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Begin: **Monday, June 8, 2026** **9:00 am**

1. Opening and welcome — E. Fogelis / Host
2. Confirmation of attendance and voting rights — D. Bell
3. Approval of the minutes of the last congress — D. Bell
4. Honors — E. Fogelis / D. Bell
5. Admission of new members — E. Fogelis
6. Work reports from members of the Executive Board
   - 6.1 President *(to be presented)* — E. Fogelis
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7. Discussion on the work reports
8. Preliminary discussion of the motions — E. Fogelis / D. Bell
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   - 8.1 Motions to the statutes
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   - 8.5 Discussion and vote regarding “Eligibility to participate and the definition of “youth” for Russian luge athletes based on the IOC’s recommendations”.
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10. Control Commission’s report and the discharge of the Executive Board — G. Beck
11. Determination of the membership fees — G. Balme
12. Reports from the working groups strategy plan Slide 2026 and SLIDE 2034

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13. Information from the OC of the 2030 OWG on the preparation of the luge competitions in La Plagne /FRA

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15. Presentation by OCs of the 2027 FIL Championships — Organizing Committees

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    - 16.4 Vote on the resolution adopted at the 73rd FIL Congress in Tampere regarding Russia's non-participation in FIL competitions for the 2026-27 season, including discussion on whether Russian athletes must be eligible to participate in FIL competitions as AIN athletes in accordance with the CAS ruling and the criteria set by the IOC.
    - 16.5 Vote on “Eligibility to participate and definition of “youth” for Russian luge athletes based on the IOC’s recommendations”

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73. Ordentlicher FIL-Kongress

Tampere / FIN
18.-19. Juni 2025

73rd Ordinary Congress of the FIL

Tampere / FIN
June 18-19, 2025

Protokoll / *Minutes*

Erstellt und übersetzt durch das FIL-Büro in Berchtesgaden, Deutschland.
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Wednesday, June 18, 2025 9:00 am

1. Opening and welcome

J. Tilvis, President of the Finnish Luge Federation, welcomes the participants of the 73rd FIL Congress and expresses his delight that the FIL Congress is being held here in Tampere with so many national federations in attendance.

FIL President Einars Fogelis warmly **welcomes** the participants of the Congress and **officially opens the 73rd FIL Congress 2025.**
He is delighted to welcome the delegates from the 37 registered national federations in person.

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

He welcomes and congratulates the new and re-elected presidents and secretaries general on their new positions and warmly welcomes them to the FIL family.

Special greetings go to **Irina Gladkikh, Associate Director, Winter and Recognized Sports and IF Relations, IOC Sport Department**, to the **representatives of the OC OWS 2026 Milano-Cortina** Normunds Kotans – Sports Manager Luge, Bobsleigh, Skeleton, Giorgia Favero – Sliding Sports Coordinator, Alessandro Genuzio – Deputy Sport Manager for Luge, the Chairman of the Athletes' Commission and Executive Board member **Leon Felderer,** the **representatives of the national federations,** the **representatives of the agencies** RGS, Rudi Größwang jun. and Infront, Hansjörg Jeserznik, the **logistics partner DHL** with **Martina Zerle**, all track operators, organizers, and media representatives, as well as all other congress participants.

This is followed by a minute's silence in **memory** of the **luge officials and former athletes who passed away** this past year.
In representation, President E. Fogelis names the following:

- **Vladimir Kumaritashvili/GEO**
  died on October 8, 2024,
  President of the Georgian Luge Federation

- **Brigitte Fink/ITA**
  died on October 17, 2024, at the age of 84,
  Bronze medalist at the 1957 World Championships in Davos/SUI, FIL Vice President for Youth and Development (member of the Executive Board) from 1989 to 1998, Sports Director in Italy until 1999

- **Martin Smith Ore/NOR**
  Died at the age of 71,
  15th place in the doubles at the 1976 Winter Olympics in Innsbruck, long-time official in the Norwegian Ski Federation

- **Uwe Reindl/GER**
  Died on April 30, 2025, at the age of 85

former luge racer and referee, as well as long-time good spirit of the FIL as caretaker

Minute of silence

President E. Fogelis declares that the invitations and agenda were received by the NFs in due time and, as there are no comments, confirms that the 73rd FIL Congress has been convened in accordance with the rules.

Information is provided on the further course of the Congress and the supporting program.

2. Confirmation of attendance and voting rights

Secretary General D. Bell welcomes the congress participants and checks attendance. At the time of the opening of the congress, **32 members/NFs with voting rights** are present in the meeting room.

The following are participating in the 73rd FIL Congress (first day of the Congress on June 18, 2025):

32 National Federations with voting rights

0 Provisional members

Simple majority = 17

2/3 majority = 2

3. Approval of the minutes of the last congress

Congress resolution 01/25

The minutes of the 72nd FIL Congress 2024 in Lake Placid/USA are approved.

-unanimous-

4. Honors

No motions for honors have been received.

5. Admission of new members

Secretary General D. Bell informs the Congress that Pakistan was accepted as a provisional member by the Executive Board in January 2025, as the applications submitted fulfilled the formal requirements. However, considerable doubts have since arisen as to the authenticity of the documents submitted,

and the Executive Board therefore decided yesterday to suspend Pakistan's provisional membership until further notice.

A proposal to amend the FIL statutes on the admission of new members will be submitted to the Congress for voting.

6. Work reports of the members of the Executive Board

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

All other reports from the Executive Board members and officials can be found in the Congress dossier. The dossier was made available to all national federations in advance by email/FTP server.

6.1 President

The Congress report by President Einars Fogelis can be found in enclosure 1.

6.2 Secretary

The Congress report by Secretary General Dwight Bell can be found in enclosure 2.
In addition, a video with highlights from the last season was shown.

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

6.3 2026 Olympic qualification process: update

VP C. DelNegro reports to the Congress on the Olympic qualification process. *enclosure 3*

President E. Fogelis informs that every athlete who qualifies for the Winter Olympics has the opportunity to purchase two tickets for these competitions. This process is handled by the NOCs.

7. Discussion of the work reports

President E. Fogelis gives the Executive Board and Congress participants the opportunity to ask questions about the reports.

S. Riewald/USA: Financial challenges facing the sport include television rights and the increasing costs of doing business.
What options does the FIL have and how should we, as National Organizing Committees, ensure the success of these Games? What does the FIL plan to do to make the most of the Games in Cortina and how can we, as NFs, get involved?
GS D. Bell: Many of our contracts are expiring and now need to be reviewed and renegotiated. We need to take stock and clearly define our needs. TV , and the media will play a major role in the

future, as will the content that reaches viewers and what that content is. We need tailor-made content and targeted markets.
S. Riewald/USA: Unfortunately, there is no indication that the quota places will increase, even though we are adding new disciplines to the Winter Olympics with the women's doubles. What options do we have to achieve something at the IOC and make changes? Is there anything we as NOCs can do to support these efforts and increase the number of athlete teams that will participate in the Games in the future?
GS D. Bell: We are in constant contact with our partners at the IOC and have been assured that the first step is to support luge for the 2030 Games. The next step is to maintain the singles and doubles disciplines, as well as the team relay. After the 2026 Winter Olympics, there is the possibility of introducing new events such as mixed singles and mixed doubles. It is a process, but we are optimistic.
R. Esaul/EST: It would help the small nations if the Nations Cups could be shown on television or YouTube.
President E. Fogelis: TV costs are getting higher and higher, so we need to discuss how we will produce content in the future. Another issue will be how we make content available on national TV, especially with selected athletes.
T. Farstad/CAN: It's good that we now know where we are in the winter. However, when some tracks are closed for two years, it's very difficult to attract sponsors. We should ensure that there is an even distribution. One option would be to plan so that no track is closed for more than one year.
Sports Director M. Böhmer: We are trying to strike a balance between Europe, North America, and Asia, but we must not forget that our core market remains in Europe, which is where we need to focus our efforts. The costs also need to be right and kept low, but we are trying to ensure that all the options available to us are on the table and are being utilized.

The congress participants have no further questions regarding the reports.

15-MINUTE COFFEE BREAK

8. Preliminary discussion of motions

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

Proposal for vote counters: Dr. Christian Krähe & Vlasta Vavruskova
Motions are voted on by acclamation.

8.1 Motions on the statutes

Dr. Ch. Krähe welcomes the participants and explains the following amendments to the Congress, in part together with **K.F. Schauhoff**.

- **Motion 1** (proposed by the FIL Executive Board, Chair of the FIL Legal Committee)
  Motion to amend the statutes with the following main points enclosure 4

  1. *2.1.3 Sentence 2 new: The NF must be recognized by the National Olympic Committee (delete "or" to "authority").*

2. *2.1.5 Sentence 1 new: The Congress decides at the request of the Executive Board on the acceptance in the FIL.*
3. *2.3.6 Sentence 2 new. If ordinary members are in arrears with at least two annual membership fees, they may be expelled by the Congress in accordance with 2.4.2 after two reminders of these fees, if they have been threatened with expulsion in writing at least one month in advance.*
4. *2.5.3 new: Provisional members must pay annual fees that are identical to those of ordinary members in terms of amount and due date.*
5. *4.5.7 new: If required, the Executive Board can consult athletes and other internal or external experts during the decision-making process.*

The motion to amend the statutes regarding the name change from "Natural Track Luge" to "Alpine Luge" will be dealt with tomorrow, as detailed information will be provided in the afternoon during the presentations on "SLIDE 2026."

A two-thirds majority is required for the following resolution:

Congress resolution 02/25

The Congress approves motion 1 on the statutes in its current form (except for natural track luge/alpine luge).

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

- **Motion 2** (proposed by the FIL Executive Board, Chairman of the FIL Legal Committee, FIL Ethics Authority, FIL Sport Integrity Manager)
  This mainly concerns the amendment of the FIL Code of Ethics to include the item "Safe Sport" and the associated extension of the Code of Ethics to include Appendices A and B, enclosure 5.

A two-thirds majority is required for the following resolution:

Congress Resolution 03/25

The Congress approves motion 2 on the statutes in its present form.

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

8.2 Discussion and vote on the resolution adopted at the 72nd FIL Congress in Lake Placid regarding Russia's non-participation in FIL competitions for the 2025-26 season, including discussion on whether Russian athletes may participate as neutral athletes in accordance with the AIN program established by the IOC at the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan-Cortina, as well as in FIL competitions and training weeks, as specified in the Olympic qualification system LUGE

a) Confirmation of the Executive Board decision of September 23, 2022, and the corresponding Congress decision of June 14, 2024, regarding Russia (required by the statutes). *enclosure 6*

The situation has not changed since last year's Congress – according to FIL statutes, point 4.5.8, the decision must be confirmed or revoked by the Congress.

An open discussion on this agenda item takes place.
LAT, RUS, UKR, and USA announce their individual and partly conflicting positions.

Dr. Ch. Krähe briefly explains the following two resolutions:
1. Resolution – Decision on whether to uphold the resolution of September 23, 2022.
2. Resolution – Decision on whether and under what conditions Russian athletes can participate in the Olympic Games.

A 1/3 majority is required for the decision by secret ballot:

Congress Resolution 04/25

The Congress votes on the voting procedure for the following resolution:
- Secret ballot: 24 votes in favor
- Open vote: 6 votes in favor

A simple majority is required for the following resolution:

Congress resolution 05/25

The Congress confirms the Executive Board's resolution of September 23, 2022, and the identical Congress resolution of June 14, 2024, regarding Russia.
- 24 votes in favor -
- 7 votes against -
- 0 abstentions
- 1 invalid vote -

b) Discussion on whether the FIL Executive Board should be authorized to develop an AIN program to allow Russian athletes to participate as neutral athletes in the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan-Cortina and in FIL competitions and training weeks, as defined in the Olympic qualification system LUGE. (*enclosure 7*)

Dr. Christian Krähe announces the results of a survey conducted among the organizers. **Athlete Representative L. Felderer** informs the Congress about an anonymous athlete survey in which the opinions of the athletes were very divided. The greatest concerns relate to safety, anti-doping, and athlete quotas.
An open discussion on this agenda item takes place.
The delegates from Russia and Ukraine present their views to the Congress.

