions. Deepening and analysing matters, looking for and proposing solutions communication and evaluation in an international environment are also criteria that perfectly respond to my aspirations.

I identify myself with the purpose of the FIL regarding performance in both luge branches. I personally, Sorin Buta, as a president of the Romanian Bob and Luge Federation managed to bring Romania on the map of the international luge competitions on natural tracks. I admit that I want more for luge in my country but, there are many factors that influence this, I mean, a more significant development.

We started to identify a solution in Romania for the construction of a complete sport facility just for our disciplines – luge from the first mandate. I am currently in my third mandate and I would like to present the main landmarks regarding the activity of the federation that I lead – landmarks from the current period of time:

1. The Romanian luge crews have constantly participated in the Olympic Winter Games
2. Since the first edition of the Olympic Youth Games, Romania has been present in all disciplines and events (bobsleigh, luge, skeleton). In St. Moritz we won two titles of Youth Olympic Monobob Champions.
3. 2013 – the natural luge track BUCOVINA is being built at Vatra Dornei. From then until now, annual competitions on natural tracks, including World Cups, World Junior Championships or World Men and Women Championships, with many participating nations are being hosted on this track.
4. 2016 – Romania organised the World Bobsleigh-Skeleton Push Championships
5. The FIL Congress – the 60th anniversary of the FIL was organised in Mamaia, on the Romanian Black Sea coast where I had the pleasure to personally meet you all. I hope, you have also felt our hospitality and special attention that we paid to this event, so important for the FIL family – our luge family.

In short, I would like to gain again for the next 4 years this position – a member of the FIL Executive Board to continue the ideals of FIL, the cooperation with the International Olympic, the affirmation of our sport and a good collaboration among and between nations, taking all as members of a unique family – the FIL family.

Romania, as a FIL Member for half a century has also a reason to celebrate: 54 years since affiliation (Romanian Bob and Luge Federation) and therefore I, Sorin Buta, in my position as a president of the federation would like to share with you a common DESIRE FOR SOLIDARITY! We Romanians, we are indeed and considered a nation without a „home” track but, our targets regarding luge performance are common with those of many other nations. This fact, meaning that you do not have your own track is not an obstacle. We have all brought our contribution to the developing programs runned by FIL and we have all campaigned for equal chances or opportunities. We are together: our athletes, luge coaches and staffs of all nations. We are all together, at international level and for a good cause. This fact should unit us into a competitionnal system so as to make the two disciplines – luge on artificial tracks and luge on natural tracks – to last over years and enjoy the benefits of the generated sport event, which many of us wish to organize.

***When analysing the presentations of the potential candidates, I would kindly ask you to take into account that I want to continue in the position as a member of FIL Executive Board and please appreciate my professional skills and dynamism, my very good adaptability, as well as desire for training and improvement.***

Faithfully Yours  
Sorin BUTA



Bucharest, May 6th 2022

## Anja Fischer

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**Von:** Christoph Schweiger  
**Gesendet:** Mittwoch, 8. Juni 2022 10:06  
**An:** Anja Fischer  
**Betreff:** WG: ROU nomination of candidate for election of VP NT in FIL Executive Board  
**Anlagen:** 2022 ROU Sorin Buta candidate for VP NT in FIL Executive.pdf

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**An:** Christoph Schweiger <schweiger@fil-luge.org>  
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**Betreff:** ROU nomination of candidate for election of VP NT in FIL Executive Board

To: INTERNATIONAL LUGE FEDERATION

Christoph Schweiger  
FIL Executive Director

Dear Christoph,

Romanian Bobsleigh and Luge Federation nominate on Sorin Buta as a candidate for election Vice President Natural track in FIL Executive Board.

Please see in the attached ROU the letter of motivation by Romanian candidate Sorin Buta.

Best regards,

**Elena - Sorina Țicu**

**Secretar General**

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Russian luge Federation

Mr. Einars Fogelis  
President  
International luge Federation

*Re: Nomination of Candidates for the FIL Executive Board and the FIL Commissions*

Dear Mr. President,  
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Best regards,

Stanislav Tyurin  
Executive Director



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13.05.2022

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With kindest regards,

President



Taras Hartsula



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May 12, 2022

Mr. Einars Fogelis  
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**Transmitted via email to:**  
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Cc: Ms. Erin Warren  
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**Nominations of candidates** for the election of

- the 3 members of the **Legal Committee (= Ethics Commission)** of the **Ethics Authority**
- the chairperson, substitute chairperson, and the 3 members in the **Court of Arbitration**
- the substitute member of the **Control Commission**
- 3 members of the **3 Expert Commissions**
- 2 members of the **Commission Youth/Development Artificial Track**.

- **Ethics Authority**

- Dr. Jochen Fritzweiler / GER

- **Members of the Legal Committee**

- Dr. Andreas Ruetz / AUT
- Dr. Christian Krähe GER
- Alexander Shakhnazarov / RUS

- **Chair Court of Arbitration**

- Ben Heijmeijer / NED

- **Deputy Chair Court of Arbitration**

- No nomination received

- **Court of Arbitration**

- Dr. Michael Bielowski / AUT
- Gennady Rodionov / RUS
- Erin Warren / USA

- **Substitute Member Control Commission**

- Günther Beck / LIE

- **Sport Commission Artificial Track**

- Christian Eigentler / AUT
- Robert Fegg / CAN
- Norbert Loch / GER
- Klaus Kofler / ITA
- Wolfgang Staudinger / KOR
- Atis Strenga / LAT
- Artemy Rodionov / RUS
- Taras Hartsula / UKR (*if not elected as member at large of the Executive Board*)
- Mark Grimmette / USA



- **Technical Commission Artificial Track**

- Georg Hackl / AUT
- Peter Penz / AUT
- Duncan Kennedy / CAN
- Christian Thurner / GER
- Oswald Haselrieder / ITA
- Eliza Tiruma / LAT
- Inars Kivlenieks / LAT
- Marek Skowronski / POL
- Mikhail Kuzmich / RUS
- Oleh Zharebetskyi / UKR
- Lubomir Mick / USA

- **Natural Track Commission**

- Gerald Kammerlander / AUT
- Thomas Niemetz / GER
- Armin Niedermair / ITA
- Geoff Balme / NZL (*if not elected as VP Natural Track or member at large of the Executive Board*)
- Andrei Knyr / RUS
- Chris Wightman / USA

- **Commission Youth/Development Artificial Track**

- Sandra Lemberg / AUT
- Hans-Jürgen Köhne / GER
- Mark Hatton / GBR
- Zintis Saicans / LAT
- Dmitry Kasatkin / RUS
- Anders Söderberg / SWE
- Zianibeth Shattuck-Owen / USA

**Von:** [Helmut Ruetz](#)  
**An:** [Christoph Schweiger](#); [Anja Fischer](#)  
**Cc:** [Markus Prock \(mp@markus-prock.com\)](#); [Markus Neyer](#); [Sandra Mariner](#)  
**Betreff:** Kandidatenvorschläge ÖRV - Wahl der Kommissionen  
**Datum:** Freitag, 3. Juni 2022 10:42:25

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Hallo Christoph, hallo Anja,  
anbei die Kandidatenvorschläge des Österreichischen Rodelverbandes für die Wahl in die Kommission der FIL.

**Sportkommission Kunstbahn:**

Christian Eigentler

**Technische Kommission Kunstbahn**

Peter Penz

Georg Hackl

**Bahnbaukommission Kunstbahn**

Robert Manzenreiter

Dipl. Ing. Helmut Ruetz

**Kommission Entwicklung / Jugend KB**

Sandra Lembergt

**Naturbahnkommission**

Gerald Kammerlander

**Bahnbaukommission Naturbahn**

Florian Batkowski

Karl Flacher

Gerhard Götschl

**Medizinische Kommission**

Dr. Stefan Neuhüttler

**Rechtsausschuss - FIL Ethik Kommission**

Dr. Ruetz Andreas

**Schiedsgericht**

Dr. Bielowski Michael

mit sportlichen Grüßen

Helmut



Dipl. Ing. Helmut Ruetz | Generalsekretär

**Österreichischer Rodelverband** | Stadionstraße 1 | 6020

Innsbruck



May 18, 2022

FIL Office  
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Germany  
Attention: Christoph Schweiger

Re: Nominations of Candidates for Election

Dear Christoph,

The Canadian Luge Association would like to make the following nominations for elections at the 2022 FIL Congress in Innsbruck, Austria.

For International Luge Board membership

*Alex Gough – Member at Large*

For the International Luge Federation Commission membership;

*Robert Fegg – Sport Commission in Artificial Track*

*Duncan Kennedy – Technical Commission in Artificial Track*

*Chris Wightman – Commission in Natural Track*

Yours in Sport,



Tim Farstad  
Executive Director  
Canadian Luge Association

## Diana Springl

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**Von:** Gavin Arnold <gavinarnold130@gmail.com>  
**Gesendet:** Donnerstag, 31. März 2022 08:06  
**An:** Erika Votz  
**Cc:** FIL Office  
**Betreff:** Re: 70. FIL Kongress 2022 / 70th FIL Congress 2022  
**Anlagen:** Agenda.pdf; Allgemeiner Antrag an den FIL Kongress 2022.docx; Antrag IRO-Änderung 2022.docx; Antrag Statuten-Änderungen 2022.docx; General Motion to the FIL Congress 2022.docx; Invitation Congress\_Secretary General.pdf; Kongresseinladung\_Generalsekretär.pdf; Latvian Luge Federation\_Invitation.pdf; Lettischer Rennrodelverband\_Einladung.pdf; Motion Amendment to the FIL Statutes 2022.docx; Motion IRO Amendment 2022.docx; Offizielle Einladung.pdf; Tagesordnung.pdf

Good morning Erika,

We would like to nominate Mark Hatton for re-election to the Youth and Development commission at this year's congress. Could you let me know the proper procedure for this as I couldn't find anything in the Congress documentation and want to make sure i don't miss the deadline.