A two-thirds majority is required for the following resolution:

Congress resolution 06/25

The Congress votes on the election procedure for the following resolution:
- Secret ballot: 23 votes in favor
- Open vote: 7 votes in favor

Congress resolution 07/25

The FIL Congress authorizes the FIL Executive Board to create and implement an AIN program to enable Russian neutral athletes and their entourage to participate in the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan-Cortina and in the training weeks and qualifying competitions specified in the Olympic qualification procedure LUGE.

- 8 votes in favor -
- 24 votes against -
- 0 abstentions -

8.3 Other motions

No further motions were received.

8.4 Urgent resolution (IRO 2024, Olympic rules)

A simple majority is required for the following resolutions.

7 urgent motions from the Executive Board at the request of the Artificial Track Sport Commission / Olympic Rules Working Group / Youth Commission, the Artificial Track Technical Commission, the Natural Track and Public Sledding Commission, and the Executive Board regarding an advertising clause, which would normally have to be submitted as IRO motions in 2026, but cannot be postponed in this case and must be decided by the FIL Congress as the highest authority:

- **Motion** 1 (proposed by the Sport Commission AT / Youth Commission / Executive Board)
  Continental Championships Youth A

Congress resolution 08/25

The Congress approves the IRO urgent motion 1. (enclosure 8)

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

- **Motion 2** (Sport Commission AT / Executive Board)
  Adjustment for the implementation of the luge ITWs for the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan-Cortina (IRO supplement 4, §1.10a)

Congress resolution 09/25

The Congress approves the IRO urgent motion 2. (enclosure 9)

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

– **Motion 3** (Technical Commission AT / Executive Board)
Kästle standard doubles sled - seat shell, runners (IRO supplement 5, 1.3.2 and 1.3.3)

Congress resolution 10/25

The Congress approves the IRO urgent motion 3. (enclosure 10)

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

– **Motion 4** (Technical Commission AT / Executive Board)
Target mat (IRO §3; 6.7.10)

Congress resolution 11/25

The Congress approves the IRO urgent motion 4. (enclosure 11)

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

– **Motion 7** (Executive Board)
Advertising space on helmets, caps, headbands, other headgear (IRO, §7 2.2, 2.4)

Expansion of advertising opportunities for NFs and athletes BEFORE the Olympic season (therefore submitted as an urgent motion). Final approval from UVEX is required.

Congress resolution 12/25

The Congress approves the IRO urgent motion 7. (enclosure 12)

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

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Secretary General D. Bell checks attendance. On the afternoon of the first day of the Congress, **31 members/NFs with voting rights** are present in the meeting room.

The following participate in the 73rd FIL Congress (first day of the Congress in the afternoon, June 18, 2025):

31 National Federations with voting rights

0 Provisional members

Simple majority = 16

2/3 majority = 2

9. Finances

9.1 Approval of the annual statement of accounts (April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025)

Vice President of Finance G. Balme presents his financial report for the past year 2024/2025 to the Congress. *enclosure 13*

VP G. Balme gives the Congress the opportunity to ask further questions.
The Congress participants have no further questions.

Delegates from 32 national federations are now present at the Congress. The new majority requirements for votes are now as follows:

Simple majority = 17

2/3 majority = 22

Congress resolution 13/25

The 2024/2025 annual statement of accounts is approved as presented.

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

9.2 Approval of the budget estimate (April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026)

Vice President G. Balme presents the current draft budget for 2025/2026 to the Congress. *enclosure 14*

Congress resolution 14/25

The 2025/2026 annual budget is approved in its current form.

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

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

10. Report of the Control Commission and discharge of the Executive Board

The chair of the Control Commission**, V. Vavruskova**, reports on the audit carried out at the FIL office on May 2–3, 2025, and on the audit report.
The accounts were kept correctly in accordance with legal requirements. All receipts and bank statements are available and correspond to the entries in the accounts.
The 2024/2025 financial year was a major challenge for the FIL. Costs, particularly for travel, accommodation and TV production, continued to rise, resulting in higher costs than budgeted.
She thanks the FIL office and VP G. Balme for their good cooperation, as well as BDO and ANA for their professional work, and requests that the Congress grant discharge to the Vice President for Finance, the Presidium, the entire Executive Board, and the Control Commission.

Congress resolution 15/25

The FIL Executive Board is discharged.

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

11. Determination of membership fees

Congress resolution 16/25

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

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

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

- Sports Director KB / M. Böhmer

- Technical Director KB / A. Sics (*enclosure 15*)

- Director of Sports and Technology, Natural Track/Public Sledding / A. Castiglioni, and expert in natural sports and public sledding / G. Mühlbacher (*enclosure 16*)
  The motions to be discussed tomorrow under item 15.4 are presented.

- VP Marketing, TV / Thomas Schwab (*enclosure 17*)

- Mr. Esa Salmiheimo presents the Vesileppis ice cave
  He talks about the construction of the ice ramp in their ice cave and other sports facilities at their location.

- Athletes' Commission, Athletes' Representative / L. Felderer (*enclosure 18*)

President E. Fogelis thanks the delegates for their important questions and comments and officially closes the first day of the Congress.

Thursday, June 19, 2025 9:00 am

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

Confirmation of attendance and voting rights for the second day of the Congress

Secretary General D. Bell checks attendance.
At the time of the opening of the second day of the congress, **31 members/NFs with voting rights** are present in the meeting room.

The following participate in the 73rd FIL Congress (second day of the Congress on June 19, 2025):

31 National Federations with voting rights

0 Provisional member

Simple majority = 16 votes

2/3 majority = 21 votes

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

- Social media, press / M. Dengler-Paar (*enclosure 19*)

13. Information from the OWS 2026 organizing committee on the preparations for the luge competitions in Milano-Cortina/ITA

A video presentation on the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan-Cortina is shown.

Normunds Kotans, **Alessandro Genuzio**, and **Giorgia Favero** present the current status to the Congress and provide information on the further course of events.

14. Presentations by the organizing committees of the 2026 FIL Championships

J. Morgenstern and R. Mende/GER will present the 2026 Junior World Championships in Altenberg/GER with a presentation.

There will be no presentations for the European Championships on natural track in Laas/ITA and the Junior World Championships on natural track in Mariazell/AUT.

Delegates from 32 national federations are now present at the congress. The new majority requirements for votes are as follows:

Simple majority	**=**	**17**
2/3 majority	**=**	**22**

14. Resolution of motions

14.1 Motions regarding the Statutes

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

Congress resolution 17/25

The Congress resolves to approve the motion to amend the statutes to rename the title from Natural Track and Public Sledding to Alpine Luge. (enclosure 4)

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

14.2 Discussion and vote on the resolution adopted at the 72nd FIL Congress in Lake Placid regarding Russia's non-participation in FIL competitions for the 2025-26 season, including discussion on whether Russian athletes may participate as neutral athletes in accordance with the AIN program established by the IOC at the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan-Cortina and in FIL competitions and training weeks, as specified in the Olympic qualification system LUGE

This agenda item has already been addressed under agenda item 8.

14.3 Other motions

There are no further motions.

14.4 Urgent decision (IRO 2024, Olympic Rules)

A simple majority is required for the following resolutions:

- **Motion 5** (Natural Track and Public Sledding Commission / Executive Board)
  Renaming of the natural track racing series

Congress resolution 18/25

The Congress approves the IRO urgent motion 5. (enclosure 20)

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

– **Motion 6** (Natural Track and Public Sledding / Executive Board)
Proposal for a road map for alpine luge from 04/2026 to 2030/31

Congress resolution 19/25

The Congress approves the IRO urgent motion 6. (enclosure 21)

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

30 MINUTE COFFEE BREAK

15. Awarding of FIL championships through 2029 at the latest

15.1 Presentation of candidates

Candidates for hosting FIL championships through 2029 are:

Artificial track:

2029 World Championships on artificial track:
- Sigulda/LAT
- Lillehammer/NOR
- Lake Placid/USA

2028 Junior World Championships on artificial track:
- Bludenz/AUT
- Oberhof/GER
- Lillehammer/NOR

2029 Junior World Championships, artificial track: Bludenz/AUT (if Bludenz does not host the 2028 event)

D. Fogelis and K. Maurins/LAT give their presentation, including a short video, for the 2029 World Championships in Sigulda/LAT.

S. Riewald/USA and A. Walden/ORDA present their presentation for the 2029 World Championships in Lake Placid/USA to the Congress.

Å. Høva Sporsheim/NOR and V. Øien Karlsen/Event Manager Lillehammer present their presentation for the 2028 Junior World Championships in Lillehammer/NOR to the Congress.

Alpine luge:

European Championships Alpine Luge 2026: Laas/ITA

Alpine Luge World Championships 2027: Innsbruck/AUT

Alpine Luge World Championships 2029: Jaufental/ITA
H. Ruetz/AUT gives his presentation for the Alpine Luge World Championships in Innsbruck in 2027 to the congress.

15.2 Vote

Artificial Track World Championships 2029

Congress resolution 20/25

The Congress awards the FIL World Championships Artificial Track 2029 to Lake Placid/USA.

- Sigulda/LAT: 10 votes
- Lake Placid/USA: 22 votes

Delegates from 31 national federations are currently attending the Congress. The new majority requirements for votes are now as follows:

Simple majority	**=**	**16**
2/3 majority	**=**	**2**

JWM Artificial Track 2028

H. Ruetz/AUT withdraws its bid for the 2028 Junior World Championships in Bludenz/AUT.
A. Resch/GER withdraws its bid for the 2028 Junior World Championships in Oberhof/GER.

Congress resolution 21/25

The Congress awards the FIL Junior World Championships Artificial Track 2028 to Lillehammer/NOR.

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

JWC Artificial Track 2029

Congress resolution 22/25

The Congress awards the FIL Junior World Championships Artificial Track 2029 to Bludenz/AUT.

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

2026 European Alpine Luge Championships

Congress resolution 23/25

The Congress awards the FIL Alpine Luge European Championships 2026 to Laas/ITA.

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

2027 Alpine Luge World Championships

Congress resolution 24/25

The Congress awards the FIL Alpine Luge World Championships 2027 to Innsbruck/AUT.

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

2029 Alpine Luge World Championships

Congress resolution 25/25

The Congress awards the FIL Alpine Luge World Championships 2029 to Jaufental/ITA.

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

16. Determination of the Congress venue for 2027

75th FIL Congress 2027
There is one application to host the 75th FIL Congress in 2027:
Grado/ITA

Massimo Rinaldi/ITA gives a presentation and provides some information to the Congress.

President E. Fogelis gives the congress participants the opportunity to share their objections to today's vote.
As there are no objections, the Congress venue for 2027 is voted on today.

Congress resolution 26/25

The 75th FIL Congress in 2027 will take place in Grado, Italy.

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

17. Miscellaneous

- **Martina Zehrle/DHL** presents her presentations to the Congress, reports on the past season, and provides information for the upcoming season.
- **Hannah Campbell-Pegg/AUS** reports on the past activities and future goals of the Sustainability Working Group.

President E. Fogelis thanks all congress participants for their constructive work and the good atmosphere at this year's FIL Congress.
Special thanks go to the organizers, the Finnish federation, and the FIL office for the flawless organization.
He thanks interpreters A. Berning and J. Klinghammer for their excellent work and presents them with a gift.
J. Tilvis from the Finnish Luge Federation also receives a gift.
He wishes everyone a good start to the new season and, above all, good health.

President E. Fogelis officially closes the 73rd FIL Congress in Tampere, Finland.

We look forward to seeing you at the 74th FIL Congress in 2026!