Many thanks,

Gavin Arnold  
General Secretary  
Great Britain Luge Association

> On 7 Mar 2022, at 08:09, Erika Votz <votz@fil-luge.org> wrote:  
>  
> Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,  
>  
> anbei erhalten Sie Informationen zum 70. FIL Kongress 2022.  
>  
> Mit freundlichen Grüßen  
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> \*\*\*\*\*  
>  
> Dear Madam or Sir,  
>  
> Please find the attached information regarding the 70th FIL Congress  
> 2022.  
>  
> With best regards,  
>  
> Erika Votz  
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Berchtesgaden, 25.04.2022

## **Wahlkongress 2022**

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,

der BSD schlägt für den Wahlkongress folgende Kandidaten vor:

VP Marketing	Thomas Schwab
Sportkommission	Nobert Loch
TK	Christian Thurner
Vors. Rechtsausschuss	Christian Krähe
Vors. Jugend Kommission	Hans-Jürgen Köhne
Naturbahn Kommission	Thomas Niemetz

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Thomas Schwab  
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Berchtesgaden, 23.05.2022

### **Wahlkongress 2022**

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der BSD schlägt für den Wahlkongress folgende Kandidaten vor:

Ethikbeauftragter der FIL

Dr. Jochen Fritzweiler

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

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IL PRESIDENTE

Milano, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022

To the kind attention of

Mr. Cristoph Schweiger  
FIL Executive Director

**Subject: FIL Congress 2022 Hall / Tirol – Nominations of Candidates for the Executive Board and Commissions**

Dear Mr. Executive Director,

In order to ensure the best experts to the FIL Executive Board and Commissions, *Federazione Italiana Sport Invernali – FISI* (Italian Winter Sports Federation) would like to support the following candidacies:

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Vice President Technical Matters Artificial Track  
Mr. Armin Zöggeler

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Vice President Natural Track  
Mr. Leander Moroder

**Expert Commission Sport - Artificial Track**

Member  
Mr. Klaus Kofler

**Expert Commission Technical – Artificial Track**

Member  
Mr. Oswald Haselrieder

**Expert Commission – Natural Track**

Member  
Mr. Armin Niedermair

Thank you for your kind attention

Best regards

Flavio Roda



Korea Luge Federation

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10<sup>th</sup>, May, 2022.

To FIL Office,

Korea Luge Federation would officially like to recommend following person to the  
“FIL Executive Board” for position of **Regional Vice President Asia**.

1. Jieun Park(KOR)

Korea Luge Federation would officially like to recommend following person  
to the “FIL Expert Commission” for **Sport** – Artificial Track.

1. Wolfgang Staudinger(KOR)

Korea Luge Federation



International Luge Federation (FIL)  
Nonntal 10,83471 Berchtesgaden, Germany  
President of FIL Mr. Einars Fogelis

April 20th, 2022

Riga

No. 25

*Latvian Luge Federation's nominations for Commissions*

With this letter, the Latvian Luge Federation nominates Atis Strenga for FIL Sport Commission, Zintis Šaicāns for FIL Youth Commission, Inārs Kivlenieks and Elīza Tīruma for FIL Technical Commission, Mairita Bumbure for FIL Medical Commission and Einars Fogelis for President of FIL.

Atis Strenga is a long-time president of Latvian Luge Federation, who during his long-term work has been part of various FIL commissions, contributing to the development of luge sport. Atis Strenga has also participated in three Winter Olympics Games as one of the jury members.

Zintis Šaicāns has provided his professional perspective and performance in the development of youth luge sport while working in the FIL Youth Commission. Zintis, as the head coach of the Latvian Junior and Youth Luge Team, is able to objectively assess and weigh the most important things necessary for the development of youth sport.

Inārs Kivlenieks has been in luge sport since 1998. In the position of mechanic of the Latvian Luge Team since 2020. Inārs Kivlenieks as an athlete has participated in three Winter Olympics. The 2010 XXI Winter Olympics in Vancouver, Canada, the 2014 XXII Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia and the 2018 XXIII Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea. And as a mechanic in XXIV Winter Olympic Games in Beijing 2022.

Elīza Tīruma has been in luge since 2006. Elīza Tīruma is the first woman to win a medal at the Winter Olympics after regaining Latvia's independence – in 2014 in Sochi, in the Team Relay together with Mārtiņš Rubenis and Andris and Juris Šics won the bronze. Also, at the Beijing Winter Olympics, E. Tīruma in the Team Relay won a bronze medal. Tīruma has participated in three Olympic Games in total. During her career, she has won several medals in world-class competitions.

Mairita Bumbure has cooperated with the Latvian Luge Federation for two years to organize international competitions in Sigulda, working as a COVID-19 manager, and performing her duties perfectly. M. Bumbure works in the Latvian Olympic Unit on a daily basis in close contact with the highest level athletes of Latvia to help promote their state of health for high results.

Einars Fogelis, in our opinion, has performed the duties of FIL President brilliantly so far. Recent and still-present events linked to Russia's invasion of Ukraine clearly show that Mr. Fogelis is able to lead the FIL quickly and smoothly in a crisis situation. Looking at FIL work in communication and decision-making, we believe that Mr. Fogelis is fit to be president of FIL.

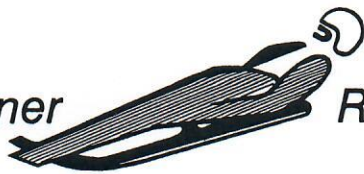
Latvian Luge Federation

Secretary-General



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Liechtensteiner



Rodelverband

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Triesenberg, 22. Mai 2022

### **Betrifft: Nominierung**

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren

Der Rodelverband Liechtenstein nominiert Herr Günther Beck als Kandidat für die beim 70. FIL-Kongress 2022 in Hall im Tirol stattfindende Wahl des ordentlichen Mitgliedes der FIL-Revisionskommission.

#### **Begründung:**

Herr Günther Beck hat schon in den vergangenen Jahren seine Tätigkeit als Mitglied der FIL-Revisionskommission fachkundig, gewissenhaft und objektiv ausgeführt und ist deshalb auch weiterhin als Mitglied der FIL-Revisionskommission bestens geeignet.

Freundliche Grüße



Günther Beck

Präsident des Rodelverbandes Liechtenstein

## Anja Fischer

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**Von:** Christoph Schweiger  
**Gesendet:** Donnerstag, 2. Juni 2022 16:23  
**An:** Anja Fischer  
**Betreff:** Fwd: Nominierung von Ben Heijmeijer

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Andrea van Heugten-Hátlová <andreahatlova@gmail.com>  
**Date:** 2. June 2022 at 15:26:31 CEST  
**To:** Christoph Schweiger <schweiger@fil-luge.org>  
**Subject:** Nominierung von Ben Heijmeijer

Zur Kenntnisnahme des FIL Präsidiums:

Der niederländische Verband nominiert Ben Heijmeijer für die Funktion des Vorsitzenden des Schiedsgerichtes der FIL.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Andrea van Heugten-Hátlová  
Generalsekretärin des BSN,  
Bob und Schlittensportverband der Niederlande

**Von:** [Geoff Balme](#)  
**An:** [Christoph Schweiger](#)  
**Betreff:** Proposal for candidates for the Expert Commission elections  
**Datum:** Sonntag, 22. Mai 2022 03:10:18

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Hi Christoph

The New Zealand Olympic Luge Association submits the following proposal for the Expert Commission elections:

Natural Track Commission – Geoff Balme

Thanks and best regards

Geoff

**Geoff Balme**  
**President**  
**New Zealand Olympic Luge Association Inc**  
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POLSKI ZWIĄZEK  
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Warsaw, 19 May 2022

Mr. Christoph Schweiger  
Executive Director of the FIL

*Dear Executive Director,*

According to the planned program of the 70 th FIL Congress in Hall, the Polish Luge Federation proposes Mr. Marek Skowroński as a candidate for the composition of the FIL Technical Commission.

The person of the coach, Mr. Marek Skowronski, is very well known by the members of FIL and by the coaches. I am pleased to announce that this year he celebrates the jubilee of 20 years of uninterrupted work as the head coach of the Polish National Team on ice tracks. For several years, as an athlete, he represented Poland on the international arenas. As a coach, he participated in 5 Winter Olympics (Turin-2006, Vancouver-2010, Sochi-2014, PyeongChang-2018, Beijing-2022). He raised many national team athletes of our country. We are convinced that his knowledge, experience and international contacts can be very useful in the work of the FIL Technical Commission.