Minutes taken by: Diana Springl / FIL Office

For the content of the minutes:

Christoph Schweiger
Executive Director

Einars Fogelis
President

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2026 Congress Report
Vice President of Sport, Artificial Track

Dear Members of Congress,

As we reflect on the past season, the most significant highlight was undoubtedly the Milano-Cortina 2026 Winter Olympic Games. Despite the unique challenges posed by the delayed onset of construction of the track, we were pleased to successfully conclude the International Training Period and the Test Event in October and November. Prior to that, work had already commenced on the Games operations with the homologation of the Olympic Results Information Systems (ORIS) during the summer months.

Our collaboration throughout this past year and during the Games with the Milano-Cortina Sport team was exemplary, with special thanks extended to Normunds Kotans, Alessandro Genuzio, and Giorgia Favero. We were also greatly pleased by the passionate National Technical Officials, under the leadership of Kurt Brugger and Hans Jorg Raffl, both past Olympians in luge, with their team comprised of many past athletes and volunteers all giving back to our sport with unprecedented excellence.

These Games marked two significant milestones for the FIL: one in the realm of sports and the other in the presentation of sports. The Olympic debut of Women's Doubles was a step forward in promoting gender equality, and we are committed to achieving full gender equality in the Olympic Games of 2030. However, integrating this new discipline within the existing overall quota of 106 athletes presented challenges, resulting in a more limited field across all our events. It was a formidable challenge to ensure that all member nations had equitable opportunities to qualify for these Games. We acknowledge that the new qualification system posed difficulties for some nations in participating in this edition of the Olympic Games, and we can only assure you that we are working to avoid that situation being repeated in the future. As most of you are aware, we are actively advocating for an increase in our athlete quota for the 2030 Games in the French Alps, with the objective of enhancing the number of nations represented. We remain cautiously optimistic about the possibility of a quota increase, pending the final decisions to be made at the end of this June.

The site visits by the IOC Program Commission, particularly during our Doubles races, were strategically timed to showcase our Doubles during this exciting Olympic event. It was clearly evident that our field of 11 Women's Doubles and 17 Men's Doubles was insufficient to accommodate the other talented teams and athletes who were unable to participate. Consequently, we are resolute in our efforts to request increased quota and remain commited to fostering the growth of both the Men's and Women's Doubles in a safe, sustainable, and responsible manner. For our singles events, we have requested a return to 35 athletes for each gender to enable as much nation representation as possible.

In the realm of sports presentation, we were delighted to witness the integration of drone coverage during the Games for the first time for our sport. This followed successful testing periods with drones during October and November. We extend our sincere gratitude to the athletes who adapted and supported this new style of coverage, and we anticipate the exploration of more comprehensive drone coverage in the future.

As we embark on preparations for the upcoming Olympic cycle, we intend to submit a request for the inclusion of our Mixed event in the Olympic program. This event has already been accepted as part of the Youth Olympic Games in 2028, and we anticipate that this positive development will pave the way for its inclusion in the 2030 Winter Olympics in the French Alps.

Our planning for the fifth Youth Olympic Winter Games in 2026 in Italy is currently underway and will intensify as we enter the qualification period. We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to return to the track in Cortina for an event of this magnitude and are collaborating closely with the organizers to ensure the success of races for the youth of our sport.

In late March, we convened our annual Sport Commission meeting, marking the inaugural online gathering. This initiative was undertaken to promote sustainability and address budgetary awareness as we embark on our new quadrennium. Thirty-five motions were deliberated upon along with the motions that passed through the Youth Commission. These motions originated from our National Federations and the Sports Commission itself, with specific recommendations directed towards the Executive Board regarding Olympic Rules. The resulting motions will be presented to the Congress for a vote, and the Commission extends its sincere gratitude for your support. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all Commission members for their thoughtful contributions and their four years of dedicated service to our sport. It has been an

exceptional group of experts to collaborate with, and personally I'd like to acknowledge their invaluable contributions.

Our Sport and Technical Directors remain committed to their responsibilities throughout the season, actively listening to teams, engaging in dialogue, and fostering debate. This ensures that all perspectives are considered and innovative solutions are explored from all sides to propel our sport forward.
The Commission's objective is to uphold the success of established areas while evaluating and implementing ideas to advance our sport.

During the past season, I have additionally dedicated time to collaborating on the long-term strategic planning for the 2026-2034 planning period. This guiding framework will navigate our sport through the upcoming Olympic cycles and shape the future trajectory of luge with fresh perspectives and strategic clarity.

In conclusion, I would like to acknowledge the exceptional contributions of our Sport Director, Matthias Böhmer, and our Technical Director, Andris Šics. Their unwavering dedication and hard work are deeply valued and fully supported by myself and the Executive Board. Within our Youth and Junior programs, special thanks are extended to Hans-Jürgen Köhne and Maria Jasencaková for their continued commitment. These key individuals play a crucial role in maintaining the high level of professionalism that characterizes our events throughout the season.

Finally, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the representatives of each National Federation, the FIL Executive Board, our athletes, coaches, officials, event organizers, volunteers, and our administrative team, comprising Executive Director Christoph Schweiger, Deputy Executive Director Anja Fischer, and the entire FIL office staff. Their ongoing support of my work and their tireless efforts on behalf of our sport are greatly appreciated.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve in this role over these many years. I am truly grateful to all the nations who have supported my work and I look forward to supporting the new Executive Board and the next Vice President of Sport in all their efforts as we move into the future of luge.

With best sport greetings,
Claire DelNegro
Vice President, Sport

74th FIL Congress
Congress Report: Vice President of Technical Matters, Artificial Track

Dear Congress Participants,

Over the past competitive year, the general class saw 9 World Cups, 6 Team Relay World Cups, 3 Mixed Events, the Continental Championships, and the season's highlight, the Winter Olympics in Cortina. In addition, a successful test event was held in Cortina at the start of the sports season, which received high praise from athletes and officials alike.

The race format for the mixed events continued to prove its worth, and the World Cup races were not affected by constantly changing weather conditions. Only the mixed doubles competitions in Lake Placid could not be held due to technical problems.

The juniors, for their part, competed in 6 World Cup races, the Continental Championships, and the season's highlight, the Junior World Championships in Altenberg.

The Youth A category was divided into three groups. Three races were held on European tracks, two in North America, and one in Asia.

No major accidents were reported during the past season, and disqualifications were also kept to a minimum. No protests were filed. The technical inspections conducted prior to the races certainly made a positive contribution in this regard.
Also worth mentioning is the consistently good preparation and strict adherence to IRO regulations by all nations.
The measures taken in recent years regarding safety on the tracks and with the sleds have also played their part.
Neck protection is now being used by an increasing number of athletes and has received positive feedback.

The absolute highlight of the past season was the races held during the Winter Olympics in Cortina. Set against a fantastic backdrop, they were a spectacular event and excellent publicity for artificial track luge. This is evidenced above all by the spectator numbers and TV viewership.

I would also like to mention the work of the technical delegates, jury, and judges, who, through their thorough preparation and extremely responsible and outstanding work, contributed to the smooth running and success of the competitions.

For its part, following intensive and detailed discussions, the Technical Commission has finally confirmed the standard dimensions for bridges, boxes, and the hole pattern for runners and steels for women's and men's singles. This should now clear the way for the introduction of standardization with the 2026/2027 competition season.

However, in order to maintain the positive image of luge, especially following such a successful Olympic season, we must continue to rely on the same outstanding teamwork we have seen so far. I would therefore like to thank everyone for their dedication: athletes, coaches, technical staff, judges, experts, referees, commissions, organizers, and national federations.

A big thank you goes to the members of the Technical Commission for their active and excellent cooperation over the past four-year period.

Special thanks also go to the Medical Commission, which monitors compliance with strict guidelines, WADA regulations, the Anti-Doping Code, and anti-doping principles throughout the season.

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

Armin Zöggeler
Vice President of Technical Matters – Artificial Track

FILL CONGRESS

June 2026

Mr. President

Dear colleagues from the board office

Ladies and gentlemen delegates to this congress

Thank you for the support given to this discipline and for supporting the new alpine luge concept.

Let's evaluate honestly.

We are going through a global energy crisis, all artificial slopes are increasingly expensive, most national federations have financial difficulties to participate in competitions during the season.

And then what is the alternative?

The new alpine luge format

And I will give you some arguments; all nations have ski areas, the costs for organizing competitions are low, the spectator presence is high, they can be organized not only for professionals but also for the public. The result in the future is attractiveness, visibility, competitions, sponsors, all for FIIL.

I will continue with a brief presentation of last season.

2025/26 season once again included top events – six World Cups and one Qualifier – the European Championships – as well as 4 Junior World Cups and the Junior World Championships.

The season opener in Winterleiten went off without a hitch: perfect track conditions, strong organizational performance and a successful start for both athletes and spectators. In Passeier, the legendary Bergkristall track celebrated a long-awaited return after a five-year break. The experiment of organizing a Junior World Cup in the same location after the Senior World Cup proved to be a success, creating numerous synergies and saving costs.

Deutschnofen once again distinguished itself with excellent organization and as a reliable partner. The European Championships in Laas were one of the major highlights: perfect track conditions, impressive number of spectators and top athletic performances.

Umhausen once again confirmed its reputation as a top organizer, offering thrilling races to the finish in both the World Cup and the Eliminator. The season finale in the Jaufental valley was superbly organized and emotionally charged, providing a fitting conclusion to the series of races.

The junior program also made significant progress. The youth competitions were organized to a high standard and attracted a noticeably higher number of participants

A major milestone of the season was the demonstration event for the new alpine sled race format on ski slopes, which was presented for the first time. The aim is to use classic ski slopes as a race surface, opening up new access to the sport for regions without natural or artificial slopes. This resulted in an innovative hybrid between classic sled on natural slopes and alpine terrain - faster to implement, more dynamic and more spectator-friendly.

The demonstration event in Jenner was a resounding success: despite the high temperatures, the conditions on the slopes were good, the route was short and spectacular, and the public interest was enormous. Hundreds of spectators watched the descents right next to the slopes, while the coverage and coverage on social media significantly exceeded expectations. Athletes and coaches had different opinions, but praised the new technical challenge and the openness of the sports format.

At the committee meeting, the IRO amendments for the new sled and race format regulations were finalized and defined; they will come into effect with the 2027/2028 se

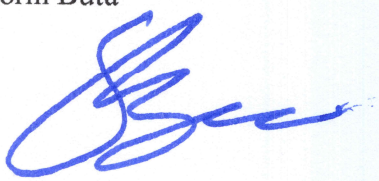
Thank you to all the delegates to this congress.

Thank you to all my colleagues on the executive board

And many thanks to the team with whom I worked and achieved all these things, the team led by Andreas Castiglioni

Viceprezident Alpine Luge

Sorin Buta



Marketing VP Report

April 2026

Successful 2025/26 Season

The FIL looks back on an extremely successful 2025/26 season, which was characterized by excellent organization, a high level of professionalism, and smoothly executed competitions. The highlight was the Olympic Games in Milano Cortina, which provided the federation with outstanding media coverage and significant international visibility.

Organizers and Events

Once again, all international FIL events in the 2025/26 season were characterized by a high standard of organization. The event organizers worked closely, reliably, and constructively with The FIL, ensuring that all competitions—both in terms of sportsmanship and organization—were conducted at a consistently high level.

Particularly noteworthy are the two World Cups in Oberhof, which once again proved to be outstanding events. They impressed with first-class organization, strong audience response, and an overall very positive atmosphere. In Altenberg, the proximity of the World Cup to the Olympic Games created a special atmosphere. Many spectators took the opportunity to see the athletes live immediately after Milano-Cortina, which gave the event a special atmosphere.

The World Cups in Sigulda, Lake Placid, Park City, and Winterberg were also rated as very well-organized by the teams and officials. All venues reaffirmed their role as reliable and experienced event organizers that provide stable conditions for high-level competitions.