*Yours Sincerely*

Janusz Tatera

  
Secretary General

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Best regards,

Stanislav Tyurin  
Executive Director





2022-05-12

**NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE TO COMMISSION YOUTH/DEVELOPMENT AT**

The Swedish Skating, Sliding and Rolling Sports Federation would like to nominate **Mr. Anders Söderberg** as candidate for election to the **Commission Youth/Development Artificial Track** at the 2022 FIL Congress.

We believe that Anders with his experience of luge sport and operative work with different youth programs in Sweden, knowledge regarding technical matters and enthusiasm for developing luge has a lot to offer the Youth/Development commission. Anders mission is to increase the possibility for kids and youth to participate in the luge sport worldwide through development of special design tracks for the target group.

**Facts about Anders****Born:** 1971**Lives:** Norrtälje, Sweden**Family:** Wife and two children**Occupation:** Self-employed within the construction industry.**Achievements within luge sport**

- 3 WOG as athlete in single and double (Lillehammer 1994, Nagano 1998, Salt Lake City 2002)
- Coach in the Swedish national team and the Junior national team
- Former member of the FIL Technical Commission Artificial Track for 12 years
- Member of the Swedish federations executive board in different periods of time
- Strong contributing force to the reopening of the track in Hammarstrands 2021

Niclas Bentzer  
Director of Sports – SweSports

12.05.2022 SKELLEFTÅ, SWE

Date / Place

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Please accept this letter as our recommendation.

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With kindest regards,

President



Taras Hartsula



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Dear Mr. Einars Fogelis and Mr. Christoph Schweiger,

Pursuant to the June 3, 2022 deadline for FIL Commission Committee nominations, the United States Luge Association would like to put forward the following individuals for nomination.

Please accept this letter as our unequivocal recommendation for the following Commission Committees:

- Technical Commission – Lubomir Mick
- Sports Commission – Mark Grimmette
- Court of Arbitration – Erin Warren
- Medical Commission – Dr. Eugene Byrne
- Youth/Development Commission – Zianibeth Shattuck-Owen

If there is any additional information you need from us, please reach out to me. I look forward to seeing you both at the 70<sup>th</sup> FIL Congress in June.

Kind regards,

Jim Leahy  
CEO / Executive Director  
United States Luge Association

Cc: Ms. Erin Warren  
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# 2022/2023 - FIL SPORT CALENDAR

(General Class)

bestätigt am 21. Mai 2022  
FIL Exekutive

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KW 43	24	KW 48	28	KW 01	02	KW 05	30
	25		29		03		31
	26	ITW	30		04	Feb 01	
	27	Sigulda/LAT	01		05		Eberspächer WC
	28		02		06		Altenberg/GER
	29		03		07		T-S
	30		04		08		
KW 44	31	KW 49	05	KW 02	09	KW 06	06
	01		06		10		07
	02	ITW	07		11		08
	03	Innsbruck/AUT	08		12		09
	04		09		13		10
	05		10		14		11
	06		11		15		12
KW 45	07	KW 50	12	KW 03	16	KW 07	13
	08		13		17		14
	09	ITW	14		18		15
	10	Bludenz/AUT	15		19		16
	11		16		20		17
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	13		18		22		19
KW 46	14	KW 51	19	KW 04	23	KW 08	20
	15		20		24		21
	16	ITW	21		25		22
	17	Altenberg/GER	22		26		23
	18		23		27		24
	19		24		28		25
	20		25		29		26
KW 47	21	KW 52	26	General class competitions		KW 09	27
	22		27				28
	23	Eberspächer WC	28				01
	24	Innsbruck/AUT	29				02
	25	SP	30				03
	26		31				04
	27	01 Jan					05

## 2022/2023 - FIL SPORT CALENDAR

(Junior - Class)

**bestätigt am 21. Mai 2022**  
**FIL Exekutive**

2022		OCTOBER / NOVEMBER	2022		DECEMBER	2023		JANUARY	2023		FEBRUARY
KW 43	24		KW 48	28		KW 01	02		KW 05	30	Travel day
	25			29			03			31	
	26	ITW		30	JWC		04	ITW	Feb 01		
	27	Sigulda/LAT		01	Lillehammer/NOR		05	Bludenz/AUT		02	ITW
	28			02	# 1 & 2		06			03	PyeongChang/KOR
	29			03			07			04	Youth A only
	30			04			08			05	
KW 44	31		KW 49	05	Travel day	KW 02	09	Day off	KW 06	06	Day off
	01			06	Travel day		10			07	
	02	ITW		07			11	38. JWCh		08	
	03	Innsbruck/AUT		08	JWC		12	Bludenz/AUT		09	Test Event
	04			09	Winterberg/GER		13			10	PyeongChang/KOR
	05			10	# 3		14			11	Youth A only
	06			11			15			12	
KW 45	07		KW 50	12	Travel day	KW 03	16		KW 07	13	
	08			13			17			14	
	09	ITW		14			18	JWC		15	
	10	Bludenz/AUT		15	JWC		19	Bludenz/AUT		16	
	11			16	Altenberg/GER		20	# 5 & 6		17	
	12			17	# 4		21			18	
	13			18			22			19	
KW 46	14		KW 51	19		KW 04	23		KW 08	20	
	15			20			24			21	
	16	ITW		21			25			22	
	17	Altenberg/GER		22			26			23	
	18			23			27			24	
	19			24			28			25	
	20			25			29			26	
KW 47	21			26		Junior class competitions 06 JWC 44. JECh/JWC Altenberg/GER 38. JWCh Bludenz/AUT			KW 09	27	
	22	Travel day		27						28	
	23	Travel day		28						01	
	24	ITW		29						02	
	25	Lillehammer/NOR		30						03	
	26			31						04	
	27			01 Jan						05	



# 2022/2023 - FIL SPORT CALENDAR

(Continental Cup -Youth A Class)

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FIL Exekutive

2022	OCTOBER / NOVEMBER	2022	DECEMBER	2023	JANUARY	2023	FEBRUARY
KW 43	24	KW 48	28	KW 01	02	KW 05	30
	25		29		03		31
	26		30		04	Feb 01	
	27		01		05		02
	28		02		06		03
	29		03		07		04
	30		04		08		05
KW 44	31	KW 49	05	KW 02	09	KW 06	06
	01		06		10		07
	02		07		11		08
	03		08		12		09
	04		09		13		10
	05		10		14		11
	06		11		15		12
KW 45	07	KW 50	12	KW 03	16	KW 07	13
	08		13		17		14
	09		14		18		15
	10		15		19		16
	11		16		20		17
	12		17		21		18
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KW 46	14	KW 51	19	KW 04	23	KW 08	20
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KW 47	21		26			KW 09	27
	22		27				28
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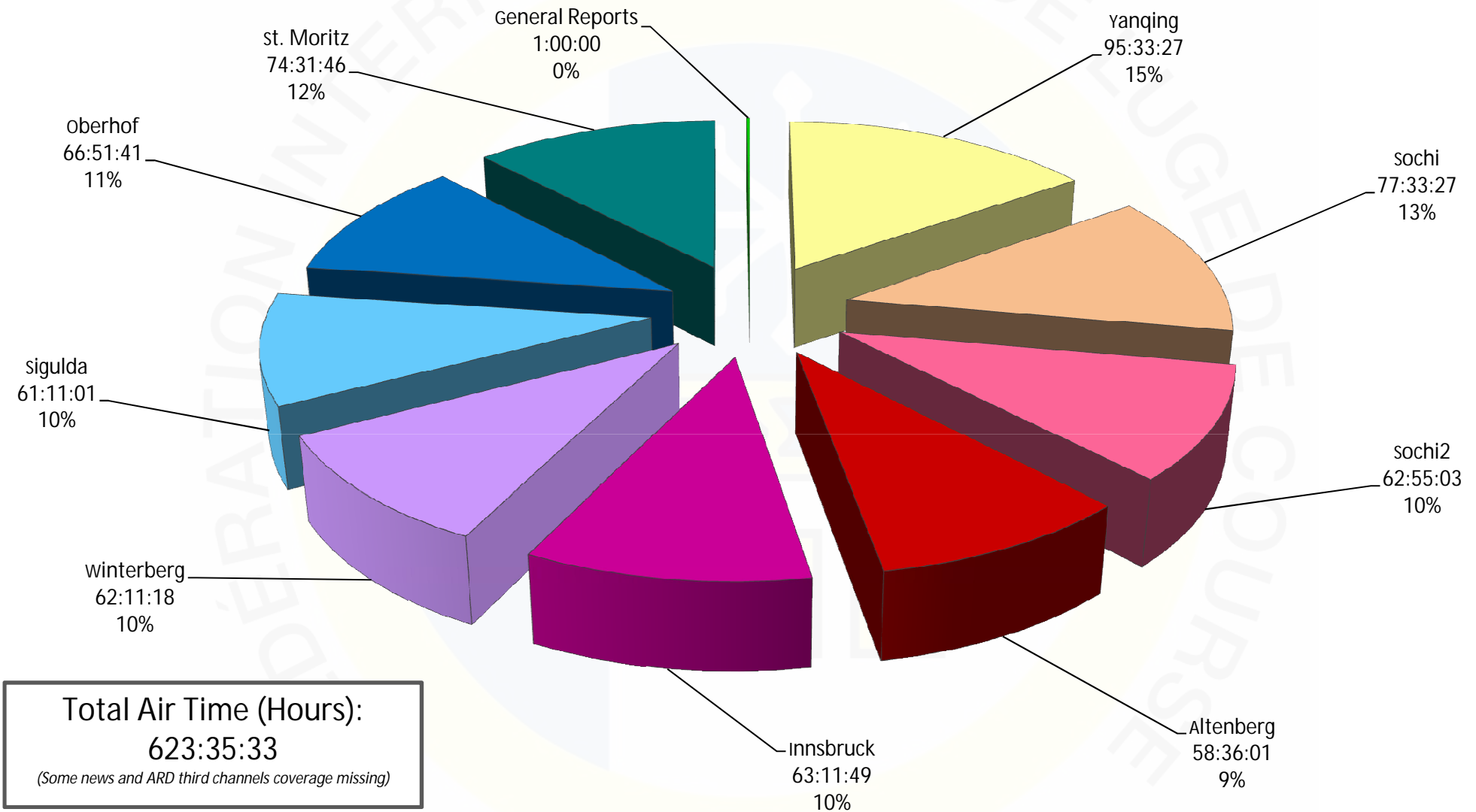
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# TV Analysis

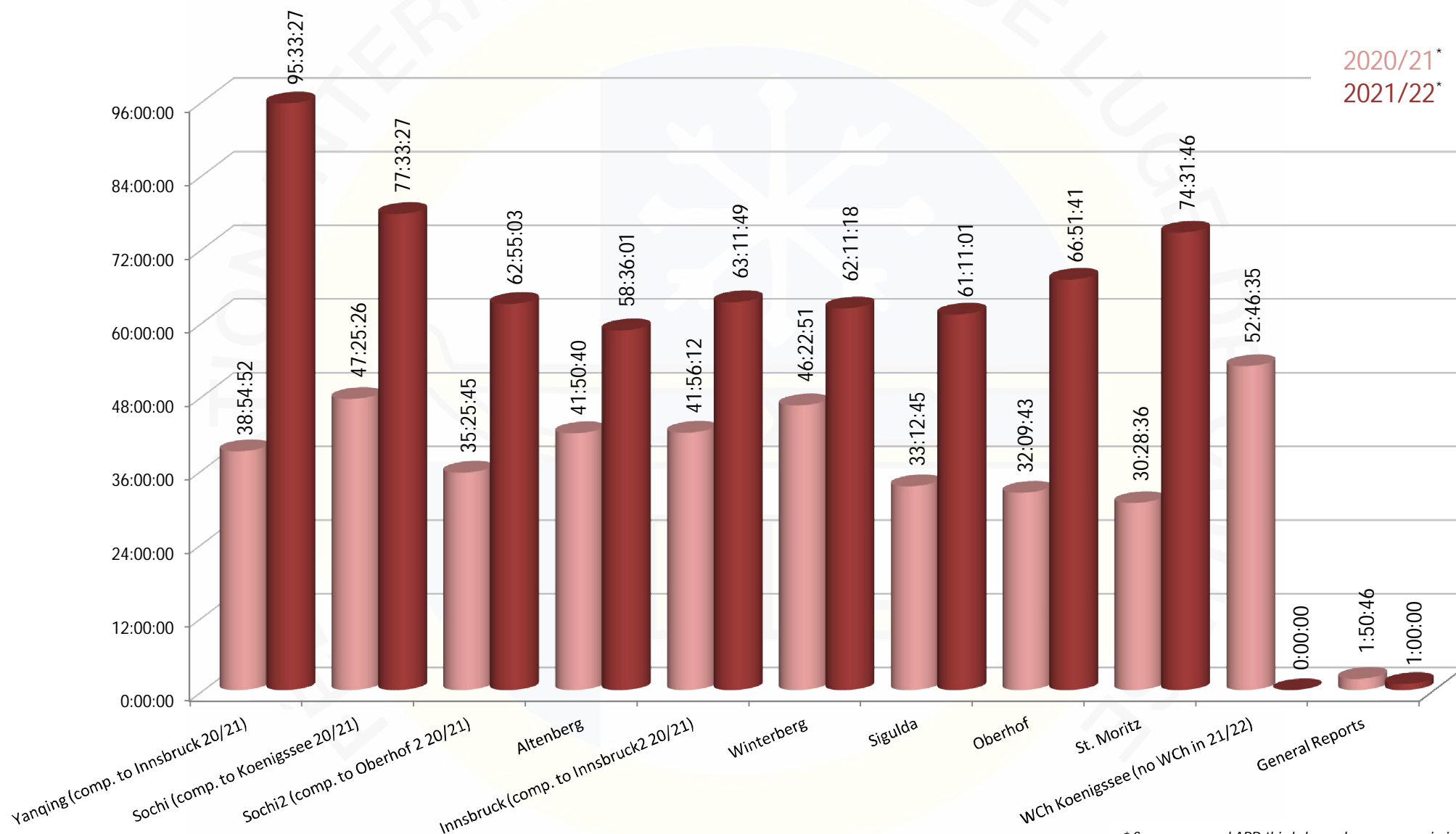
Artificial Track

Eberspächer Luge World Cup  
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TV Exposure 2021/22: Air Time by Event (Hours)