It was regrettable, however, that the World Cups in Igls and Königssee could not be held due to planning errors related to ongoing renovation work. Both venues are among the FIL's premier races and hold special sporting and media significance for the FIL's calendar. The cancellation was accordingly noted with great regret by the FIL's partners and underscores the necessity of these events.

TV Production

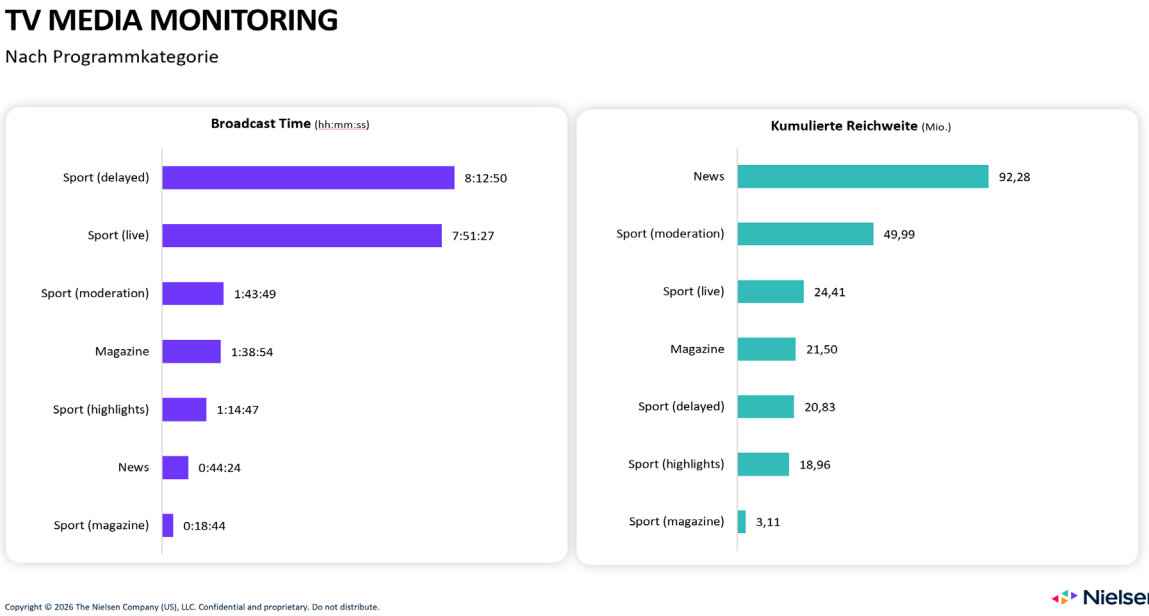
The TV production, in collaboration with TV Skyline and the FIL Core Crew, was once again extremely elaborate and of high quality. The execution was impressive both technically and editorially and contributed significantly to the strong media presence of FIL events. However, over the past two years, there has been a significant surge in production costs, leading to a noticeable budget overrun.

For the coming seasons, The FIL will therefore be forced to implement targeted cost-saving measures. A key starting point is to delegate even more production responsibility and coordination tasks to TV Skyline in the future. Through a clearer consolidation of responsibilities and more efficient management, significant cost savings can be achieved in the medium term without compromising production quality. Furthermore, The FIL is exploring the possibility of having TV production handled by the FIL at its own expense for all event organizers in the future. In return, event subsidies would be reduced. However, a final decision has not yet been made.

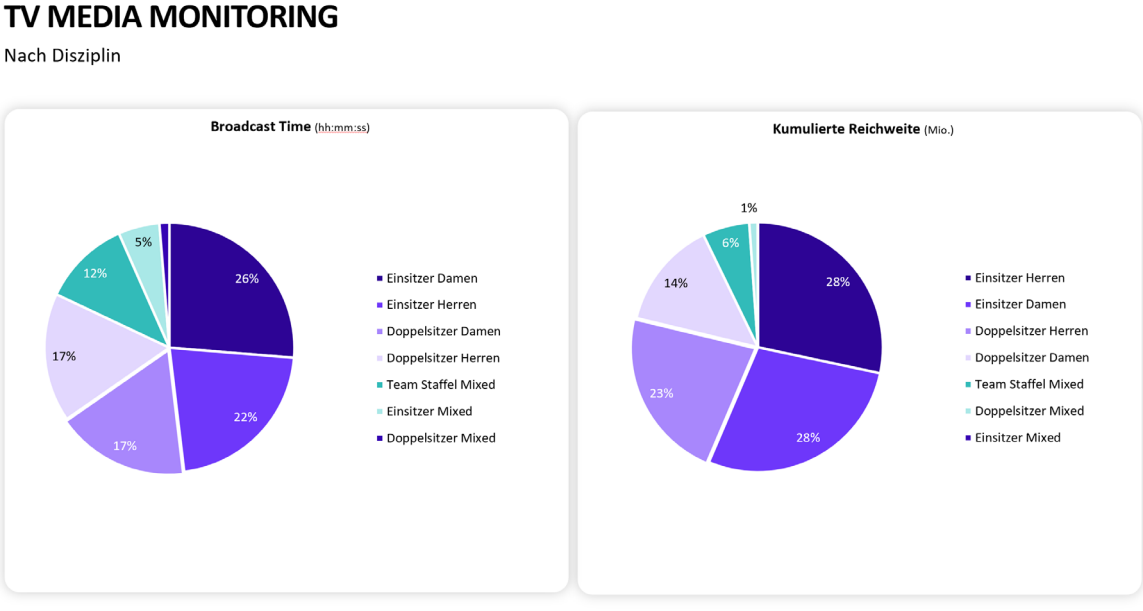
Special thanks go to Vera Bichler, who organized the TV crew with great dedication and did an outstanding job directing. Her contribution was crucial to the professional execution of the broadcasts.

Media Analysis and Market Values

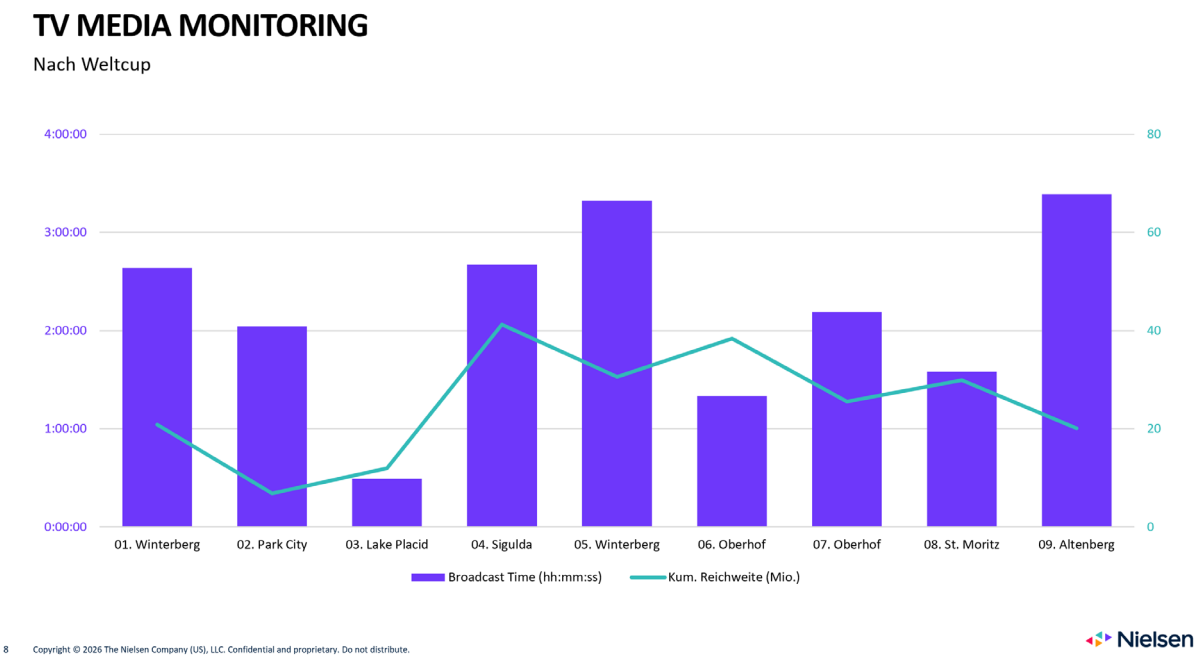
Together with the BSD, The FIL commissioned a comprehensive study to evaluate the media data of its sponsors. The results confirm that the advertising value for the partners is in excellent proportion to the revenues generated.



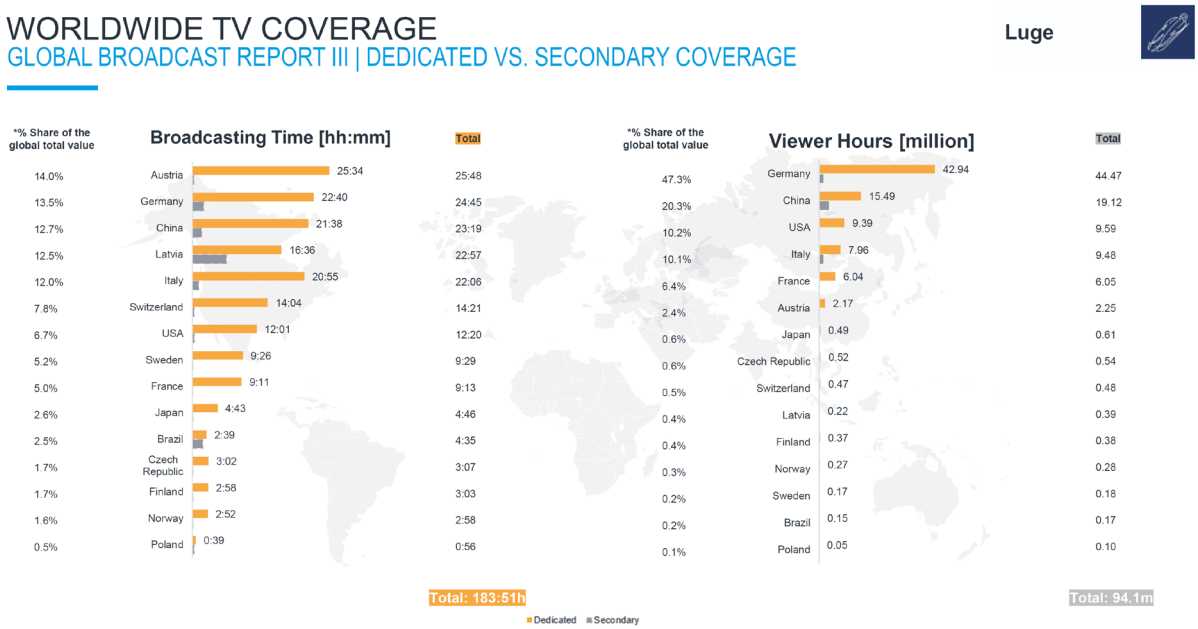
Media data by TV airtime and reach



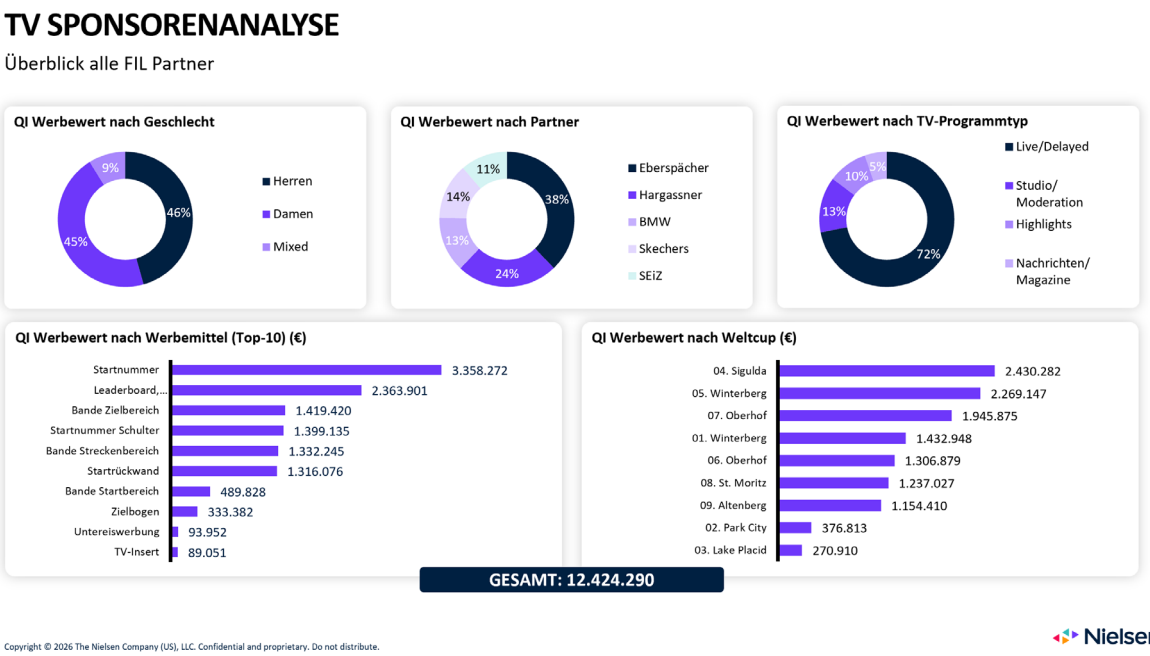
Breakdown of The FIL TV airtime and reach by discipline



Broadcast times and cumulative reach by event



Reach for the Milan/Cortina Olympic Games



Visibility and advertising value by partner, program type, and advertising medium in relation to the events

This analysis shows only a portion of the FIL media analysis. Overall, all partners and events were evaluated individually, allowing The FIL to accurately reflect the advertising value and reach achieved by individual events and partners.

1. TV Presence by Program Category The longest broadcast times were for *live sports* and *delayed sports*, while the highest reach was clearly achieved in the *news* segment. Talk shows and magazine segments also delivered significant viewership numbers and contributed to the overall presence.

2. Reach and Airtime

The media analysis shows that luge has stable airtime and solid reach in the 2025/26 season. The longest broadcast times are accounted for by the classic sports formats (*live* and *delayed*), which form the core of luge coverage. In addition, talk shows, magazine programs, and highlight segments contribute to the overall presence and ensure continuous visibility across various program types.

In terms of reach, news segments and hosted sports programs in particular attract large audiences, while live and delayed broadcasts consistently generate strong viewership among sports fans. Magazine shows and highlight programs round out the reach profile with steady, easily measurable viewership figures.

The absolute highlight in terms of viewership and airtime was the Olympic Games. This becomes particularly clear in an international comparison: Global TV coverage reached an exceptionally high volume of 183:51 hours, driven by a broad mix of dedicated and secondary coverage.

The figures from China stood out as particularly positive. With 21:38 hours of airtime, China ranks among the top three markets worldwide, trailing only slightly behind Austria and Germany. Even more impressive, however, is the viewership: 15.49 million viewer hours make China the second-largest market in terms of reach, behind Germany. These figures underscore that the Chinese market for luge continues to offer significant growth potential and that the region's strategic importance is increasing.

Other core markets also confirmed their importance: Germany once again generated by far the highest visibility with 42.94 million viewer hours, while the U.S. held a stable third place with 9.39 million

viewer hours. In total, global viewer hours amounted to 94.1 million—clear evidence of the sport's strong global presence in the Olympic context.

Overall, the analysis confirms that luge has a broad-based media profile, supported by both sufficient airtime and stable cumulative reach.

3. Advertising Value by Partner Eberspächer, Hargassner, and Skechers generated the largest share of the total advertising value. Overall, advertising value of over €12.4 million was achieved, with premium partners benefiting particularly strongly.

4. Advertising Media and Visibility The highest advertising values were achieved by bib numbers, leaderboards, and perimeter advertising in the finish and track areas. These advertising media remain the most important drivers of visibility in the FIL environment.

5. Advertising Value by Event The World Cups with the widest reach were Sigulda, Winterberg, and Oberhof. The canceled races in Igls and at Königssee are noticeably absent from the overall results, but would have further boosted the outcome.

Overall conclusion: The FIL was able to significantly improve its media visibility compared to the previous Olympic cycle. Partners benefit from stable reach, high advertising values, and a clear structuring of advertising surfaces. The data confirms that the strategic realignment of marketing—in particular the introduction of focus zones—was successful and is having a lasting impact.

Further Strategic Approach to Marketing

The FIL is currently engaged in comprehensive renegotiations of all marketing and sponsorship contracts for the upcoming Olympic cycle. The goal is to structurally modernize and economically optimize all partnerships. Discussions to date have been positive overall.

For the Eberspächer package, The FIL has received an offer from the RGS agency, which is currently in the final stages of negotiation. An agreement is expected shortly.

The Hargassner package will in the future be contractually regulated directly between the FIL and Hargassner. The new contract is currently being drafted and is expected to be signed by mid-June.

BMW has completely ended its involvement in winter sports following the conclusion of the 2025/26 season. The FIL is currently in talks with a partner of an insurance provider as a potential successor. Negotiations to date have been constructive, and there are justified hopes for an agreement.

The Skechers sponsorship package has been successfully extended in collaboration with Infront. In addition, The FIL has already concluded its own sponsorship agreement for racing boots with the agency Krauß und Maximilian, which will significantly improve marketing results.

Overall, all contracts are being renegotiated with improved terms for The FIL. Once this process is complete, a significant increase in marketing revenue is therefore expected.

At the same time, the re-tendering of media rights is underway. This process is still in its early stages and is expected to be completed by fall 2026.

Reform Process for Natural Track Luge and Development of Alpine Luge

Natural track luge is currently undergoing a comprehensive reform process with the goal of making the discipline more visible and attractive to a broader public. Several working groups are working with great dedication on the substantive realignment, the modernization of the competition format, and new forms of presentation. The FIL's marketing department is playing a central role in this, particularly in the development, dissemination, and implementation of the new concepts.

At the end of the season, an Alpine luge event took place for the first time at Jenner in Berchtesgaden. The event impressively demonstrated the potential of luge on snow: the dynamic nature of the sport, its appeal to spectators, and its close proximity to the Alpine winter sports environment made it clear that this competition format offers an outstanding opportunity to present the sport in a way that captures the public's attention and reaches new target groups.

In parallel, a concept for integrating Alpine luge into tourism regions and with cable car operators was developed in collaboration with the agency facts. The goal is to establish this new sport as a complementary winter sports offering and thereby sustainably increase both tourism revenue and the visibility of luge.

In closing, I would like to thank all partners, agencies, and The FIL committees for their consistently constructive and trusting collaboration. The successful development of our sport is only possible through the joint commitment of all involved. Special thanks go to Matthias Böhmer, who has supported me in my work in an extraordinary manner and, with a high degree of professionalism, reliability, and dedication, has contributed significantly to the success of the past season.

Thomas Schwab
(VP Marketing)

Report from Vice President of Asia

FIL Vice President of Asia
Jay Jieun Park

As the FIL Vice President of Asia, I am pleased to provide you with a comprehensive update on the activities and developments within the Asia region pertaining to the sport of luge. This report outlines recent events and programs in Asia. The Korean Federation still has a strong responsibility for development of luge in the Asia, and the report below also describes the activities of the Korean Luge Federation

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1. Introduction

This report summarizes the international activities of the Korea Luge Federation (KLF) for the last 2025/2026 season, with a particular focus on continental development and support for emerging luge nations in Asia.

During the reporting period, KLF prioritized:

- Strengthening Asia-based training and competitions (11th Asian Championship, FIL Luge School)
- Expanding participation across developing Asian nations
- Implementing targeted development assistance programs (ODA)

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2. Participation in International Governance

2.1 FIL Congress and Institutional Engagement

- KLF actively contributed to the governance of the International Luge Federation (FIL) through its leadership role in Asia.

2.2 Leadership in Asia

- Through the FIL Vice President for Asia, KLF continued to:
    - Facilitate cooperation among Asian member federations
    - Promote sustainable growth strategies for emerging luge nations
    - Serve as a bridge between FIL and developing luge countries

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3. Hosting of the Asian Luge Championships

3.1 Overview

- **Event:** 11th Asian Luge Championships
- **Location:** PyeongChang Olympic Sliding Center, Republic of Korea
- **Date:** November 24th 2025 ~ November 30th 2025
- **Nations:** KOR, JPN, CHN, TPE.
- **Participants:** 27 athletes, 6 coaches

3.2 Participation and Significance

- Participation of athletes and officials from multiple Asian nations.
- The event served as:
    - The **premier continental competition platform in Asia**
    - A **strategic development hub** for Asian luge countries.

3.3 Development-Oriented Competition Model

- The Championships were organized not only as a competition but also as a **development-driven event**, including:
    - Opportunities for new athletes to gain international race experience
    - Integration with training and education programs

3.4 Strategic Impact

- Strengthened Asia's presence within the FIL sanctioned competition
- Expanded the competitive base of Asian athletes
- Reinforced PyeongChang as a **central hub for Asian luge development**

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4. Official Development Assistance (ODA) Program

4.1 Program Overview

During the period of November 16th to 30th, KLF actively implemented an **Official Development Assistance (ODA) program** aimed at supporting developing luge nations in Asia, such as Cambodia, Philippine, Mongolia

The program was designed to reduce barriers to entry and promote sustainable athlete and federation creation.

- **Event:** Official Development Assistance (ODA) program
- **Location:** PyeongChang Olympic Sliding Center
- **Date:** November 16th, 2025 ~ November 30th, 2025
- **Nations:** Cambodia, Philippine, Mongolia
- **Participants:** 6 athletes, 3 coaches, 2 FIL coaches.

4.2 Key Areas of Support

1) Athlete Development Support

- Invitation of athletes from developing nations to train in Korea
- Provision of:
    - Accommodation and meals
    - Covered PyeongChang sliding track fees
    - Coaching and technical guidance, supported by FIL coaches.

- Supply and sharing of essential luge equipment:
    - Sleds
    - luge gears

- Focus areas:
    - Track safety
    - Equipment handling
    - Competition basic rules and standards

4.3 Integration with Asian Championships

- The ODA program was **strategically linked** with the 2025 Asian Luge Championships:
    - Participating ODA athletes competed in the special event
    - Competition exposure enhanced development outcomes

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5. FIL Luge School in PyeongChang (March, 2026)

5.1 Overview

- **Event:** FIL Luge School
- **Location:** PyeongChang Olympic Sliding Center
- **Date:** March 1st, 2026 ~ March 12th, 2026
- **Nations:** KOR, JPN, TPE, THA
- **Participants:** 16 athletes, 2 FIL coaches.

5.2 Purpose

The FIL Luge School was organized in cooperation with FIL to:

- Learn basic luge skills
- Provide structured education for athletes and officials
- Strengthen the sustainability of luge development in the region

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5.3 Program Components

The course included both **theoretical and practical sessions**, such as:

- Basic sliding techniques
- Start training and performance optimization
- Equipment setup and maintenance
- Safety protocols and track management

5.4 Participation

- Participants included:

    - Athletes from Asian nations
    - Coaches and technical staff
- The program ensured **hands-on experience** using a world-class Olympic facility

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5.5 Outcomes

- Improved technical competency of participants
- Enhanced readiness for participation in international competitions
- Reinforced Korea's role as a **regional education and training hub**

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6. Conclusion

During the reporting period, KLF has successfully implemented a **comprehensive development model**, combining:

- Asian Championships (Competition)
- ODA Program (Support)
- FIL Luge School (Basic education program for beginners)

This integrated approach has significantly contributed to the growth of luge in Asia and strengthened Korea's leadership role within the international luge community.

KLF remains committed to fostering a sustainable environment for all Asian member federations.