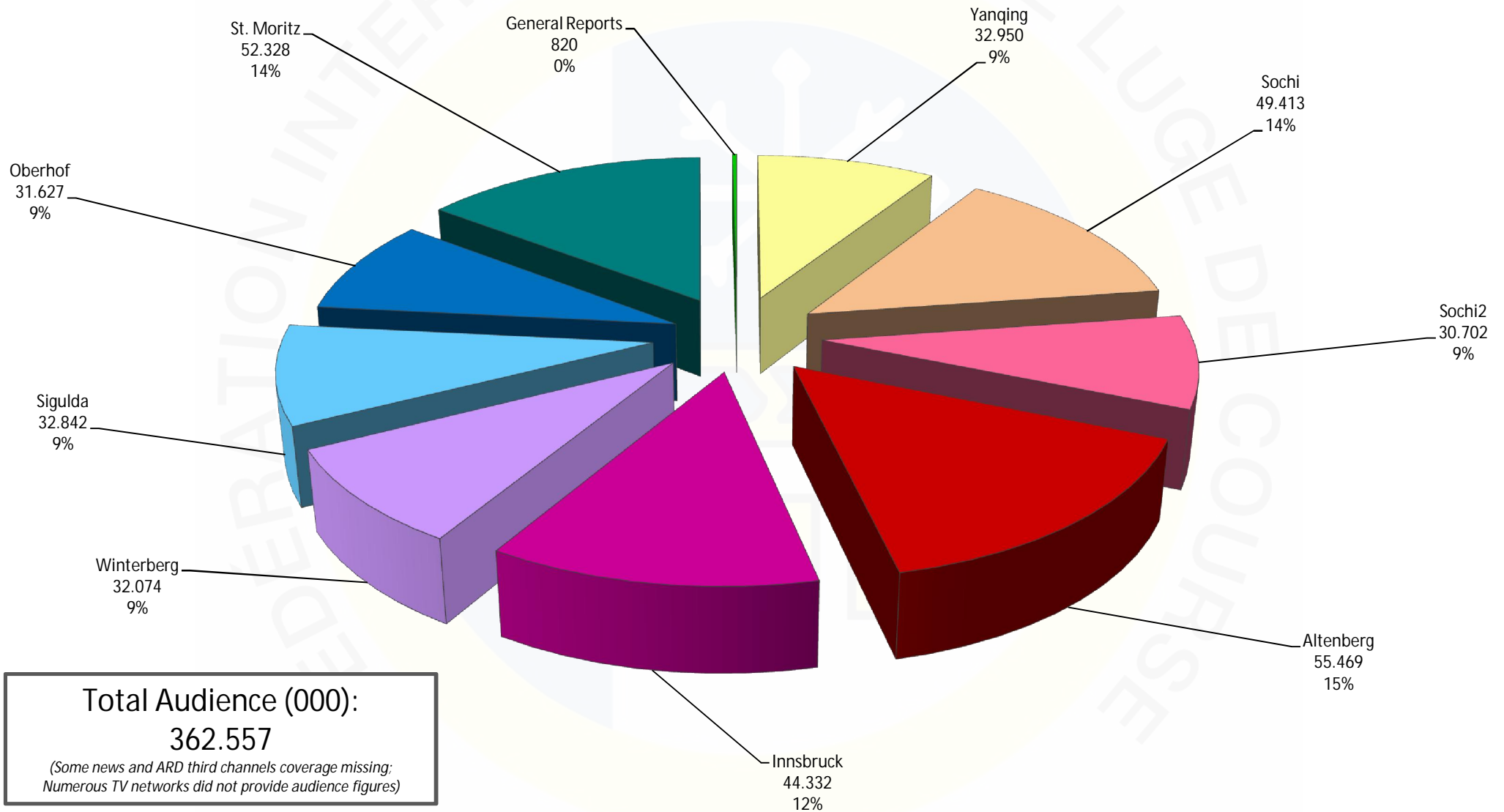


## TV Exposure 2021/22 - Compared to previous season: Air Time by Event (Hours)



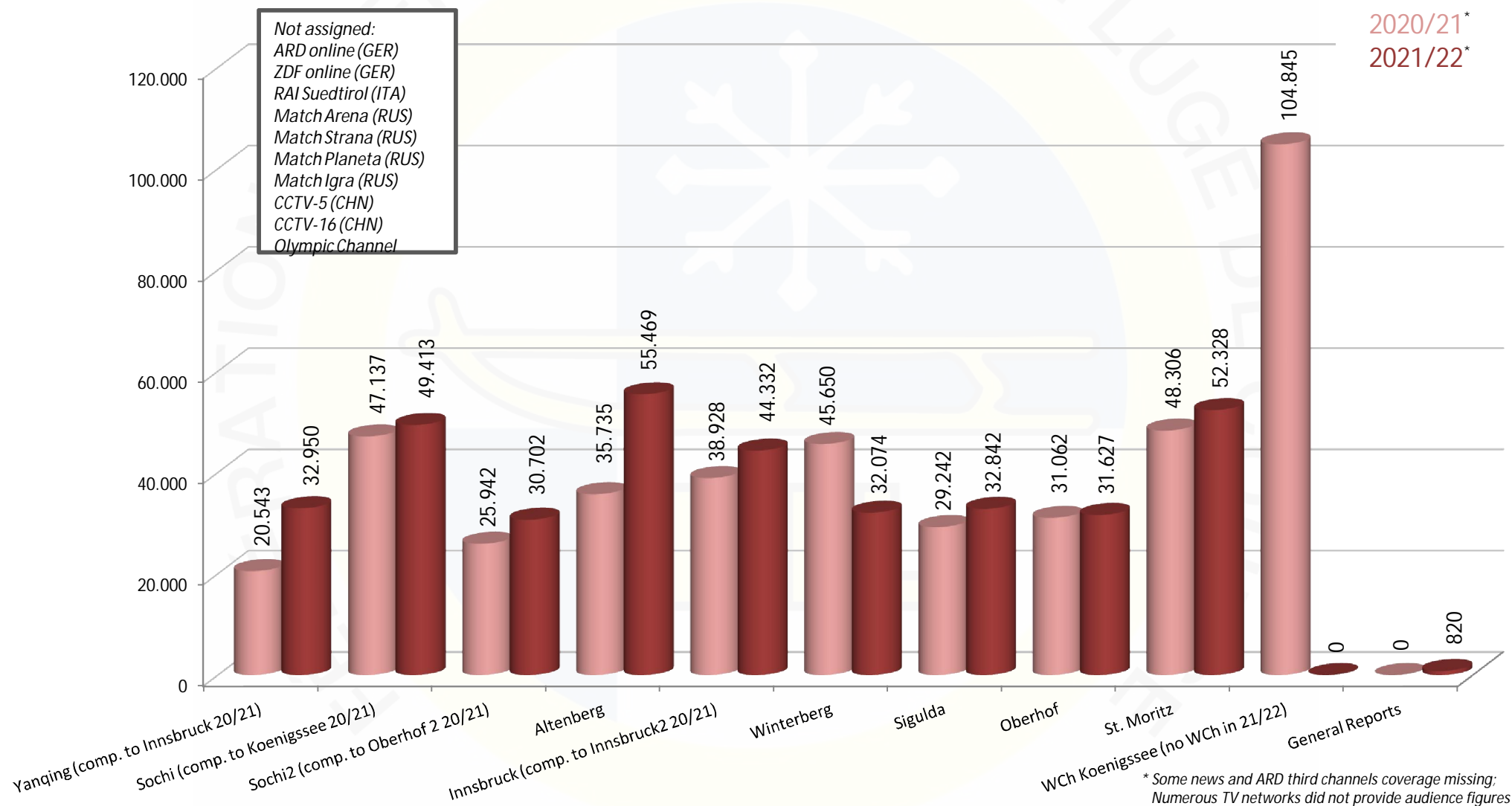
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TV Exposure 2021/22: Audience by Event (000)

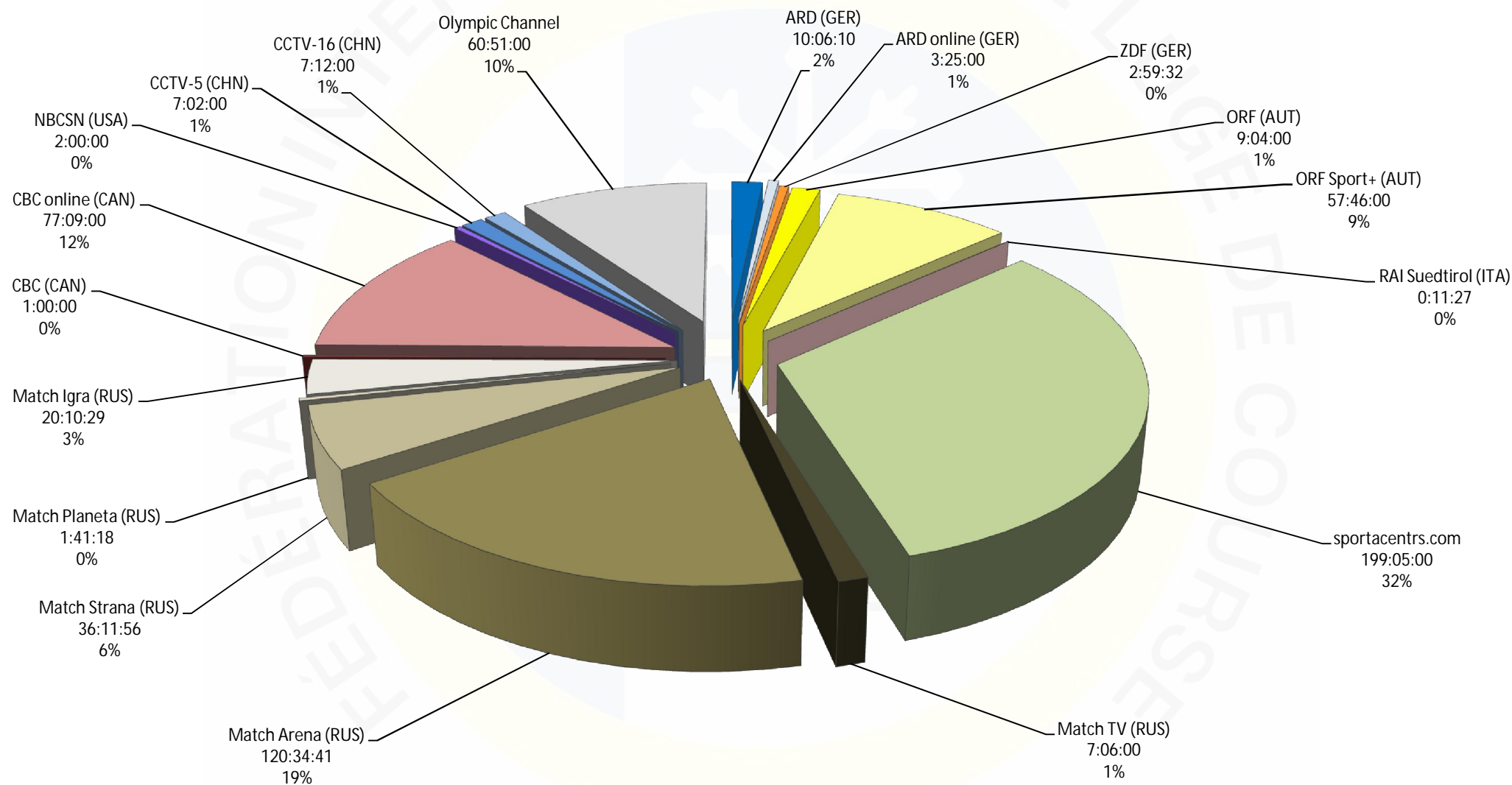


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## TV Exposure 2021/22 - Compared to previous season: Audience by Event (000)



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TV Exposure 2021/22: Air Time by TV (Hours)