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

Sincerely,
FIL Vice President of Asia
Jay Jieun Park

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74th FIL Congress 2026 - REPORT BY SORINA ȚICU – member of FIL Executive Board

I am an active person who travels a lot for work. I'm never home!

Dear colleagues and friends,

After few years of locations around the world congresses, I am more delighted to welcome the FIL family here at Berchtesgaden, Germany. Nevertheless, with the 2025-2026 winter season, we are once again concluding a challenging yet successful Olympic season, which we can all be proud of.

With hopefully your support at this year's election, the upcoming four years will be my second term as a member of FIL Executive Board and be assured that I am more motivated than ever to serve our luge sports.

I am proud to say that despite all challenges we faced, my special thanks go to all National Federations and authorities that hosted events together with FIL. With us combined efforts, we secured events in a safe environment to finalize the qualification for the Olympic Winter Games in Milano Cortina 2026.

Looking at the development of our sports over the past years, I am proud of what we achieved. I am especially proud of the progress we made through Alpine Luge with a view to our smaller National Federations. I firmly believe in universality, and when I see how far we have come, especially in Asia, where a special thank you goes to our National Federations from China and Korea, I am really confident that our future will be bright. You all are invaluable assets for our established nations in Europe.

I take proud in having fulfilled all challenging with a gender-balanced FIL Team. Of course, another highlight in our rich history was the highly successful introduction of Women's luge double in the Olympic Program. My FIL Executive board member's next milestone will be achieved in 2030 when our athletes will have an equal chance of winning more medals at the Winter Olympic Games. Our arguments for including new event in the Olympic Program are highly compelling, and the IOC Program Commission and IOC Executive Board must approve the proposal. Looking even further toward the Olympic Winter Games in 2034 by USA, we have great perspectives with the host city that have already an existing track. If we move forward by using and improving existing infrastructure, we may achieve a lot with less. That is, in the truest sense, the meaning of sustainability and the future of our sports.

A big thank goes to our athletes and coaches, particularly our special teams conducted by: Andreas Castiglioni - Sport and Technical Director for NT, Fred Zimny - FIL Development Manager, Matthias Böhmer - FIL Sport director, Andris Šics - FIL Technical Director AT and Thomas Schwab, the FIL VP for marketing, who does an outstanding job with their crew of technic and mechanics to develop our programs further.

With a view to my next four years as FIL Executive Board member, I presume that it might not be the easiest time, but I am always looking for solutions. As Ivo Ferriani says: *The world we live in and its geopolitical, environmental and economic challenges will test us, but we, the sliding sports family, are masters of adaptation like chameleons.* I would like to thank the Executive Committee for supporting me to help to steer the FIL towards a bright future. I am also asking all of you to play your part in finding solutions and staying committed to the values of the sport, so we can move forward and secure a long-lasting legacy, which will see us celebrate our 100-year anniversary.

My focus for my next term will be the optimization and acceleration of processes such as track usage, shared and centralized logistics and good governance. Part of our good governance efforts must also inclusion and gender equity. With the set-up of our diversity and gender equity working group, with have demonstrated that we are moving in the right direction.

As we are also stepping into a new digital and commercial area, I would like to take the opportunity to thank our marketing and media partner, for their work and our partnership over the past years. The goal is to accelerate our digital storytelling, improve TV broadcasting and streaming, and work closely with our sponsors that benefit not only us but also the National Federations and track owners. Especially in the age of climate change, which implies great challenges, particularly for winter sports, the reliability and innovativeness of our sports are essential distinguishing features compared to competing Federations.

The year after the Olympic Games is generally seen as a year of reorientation but I will not waste any time on our way to become even stronger and well-represented in the Olympic Movement. Together with the newly elected members of the FIL Executive Board and the established Members, I am dedicated more than ever to achieving the goals set for the next four years.

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

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

Ladies and Gentlemen,
during the last years of my term, I could realize that the well-being of the athletes is always in the center of the FIL Executive Committee's attention. As an International Federation you must keep an eye on the whole and this may not be considered as an advantage by an individual athlete, but you may be assured that the focus is always on the sport and the athletes.

I would therefore like to thank my colleagues in the FIL Executive Board, who always have an open ear for the concerns of the athletes. I also wish to thank all officials at national and international level who tirelessly provide the bases for the conduct of the sport. And, last but not least, thanks to all the athletes who are doing our beloved sports of luge in such a wonderful way and with great dedication!

I am looking forward to keeping on sliding together with all of you into a bright future!

Sorina Țicu
Member of FIL Executive Board

Dear Luge Community, dear friends,

This past Olympic season was more than just a competitive year. It was a defining moment for our sport.

We faced challenges. Tracks were delayed, projects did not unfold as expected, and operational issues tested our systems. But what defines us is not the absence of problems, it is how we respond to them. And this season, we responded with resilience, flexibility, and a shared commitment.

Because of that, we delivered.

On the biggest stage in the world, our sport showed its true identity. The Olympic competitions were outstanding: dynamic, emotional, and of the highest sporting quality. The images from the finish area, teams celebrating together, athletes pushing their limits, captured exactly what luge stands for. Unity, performance, and passion.

The feedback we received, from spectators, track workers, volunteers, and the broader Olympic community was clear. Luge stood out. Not only for the quality of competition, but for the professionalism of our federation and the values demonstrated by our athletes.

We did not just participate in the Olympic Games.

We made an impact.

And now, we stand at an important point. Momentum alone is not enough. What matters is what we do with it.

We have an opportunity to grow our sport beyond where it has ever been. To reach new audiences, to strengthen our structures, and to build a future that reflects both our tradition and our ambition. This requires clarity, courage, and a willingness to think bigger.

At the same time, we must remain honest with ourselves. There are areas where we need to improve, operationally, structurally, and in how we present our sport to the world. Progress demands an open mindset and a shared vision that goes beyond short-term success.

As athletes, we are proud of what we achieved this season. But we are even more motivated by what lies ahead.

Finally, I would like to personally thank all of you. It has been a true honor to serve as Chair of the Athletes' Commission during this Olympic cycle. This role has reinforced what makes our community special: a deep connection, mutual respect, and a shared passion for luge.

We are more than a sport. We are a community moving forward together.

Thank you for your trust, your work, and your belief in our beloved sport.

Your friend in sport,

Leon Felderer

Chair, FIL Athletes' Commission

Long live luge.

Report from the Executive Director

Dear Sir or Madam, dear sports fans!

The past four years have been marked by major changes for us at the FIL office—not only in terms of our scope of work, responsibilities, and areas of authority, but also in our communication with the National Federations and FIL stakeholders.
No sooner had COVID-19 passed than we were—and still are—confronted with the next major crisis: Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. In addition to the drama of the war, the FIL and the FIL Office were suddenly confronted with countless legal disputes related to it—whether it was the convening of the extraordinary Congress in 2022, the appeals against various decisions by the Executive Committee and the FIL Congress, or, most recently, the proceedings before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS): All of this has significantly tied up the FIL office's capacity for various support tasks, not to mention the financial impact on the FIL due to skyrocketing legal consulting costs. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to our attorneys, Dr. Christian Krähe and Dr. Thomas Summerer, who have been at my disposal day and night, in the truest sense of the word, in handling these legal matters.
Unfortunately, we have had to acknowledge that certain barriers have also fallen in our daily work processes: While just a few years ago decisions and contracts could still be made and concluded with mutual respect and in a fair, sportsmanlike spirit, this is hardly possible today: Everything must be legally secured and validated down to the smallest detail. And yet, certain decisions are not—or were not—accepted, and attempts are made to overturn them through legal channels. As a result, the FIL now works with several external legal experts as well as an international law firm in Vienna. What for many years was handled solely by our Chair of the Legal Commission, Dr. Christian Krähe—the workload involved in legal consultations and legal representation now far exceeds the limits of volunteer work.

The situation described above will also have an impact on the activities and responsibilities of some of the FIL's technical commissions in the future. Protecting our commission members and staff from liability is our top priority here. We are engaged in constructive dialogue on this matter both within the Presidium/Executive Committee and with the affected technical commissions and our legal experts.

The inability to use the luge track at Königssee has had and continues to have very negative consequences for all of us, not just for the sport of luge itself: The training weeks and FIL competitions at Königssee have always served as an opportunity for a cooperative and constructive dialogue between the FIL office and the representatives, coaches, and athletes of our member federations. This exchange of ideas and experiences was of enormous importance. We very much hope that this will be revived starting with the upcoming 2026/27 winter season, with the reopening of the track at Königssee.

Significant adjustments to organizational processes have become and remain necessary in all areas of accounting and financial management, partly due to the language "barrier" and geographical distance of the Presidium member responsible for this area. It should be noted that the FIL is subject to Austrian laws, financial, and accounting regulations, all of which are written in German. I would like to extend my

sincere thanks to my deputy, Anja Fischer, for handling all accounting and payment transactions, as well as for communicating with the external accounting firm. Her invaluable support in developing a four-year budget plan for a workshop with the FIL Presidium in November 2025 was particularly significant.

In addition to the CAS proceedings already mentioned, a significant portion of my time in the past fiscal year was devoted to analyses, meetings, and the preparation of draft proposals for the complete revision of the FIL statutes and their appendices. These statutes, revised in collaboration with the law firm LPA Law Vienna (Mag. Alexander Koukal), are now before the Congress for discussion and decision-making. In key areas, both legally necessary and substantive adjustments have been made to reflect the FIL's current organizational structure and working methods. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Presidium as well as all external partners for their extensive contributions.

The entire FIL office, including all staff members, and the relevant directors faced massive organizational challenges before and during the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milano-Cortina. The entire FIL team on site, led by staff members Anja Fischer and Diana Springl along with the directors, was constantly confronted with seemingly insurmountable and sudden organizational shortcomings, which could only be mitigated through immense dedication—working nearly around the clock—improvisation, and a great deal of charm.

Thanks to the support of the "Milano-Cortina Core Team" at the Cortina Sliding Center, we were ultimately able to host fantastic Olympic luge competitions. Special thanks go to Normunds Kotans, Georgia Favero, and Alessandro Genuzio for their quick and uncomplaining assistance in resolving logistical problems that seemed almost insurmountable.

In addition to the routine tasks and services performed by my staff at the FIL office, the external directors as well as the FIL press and media officers, as part of the entire FIL administrative team, have fulfilled their responsibilities—hopefully to everyone's satisfaction—with great heart, passion, and dedication to the sport of luge.

As always, I would like to take this opportunity at the end of my report—which, once again, provides only a rough outline of the tasks at hand—to express my gratitude:

- To our **President, Einars Fogelis,** for his excellent and daily cooperation;
- To our **Secretary General**, **Dwight Bell**, who has been a great support to me in the daily administrative handling of our ever-increasing workload;
- To our **Vice President Geoff Balme**

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

- all **representatives of the National Federations, as** well **as their athletes and coaches**, for their trust, their support, and the understanding they have shown towards my colleagues in the office and me, especially during the past, once again difficult, winter season.

- To the **event organizers and their officials, the FIL's agencies and partners, as well as the FIL's officials,** for the excellent and constructive cooperation in all matters.
- To all members of the Executive Board for their collaborative partnership and support within this governing body of the FIL. A special thank you at this point to the outgoing Executive Board members Claire DelNegro and Sorin Buta for their many years of friendly cooperation.
- A big thank you goes to all my **colleagues in the FIL office, the directors of the Artificial Track, Alpine Luge, and Development Program divisions, the FIL press officer who is stepping down at her own request, the TV coordinator and her team, as well as the members and technical experts of the FIL commissions and working groups** for their constant dedication.

For the coming months, I wish all athletes an accident-free preparation period and the coaches and trainers successful planning.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again ask for your goodwill and support in fulfilling my responsibilities, along with the hope of putting the sport back at the center of all our activities!

Christoph Schweiger

Executive Director

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Report by the Sport Director of the International Luge Federation - Matthias Böhmer

Dear Members of the 2026 FIL Congress,

The 2025/2026 season was in many ways an extraordinary and landmark season for international luge—marked by major challenges, bold new beginnings, and at the same time numerous very positive developments that have moved our sport forward as a whole. Even before the actual start of the World Cup season, we faced significant organizational challenges: With the cancellations of the World Cups in Igls and Königssee, two key events had to be rescheduled and reassigned within a very short time. The fact that we nevertheless succeeded in putting together a complete and high-quality World Cup season is thanks to the tremendous commitment of our partners. Thankfully, Oberhof stepped in at short notice with a double World Cup to compensate for the cancellation of Königssee, and Winterberg took over the World Cup from Igls just one week before the start of the season. This flexibility and solidarity within our community are by no means a given and deserve the highest recognition. At the same time, however, we must also clearly acknowledge that these last-minute reschedulings led to significant difficulties, particularly in the junior and youth divisions, which resulted in organizational problems and, unfortunately, also in cancellations—a circumstance that should give us serious cause for reflection.

Despite this difficult start, the World Cup season can be considered a complete success overall. We have deliberately broken new ground, tested new formats, and had the courage to implement changes. The introduction of team competitions on Friday, as well as the “One Day – One Run” concept, which we successfully implemented on several tracks, have shown that we can make our sport more modern, compact, and attractive. In particular, the opportunity to witness three end results within two and a half hours has proven to be extremely popular with audiences. The events in Park City, Sigulda, and at the finals in Altenberg have impressively demonstrated the potential of these formats—with large crowds on site, a great atmosphere, and a dynamic that is also of enormous value for broadcast. In addition, we experienced exciting competitions throughout the season with different winners and podium finishers, which underscores the international breadth and athletic quality of our system.

Logistics was once again a key factor in our success. Our partnership with DHL has once again proven to be forward-thinking. The transport of equipment was not only efficiently organized to and from North America but also carried out directly between World Cup venues. The fact that The FIL covered a large portion of the costs for the national federations is a clear commitment to supporting our members. This model exemplifies a modern, sustainable, and at the same time practical organization of our sport and must be consistently developed further in the coming years.

However, the period following the Olympic Games remains a critical issue. Participant numbers at the last two World Cups were declining, even though this did not affect either the quality of the competitions or their media impact. Nevertheless, we have received clear signals from several quarters that these events are losing significance for some national federations. This is precisely where we must start: It is our shared responsibility to make the period following the season’s highlight— —attractive as well and to give the World Cup as a whole the necessary prestige. After all, continuity is crucial, especially for the visibility of our sport in the media.

The Olympic Games themselves undoubtedly represent the highlight of this season, and they can confidently be described as historic. Luge presented itself there at a level of quality we have never

experienced before. Record-breaking viewership in numerous countries, sold-out stands, an extraordinary atmosphere with prominent guests and athletes, as well as medalists from five different nations, speak for themselves. Particularly noteworthy is arguably the most exciting men's doubles race of all time. Even though the road to these Games was long, demanding, and fraught with uncertainty, and the execution required an enormous effort from everyone involved, one thing remains clear in the end: the effort was worth it, and it has elevated our sport to a new level.

Looking to the future, we at the FIL have done our homework. We have succeeded in developing and publishing a clearly structured four-year plan. We are working closely with the IOC on the further development of our Olympic program, particularly with regard to new competitions and additional quota spots. Important decisions have also been made within our committees that will further improve our competition formats. There is also a special focus on training in the doubles category. The elimination of doubles at the Youth Olympic Games gives us the opportunity to rethink training systems and build them in a more targeted manner to ensure a sustainable transition to elite sport.

Amid all these positive developments, however, one thing must be stated clearly: In recent years, the FIL has invested heavily—organizationally, structurally, and financially—to provide the best possible support to the national federations and to further develop our sport internationally. This support will remain a central component of our work. At the same time, however, we are now entering a phase in which we must also articulate expectations. It is time to hold the national federations, as active members of our community, even more accountable and to ask the legitimate question: What can each individual concretely contribute to the positive development of international luge? The growth, appeal, and sustainability of our sport are not a one-way street—they require commitment, initiative, and responsibility at all levels.

In summary, it can be said that luge has developed significantly and positively over the past two years. This development is the result of hard work, joint efforts, and a willingness to break new ground. Now it is up to all of us to consistently continue on this path, consolidate what we have achieved, and continue to grow with an eye toward the 2030 and 2034 Olympic Games. This will also bring about changes in the image and presentation of our sport—changes that are necessary and that we should view as an opportunity.

We are heading in the right direction. Now it is time to take the next step together.

Matthias Böhmer
Sport Director

Report Technical Director Artificial Track – Season 2025/2026

Dear Members of the International Luge Federation (FIL),

I am pleased to present the annual report as Technical Director of Artificial Track for the luge season 2025/2026. This report outlines the main developments of the season, operational and technical aspects of the World Cup series, the preparations related to the Olympic Winter Games 2026, and the continued efforts to support fair and efficient competitions.

Season Overview:

Before the start of the 2025/2026 World Cup season, the ITP and the Test Event in Cortina represented important milestones in the preparation for the Olympic Winter Games 2026. These events brought together the Technical Delegates, Jury members, and the judges' group and provided an excellent opportunity to review procedures, coordination, and technical readiness ahead of the Games. The preparation was carried out at a high level, and the smaller shortcomings identified during this phase were addressed in time, helping to ensure that the Olympic competitions can be delivered smoothly and professionally.

The 2025/2026 luge season itself included 9 World Cup events, 6 Team Relay competitions, 3 Mixed Singles events, and 2 Mixed Doubles competitions. From my perspective, the season was intensive, demanding, and highly valuable in terms of operational experience, technical coordination, and continued development across all competition levels.

The North American events were particularly challenging due to logistical demands. In Lake Placid, one Mixed Doubles competition had to be cancelled. However, thanks to the effective cooperation of all involved parties, the situation was managed successfully, and all necessary adjustments were made in time to ensure that the Mixed Singles competition could still take place properly.

After the Olympic Winter Games, two additional World Cup events were held. Although the number of participants was slightly lower, the quality of the competitions remained at a very high level, both from the athletes' side and from the organizers' side.

Technical Inspections and Jury Operations:

Technical inspections were carried out throughout the season in accordance with the FIL IRO, with the clear objective of supporting fair competition and consistent application of the rules.

As in previous seasons, athletes and teams were offered the possibility of voluntary technical inspections of their sleds during each World Cup week. In addition, weigh-in opportunities were made available every week for athletes who wished to verify their status in advance and avoid unnecessary disqualifications.

Although two regular time windows for technical control were available each week, my door was always open to both athletes and coaches whenever there was a need to check equipment or technical conformity in advance. In my view, our goal is not to disqualify athletes, but to help ensure equal and fair conditions for all participants by allowing potential issues to be identified and corrected before competition.

The cooperation with Technical Delegates, Jury members, judges, organizers, and team representatives was constructive throughout the season and contributed significantly to the smooth running of the competitions.

Disqualifications during the season remained limited and were mainly related to a few recurring technical or procedural issues:

Infraction Type	**Count**
Missing touch pad	6
Overweight at finish controls	3
Gap measurement	1
False start	1
Steel temperature at the start	1
Total	**12**

Technical Preparation and Olympic Readiness:

A major focus of the season was the continued preparation for the Olympic Winter Games 2026. The ITP and Test Event in Cortina were especially valuable in this regard, as they allowed all relevant officials and groups to work together under realistic conditions.

The involvement of the Technical Delegates, Jury members, and judges' group ensured that procedures could be tested in practice and adjusted where necessary. The preparation phase confirmed that the overall framework is strong, while the smaller deficiencies that were identified could be corrected well in advance. This gives confidence that the Olympic events can be delivered at the required standard.

Conclusion and Acknowledgments:

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Presidium, the Executive Board, the Technical Delegates, the judges, the Jury members, and the Sports Director for the excellent cooperation throughout the season.

I would also like to thank the organizers, teams, coaches, and athletes for their constructive communication and cooperation during the entire World Cup season. Their openness and willingness to work together were very important, especially

during demanding periods such as the North American tour and the preparation phase for the Olympic Winter Games.

I am equally grateful to everyone who supported me with their involvement, commitment, and assistance whenever it was needed. This support played an important role in ensuring that the season could be carried out in a professional, fair, and successful manner.

Sincerely,
Andris Sics
Technical Director Artificial Track

Alpine Luge: A Sport in Transition!

Report by the Alpine Luge Sport Director – FIL Congress 2027 in Berchtesgaden

Last year, the focus was on reorienting the sport, and we were able to make significant progress in the development and promotion of alpine luge. Thanks to the dedicated work of our teams and the support of the FIL, we were able to further advance our vision.

Preparations began as usual in the spring, accompanied by structural adjustments and strategic decisions for the further development of Alpine Luge. Of particular significance was the continued implementation of the new *Alpine Luge* format, which had already begun the previous year. The prototype, which was presented the year before at the FIL Congress in Lake Placid, formed the basis for numerous technical discussions and fine-tuning, which have now been incorporated into the finalization of the sled and the drafting of the new rules.

The commission meeting marked the start of intensive work on the race calendar, budget, prize money, and media strategy. Most meetings with organizers and event organizers took place online, accompanied by a few on-site visits to the tracks. The event organizers' meeting in October established clear guidelines for World Cups, junior competitions, and championships.

All races were produced for TV, two of them with livestreams, which was essential for the visibility of Alpine luge. The media partnership with K19 worked reliably, and the creation of short clips and photo content continued to contribute significantly to social media reach. A professional social media agency supported us again this season, during which clear trends in reach growth became apparent, and we were able to generate nearly 1 million views per month during the winter.

The FIL Alpine Luge Season 2025/26

The 2025/26 season once again featured top-tier events—six World Cups and one Eliminator, the European Championships, as well as four Junior World Cups and the Junior World Championships.

Season Analysis

The season opener in Winterleiten went off without a hitch: perfect track conditions, strong organizational performance, and a successful start for both athletes and spectators. In Passeier, the legendary Bergkristall track celebrated a highly anticipated comeback after a five-year hiatus. The experiment of hosting a Junior World Cup at the same venue immediately

following the general-class World Cup was a success, creating numerous synergies and saving costs.

Deutschnofen once again distinguished itself through excellent organization and as a reliable partner. The European Championships in Laas were one of the major highlights: perfect track conditions, impressive spectator numbers, and top-class athletic performances.

Umhausen once again confirmed its reputation as a top-tier event organizer, delivering thrilling race finishes right down to the wire in both the World Cup and the Eliminator. The season finale in Jaufental was superbly organized and had an emotional atmosphere, making it a fitting conclusion to the race series.

The junior division also showed significant progress. The junior competitions were organized to a high standard and attracted noticeably increasing attention.

New Format: Alpine Luge on the Ski Slope

A milestone of the season was the demo event for the new **Alpine luge** format **on ski slopes**, which was showcased for the first time. The goal is to use classic ski slopes as a racing surface to open up new opportunities for regions without natural or artificial tracks to access the sport. This has created an innovative hybrid between classic natural track luge and alpine terrain—faster to implement, more dynamic, and more spectator-friendly.

The **demo event at Jenner** was a resounding success: Despite high temperatures, the slope conditions were good, the course was short and spectacular, and audience interest was enormous. Hundreds of spectators watched the runs right next to the track, while social media reach and media coverage far exceeded expectations. The athletes and coaches had mixed opinions but praised the new technical challenge as well as the openness of the sporting format.

At the commission meeting, the IRO amendments regarding the regulations for the new luge tracks and the new race format were finalized and defined; they will take effect starting with the 2027/2028 season.

Outlook and Acknowledgments

The 2025/26 season clearly shows that Alpine luge has entered a phase of renewal and professionalization. With the new formats, stable competition structures, and a continuing growth in media presence, the sport stands on a strong foundation for the coming years.