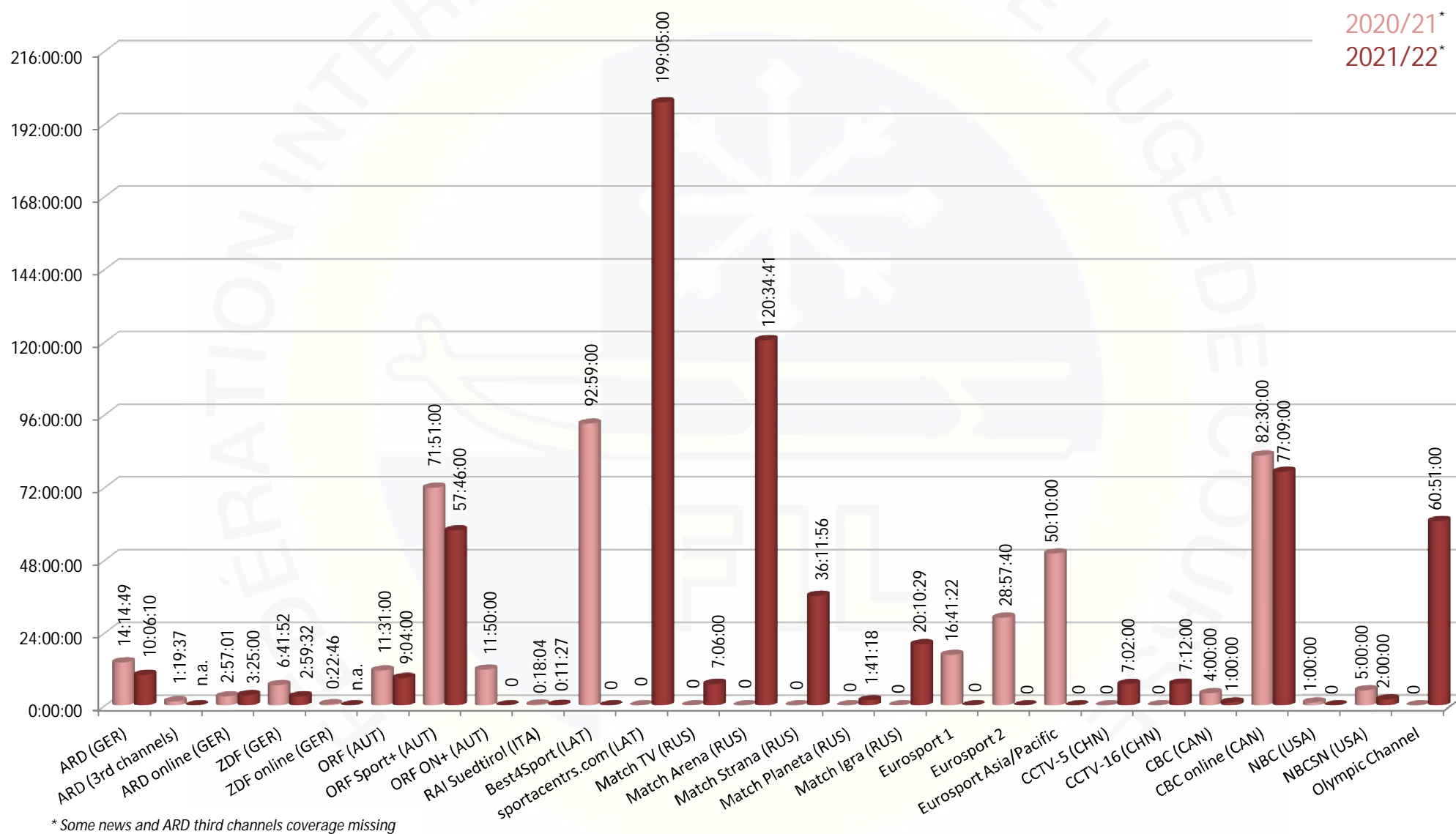


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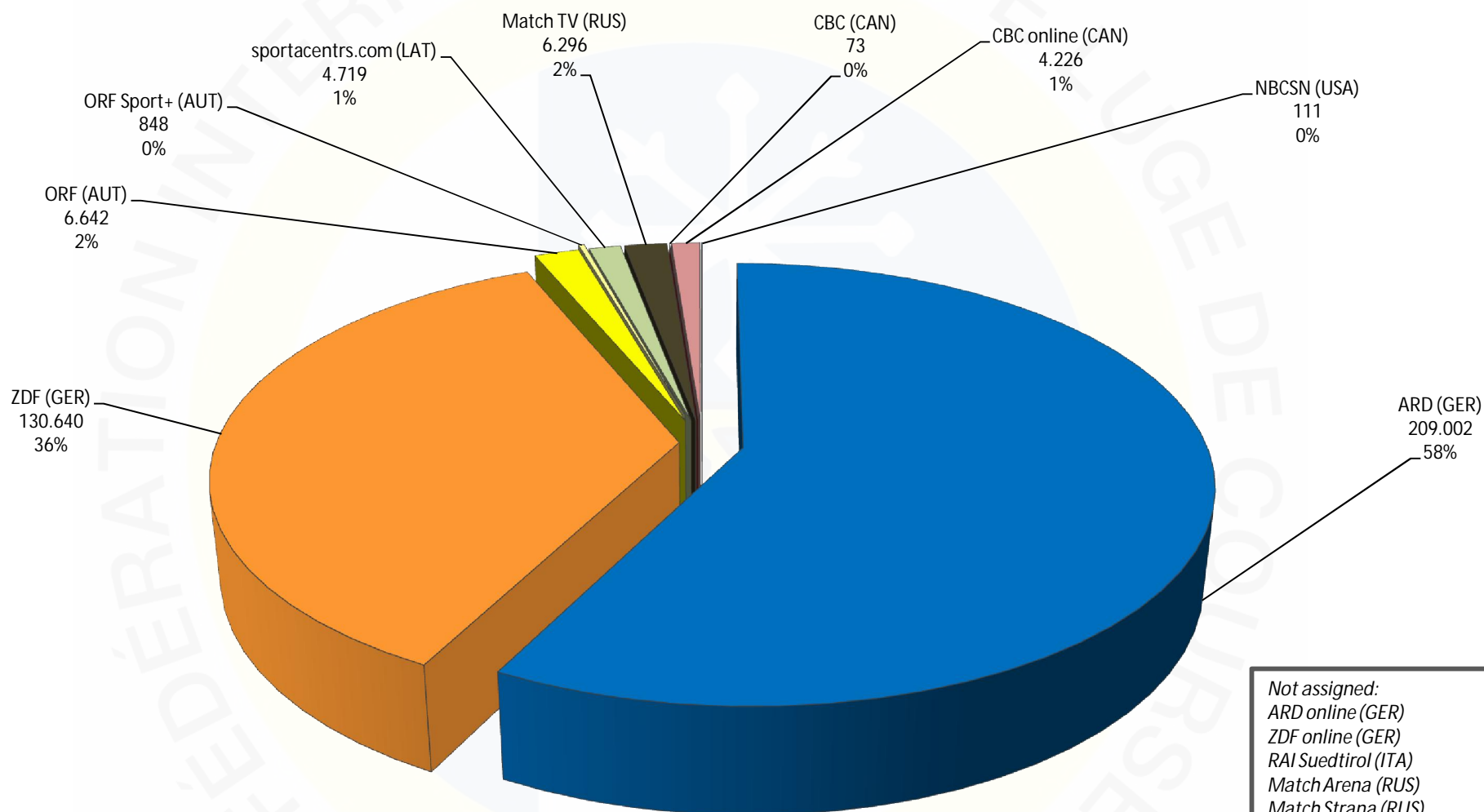


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## TV Exposure 2021/22 - Compared to previous season: Air Time by TV (Hours)



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TV Exposure 2021/22: Audience by TV (000)

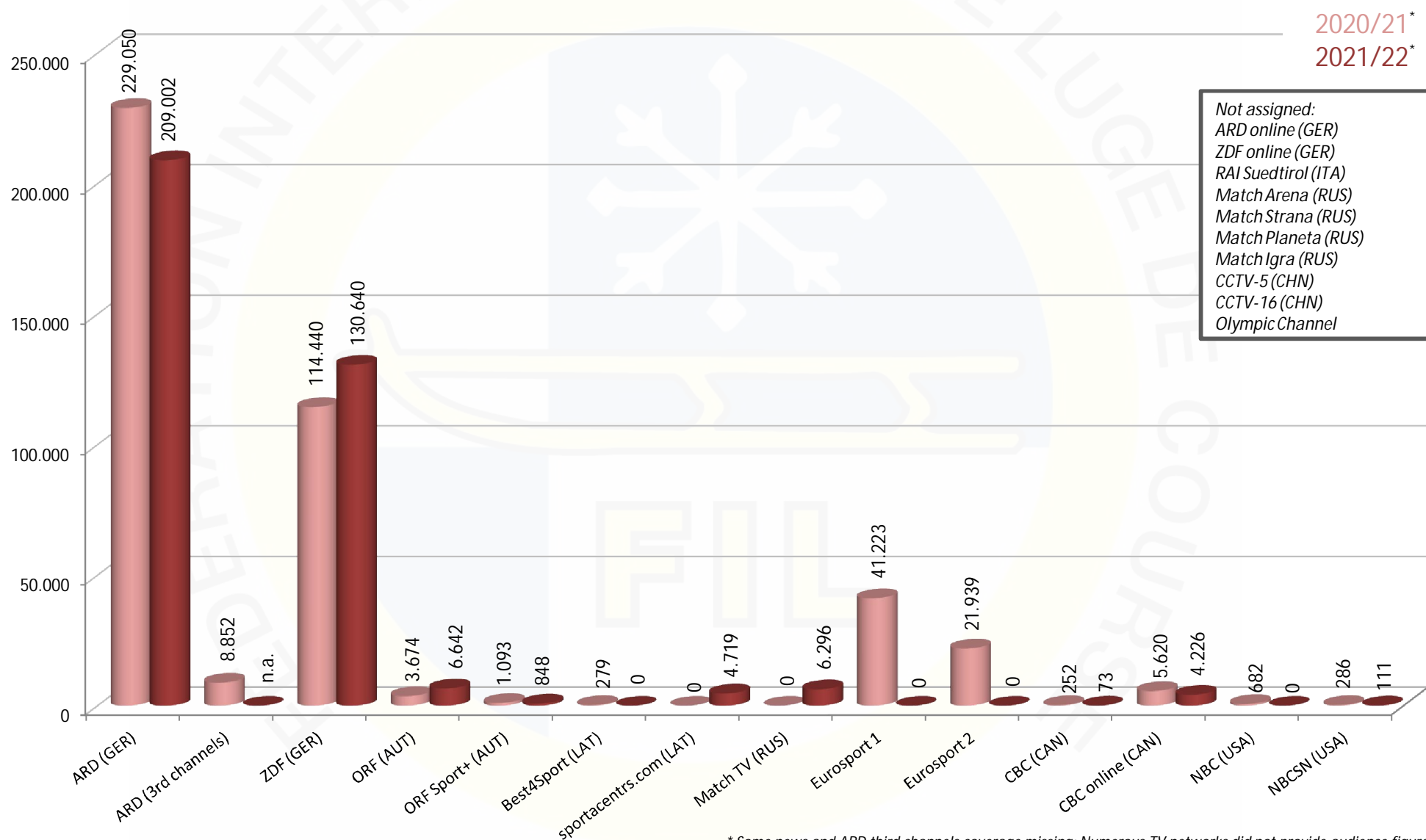


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ARD online (GER)  
ZDF online (GER)  
RAI Suedtirol (ITA)  
Match Arena (RUS)  
Match Strana (RUS)  
Match Planeta (RUS)  
Match Igra (RUS)  
CCTV-5 (CHN)  
CCTV-16 (CHN)  
Olympic Channel

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Numerous TV networks did not provide audience figures

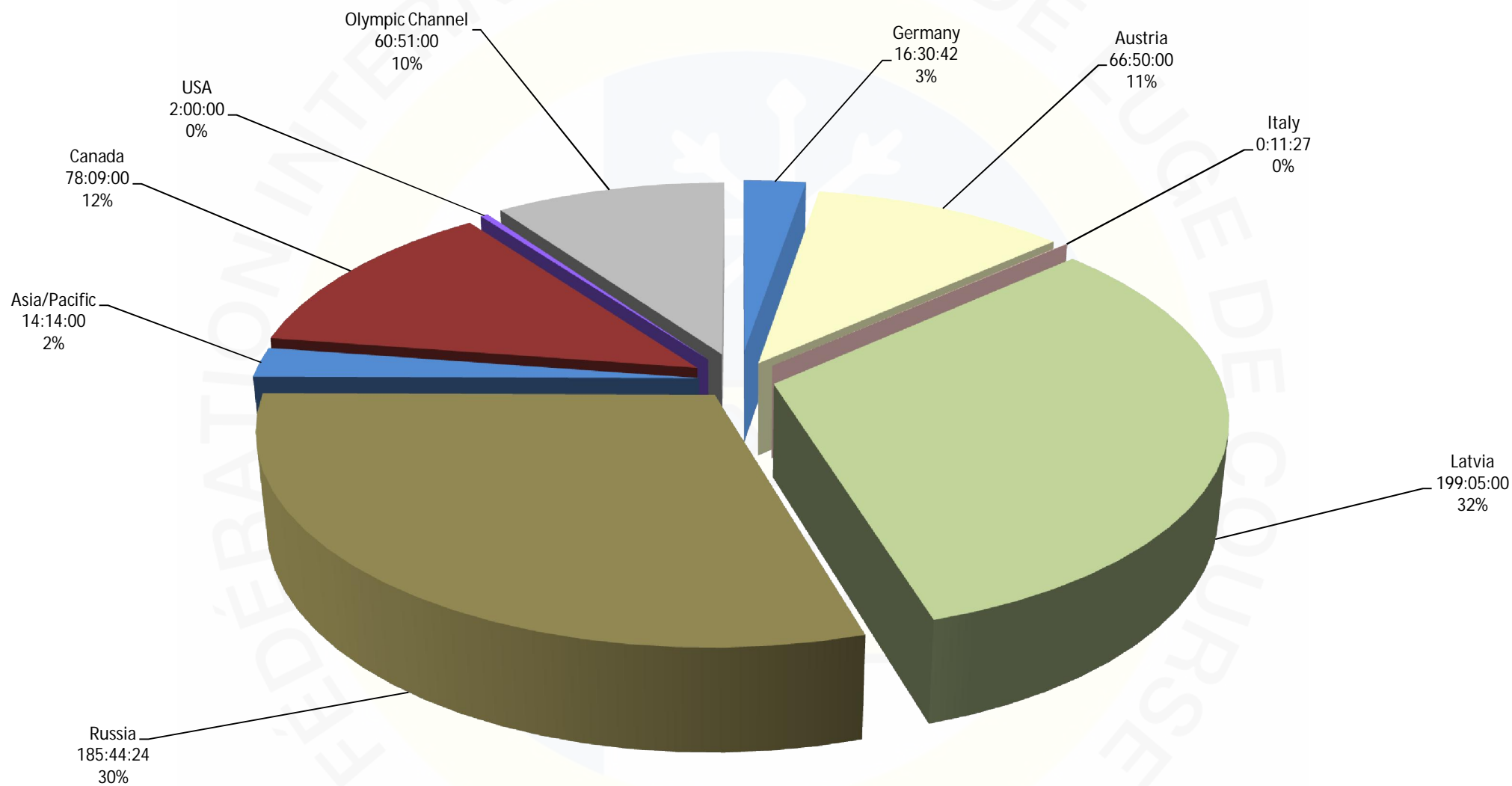
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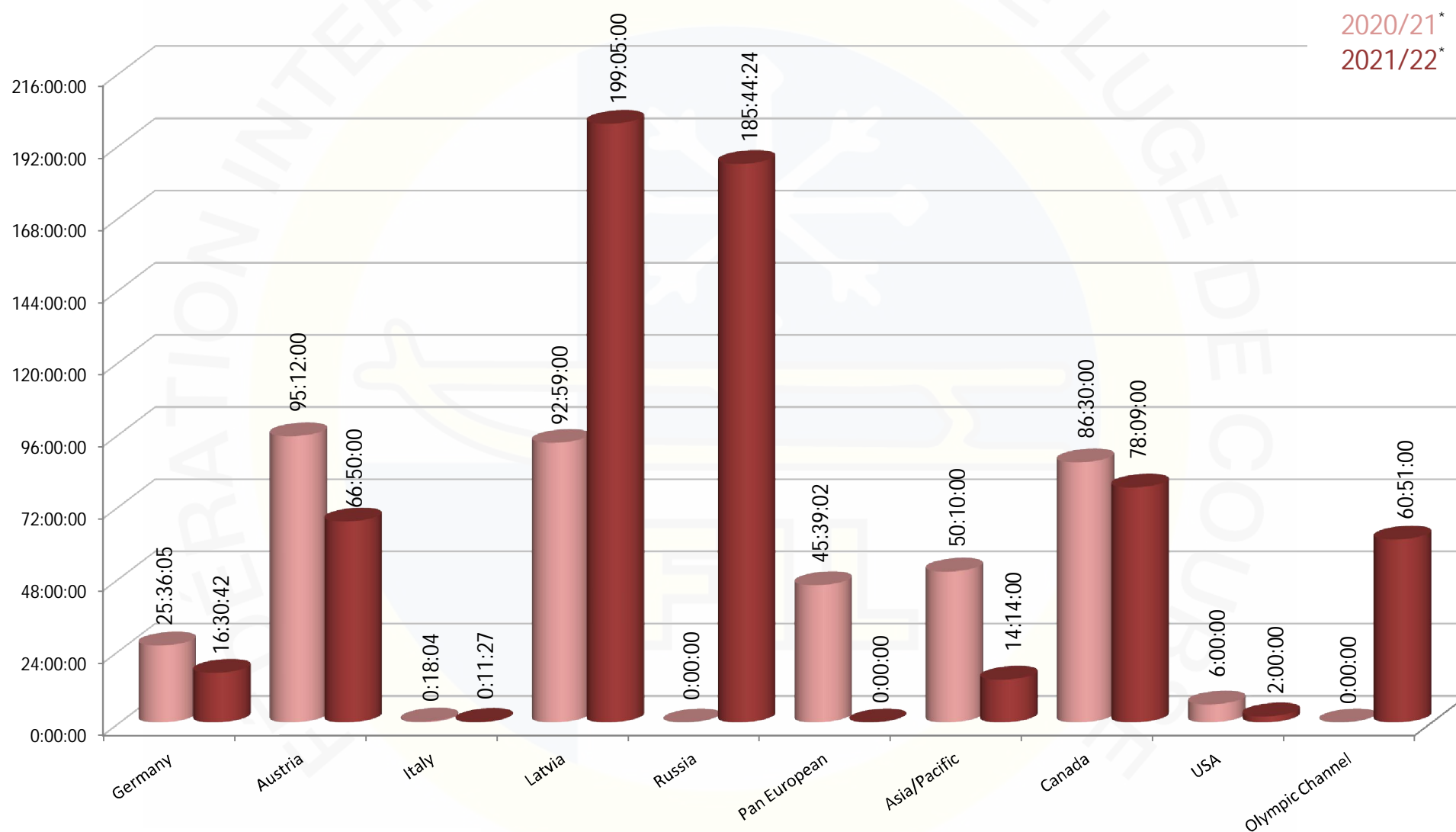
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TV Exposure 2021/22: Air Time by Territory (Hours)



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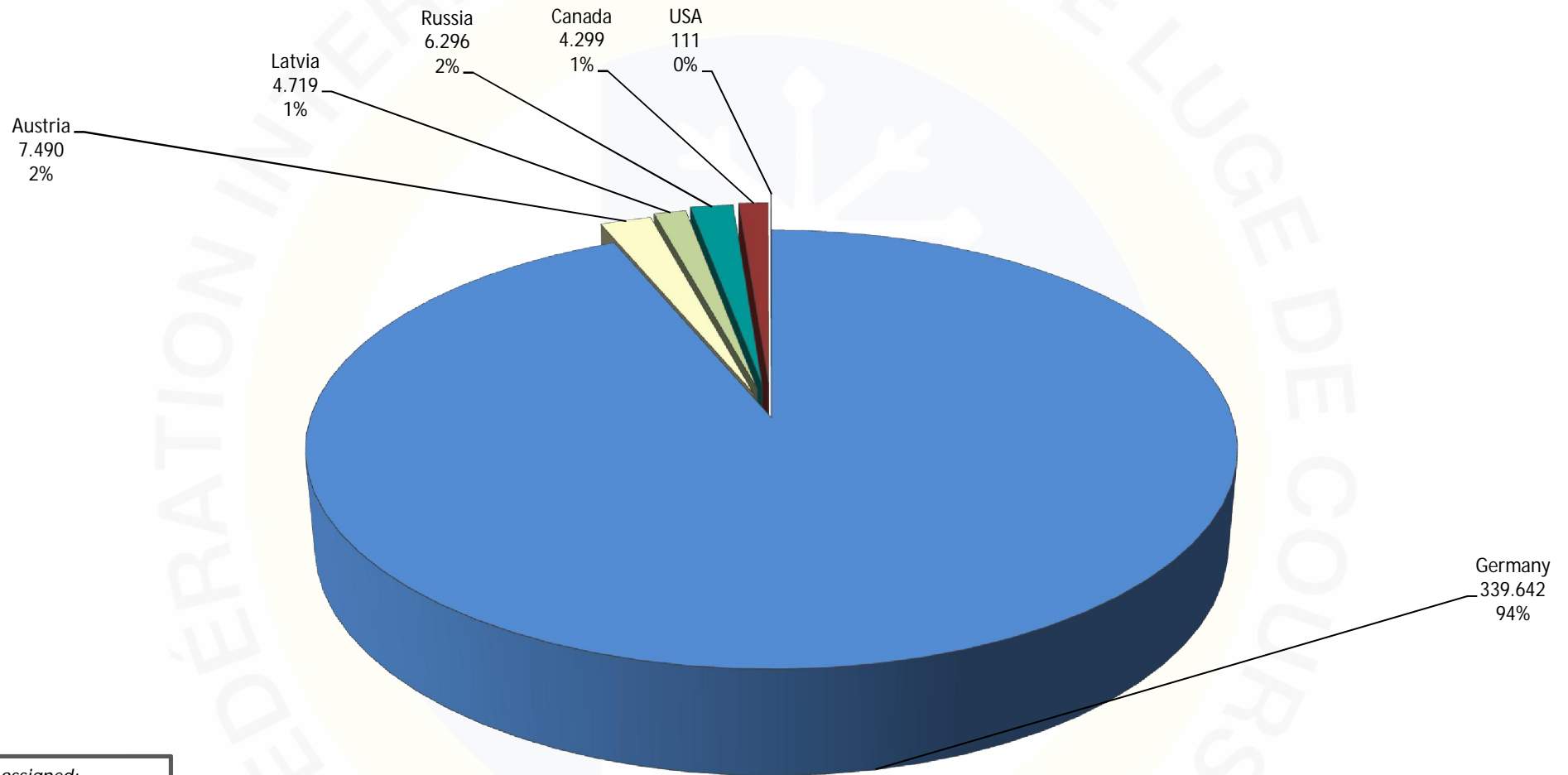
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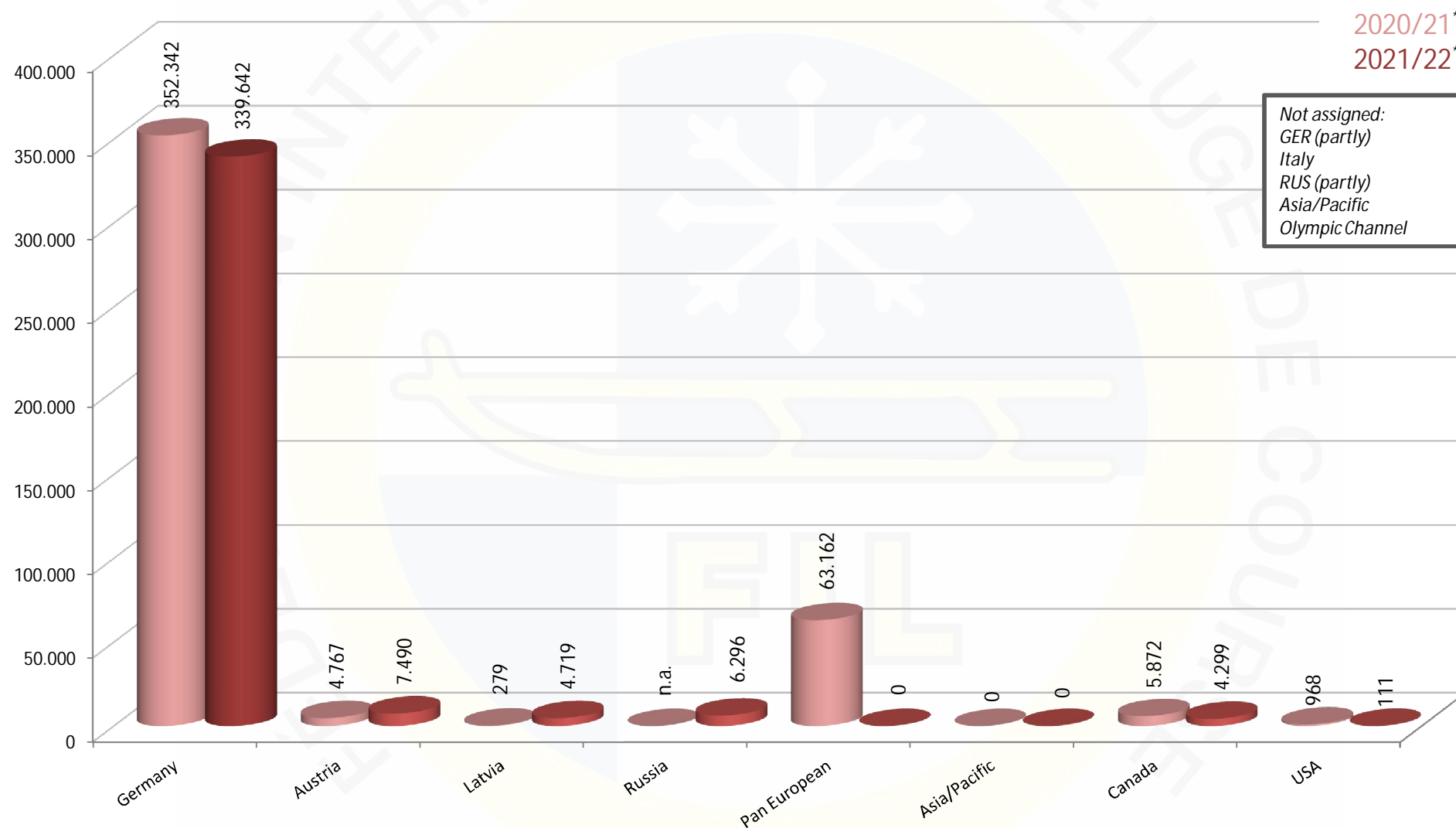


Not assigned:  
GER (partly)  
Italy  
RUS (partly)  
Asia/Pacific  
Olympic Channel

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## **FIL Congresses**

### **Financial and organizational expenditure for the host of a FIL Congress**

- **Date:** in the middle / at the end of June
- **Total number of attending persons: approx. 120**  
(NF representatives, Executive Board, other FIL officials, media, agencies, OWG host, bidders for championships, organizers of championships in the upcoming season, guests)
- **Meetings:**
  - Wednesday: Presidium (4 persons)
  - Thursday: Executive Board (approx. 15 persons)
  - Friday and Saturday: Congress
- **Congress room:** if possible in the hotel, in which the delegates are staying / presentation equipment must be available.
- **Expenses to be covered by the Congress host:**
  - Taking over of expenses for one delegate per NF from Thursday to Sunday morning (approx. 34 persons),
  - Providing meeting rooms (Congress: approx. 110 persons; Executive Board meeting: approx. 15 persons; Presidium: 4 persons),
  - Manufacturing and/or providing one banner and a lectern ,
  - Guaranteeing simultaneous interpreting in German and English
  - Guaranteeing transportation to and from airport / train station,
  - Providing a small office with two assistants (copying and fax machines, telephone, PC),
  - Organization and financing simple accreditations for the participants of the Congress,
  - Welcome-Dinner für all Congress participants on the day of arrival (Thursday evening)
  - Organization of a program of cultural events (usually on the first day of the Congress in the afternoon and/or evening).

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