The focus for the coming year is clearly on the development and implementation of projects in the area of grassroots sports to consolidate and professionalize the foundation of luge.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all athletes, coaches, officials, event organizers, the Vice President for Alpine Luge, and the members of the Future Workshop for a successful and forward-looking collaboration!

With sporting regards
The Sport Director for Alpine luge
Andreas Castiglioni

2026 Report of the Youth and Development Commission of the AT Commission Meeting

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Friends of our sport,

The 2025/26 season culminated with the 41st Junior World Championships in Altenberg. At the same time, our focus is already turning to the 2026/27 season, which will be marked by qualification for the 2028 Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG 2028).

Despite the challenges posed by the closure of the tracks in Königssee and Igls, we were able to hold all Junior and Youth A competitions as scheduled. This was only possible thanks to the flexible support of the track operators and organizers, to whom we would like to express our sincere gratitude.

Commission Work

The Youth/Development Commission held an online meeting on March 23, 2026. In addition to the commission members, representatives from key functional areas also participated to optimize the interfaces between youth development, the general class, and development programs.

The focus was particularly on:

- further development of the youth structure
- coordination with international development programs
- as well as sustainable performance development during the transition phase

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Junior World Cup Review

In the 2025/26 season, a total of six Junior World Cups were held at a consistently high organizational and athletic level.

Once again, the preceding International Training Weeks (ITW) were a key factor in this success. These enable athletes to prepare specifically on the respective tracks, which are often only available to a limited extent during regular training.

Results of the ITW measures:

- significant reduction in fall rates
- improved athletic performance quality
- increased safety during competition

Continuation of this format is strongly recommended.

Evaluation of the Junior World Championships in Altenberg

To ensure optimal preparation, both an ITW in November and an International Training Period (ITP) immediately prior to the event were conducted.

Participant structure:

- 15 nations
- 76 sleds
- 9 teams in the team competition

This resulted in a slight increase in participation compared to the previous year. The return of the teams from North America (the U.S. and Canada) is particularly positive.

However, the complete absence of Asian nations (e.g., Korea, China, Japan) is a cause for concern and requires special attention in light of the sport's global development.

The organization of the World Championships in Altenberg was thoroughly professional and ensured excellent conditions for all participants.

Continental Cup / World Youth Series Results

The competition series comprised:

- 4 races in Europe
- 2 races in North America
- 1 race in Asia

All events were successfully held.

As part of the strategic development, it was decided to:

- to rename the Continental Cup the **"World Youth Series"**
- to introduce **continental championships** within this series starting next season

The goal is to strengthen the international positioning and enhance the status of the youth sector.

Development in the doubles category

Development in the doubles category remains a key challenge.

Observations:

- Declining participation numbers in the Youth A category (male and female)
- Stabilization in the junior category, but at an insufficient level

Strategic approach:
For sustainable development, it is recommended to:

- systematically strengthening training in the singles
- to delay the transition to the doubles

The goal is to integrate technically better-trained athletes into the doubles category in the long term and thereby improve performance quality.

Outlook for the 2026/27 Season

The upcoming season includes:

- 6 Junior World Cups
- 2 World Youth Series competitions in North America
- 4 competitions in Europe
- a possible additional race in Pyeongchang (still to be confirmed)

The 42nd Junior World Championships will take place from
February 8–14, 2027, in Winterberg.

The focus is on qualifying for the 2028 YOG, giving the season special strategic significance.

Conclusion and Acknowledgments

The successful execution of the season was only possible thanks to the great commitment of many involved.

We would like to extend our special thanks to:

- the organizers and track operators
- the volunteer helpers
- the team captains, coaching staff, and athletes
- as well as all officials and partner organizations

Special thanks also go to the Presidium and the Executive Board for their ongoing support of youth development.

April 2026
Hans-Jürgen Köhne
Chair of the Youth and Development Commission

FIL Medical Commission Report
2025-6

1) **Athlete Crash/Injury Forms:**

   This was the first season that a FIL Crash/Injury form was instituted at all FIL official events and Olympic Games. The was first put into use at the test event for the Olympic Games in Cortina during the fall of 2025. The forms were used at all events. The injury forms allow the local track medical staff to evaluate all athlete crashes and confirm that the athlete can safely return to sliding or requires an in-depth medical exam outside of track medical team. The decision was made mid-season that the athlete's medical team can override the track medical team but then takes full responsibility for the athlete's safety. The information from these forms will be used for crash and injury statistics per year and compared yearly to assist with athlete safety.

2) Flexible Neck Stabilizing Collar/Shirt:

This was the second full season that the flexible neck stabilizing collar/shirt was used during training and racing by many athletes of various countries. The general consensus was that the athletes felt that the collar reduced the head and neck forces sustained during luge training and racing. There was no apparent sport advantage to using the support besides less neck fatigue and possible injury reduction. The major obstacle is obtaining the device from the Canadian Company Kapsul.

3) Cortina Sliding Center Medical Staff:

The Cortina Medical Staff under the direction of Dr. Paolo Rossi were excellent partners during the 2025-6 season. The staff and facilities were well prepared for the PreOlympic training and Olympic games. In the Fall of 2025 we had an emergency athlete extrication at the low point of the track. This exercise helped to confirm the medical extraction plan was appropriate at the new sliding track.

4) 2026 Olympic Games:

I would like to formally thank Dr. Ilze Circule for accepting the role as FIL Medical Lead during the 2026 Olympic games in Cortina. Dr. Circule was critical in maintaining a professional and safely executed Olympic Training and Competition. There were very few athlete crashes and only mild injuries during the entire 2026 Olympic Games Training and Races. No serious injuries occurred during these events.

5) Antidoping

The 2025-6 season the FIL and ITA had a successful collaboration on antidoping testing, education, TUE management. This is an excellent partnership and should be continued into the future.

6) Future Issues

The medical commission is preparing for future issues. The most urgent issue being the New IOC Policy on Female Athletes. This issue is more complex then it seems and will need to be implemented in a respectful and legal manner. Other issues are athlete safeguarding and athlete mental health issues.

Eugene Byrne MD Chairman of FIL Medical Commission

Report of the Ethics Authority

(74th FIL Congress 2026 in Berchtesgaden, Germany)

My main expectation from my report last year was fulfilled at the 73rd FIL Congress in Tampere, Finland: The Congress passed a resolution to incorporate the principles developed in recent years by our former Safe Sport Officer into the Ethics Code as Safe Sport provisions. I would like to thank the Congress for this.

The new provisions allow the FIL Ethics Authority or the FIL Ethics Commission to delegate the Initial Investigation or further investigation proceedings all or in part to a Delegated Third Party. To this end, the FIL entered into a contract with a qualified service provider. I would also like to express my gratitude for this.

During the reporting period following my report of April 18, 2025, at the 73rd FIL Congress, I received several reports of violations of the FIL Ethics Code.

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

Prior to the 2026 Olympic Winter Games in Milano/Cortina, complaints were filed alleging that the FIL Ethics Code had been violated in connection with the eligibility of individual neutral athletes. In one case, the complaint was withdrawn; another case was dismissed because no violation was found; and a third case is still to be decided.

As for the other expectations I expressed in my report last year—namely, to raise and reinforce awareness of the importance of integrity—they remain unchanged. The most important elements for maintaining integrity are competence in dealing with ethical issues and, above all, Safe Sport issues; the independence of the persons involved; and the assured confidence of those affected that reports of violations will be handled responsibly. These elements still need to be implemented, from the FIL through the NFs down to the clubs.

Frankfurt am Main, April 10, 2026

Karl-Friedrich Schauhoff,
Ethics Authority

Report of the Interim Safe Sport and Integrity Resource Person (74th FIL Congress 2026 in Berchtesgaden, Germany)

Following Steve Harris's departure from his role as Sports Integrity Manager, I assumed the position of Safe Sport and Integrity Resource Person on an interim basis in August 2025.

Unlike the full-time Sports Integrity Manager, I was naturally only able to handle a small fraction of his responsibilities. In the run-up to the 2026 Olympic Winter Games Milan/Cortina, this primarily involved the IOC's Prevention of Manipulation in Competition initiative, where I participated in several conference calls and a survey conducted by the IOC OM Unit PMC.

As a volunteering official, I do not have the time available to take on additional time-consuming tasks. This applies in particular to the future tasks that Steve Harris mentioned in his report last year, namely the mandatory Safe Sport Online training for all FIL officials, FIL staff, and executive members through Safe Sport International (IOC-recognized), and the development, creation, and implementation of a FIL-specific online training module platform for Safe Sport, similar to that of the IBSF.

To date, I have not received any reports via the FIL Safe Sport & Sport Integrity Reporting Line.

As we all know, this does not necessarily mean that there were no incidents that could have been reported. It is therefore important to place the Integrity and Safe Sport division back in professional hands. This does not necessarily have to be a full-time position. Clearly defined individual tasks can be assigned to experienced professionals. People with the necessary qualifications are available as contractors.

Frankfurt am Main, April 10, 2026

Karl-Friedrich Schauhoff
Interim Safe Sport and Integrity Resource Person

BROADCAST REPORT – SEASON 2025/26 – ARTIFICIAL TRACK

The 2025/26 Olympic season was highly successful from a TV and broadcast perspective. The further establishment of FIL's own "TV Core Crew" has paid off by delivering a consistent and recognizable World Cup product across all venues. Even where on-site deployment was not possible, coordination with stakeholders remained reliable despite technical challenges.
A key milestone was the addition of EUROSPORT as a broadcast and streaming partner, significantly increasing the sport's visibility. At the same time, valuable synergies were established with TV Skyline as a shared technical provider for FIL and IBSF.
The season opener in Winterberg demonstrated strong organizational flexibility, seamlessly replacing Innsbruck-Igls and ensuring a smooth World Cup start through close coordination between all parties.
In North America, production was handled by an experienced team, led by industry professionals such as Bob Hughes and Jim Carr, along with Gordy Sheer and Scott Riewald from US Luge, in cooperation with NBC, supporting strategic alignment ahead of the Olympic Winter Games Milano/Cortina 2026.
Back in Europe, the first competition of the new year traditionally took place in Sigulda. Cooperation with the Latvian broadcaster TV3, under the leadership of Toms Circenis, worked flawlessly. With Winterberg and Oberhof, two further key German venues followed on the World Cup calendar. While the European Championships during the first Oberhof weekend stood out for exceptionally high spectator attendance—held alongside Nordic combined and cross-country skiing events—the second Oberhof World Cup benefited from excellent live TV time slots, particularly in the German-speaking markets, due to FIL's decision to schedule the competitions on Friday and Saturday (rather than on Sat/Sun) – a smart decision, which absolutely paid off.
The Olympic Winter Games represented the season highlight, produced under OBS leadership, with director Nello Isola and producer Bob Hughes, and stood out due to the use of FPV racing drones. This innovation is something that, ideally, can also be implemented in the upcoming World Cup season, now that safety concerns appear to have been fully resolved.
Final events in St. Moritz in Altenberg highlighted the importance of flexibility in challenging production environments, which were managed effectively.

In summary, the technical setup—a well-balanced mix of fixed mini cameras embedded in the track and manually operated cameras along the course—proved its value once again this season and was further refined. Targeted enhancements for major events such as European and World Championships, by including camera cranes, pole and remote cameras as well as racing drones, remain desirable, but will dependent on budget.
The AI-based system EVS XtraMotion was also retained, enabling the upscaling of camera footage to produce high-quality super slow-motion replays.
Content-wise, demand for multilingual athlete interviews increased, reinforcing the need to further expand media accessibility for athletes even without national media presence on site.
Likewise, further attention should be given to optimizing TV graphics. While 3D track animations and POV camera runs have already been initiated by the current graphics provider Chyron, there remains considerable room for both technical and creative development.
There is also ongoing potential in the areas of social media and additional content. The TV department looks forward to continuing this collaboration. The FIL Media Cloud has

provided a strong foundation for improved content distribution, with further growth expected in digital and social media areas.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of my entire team, to thank the FIL Executive Board, all officials and partners, RGS Sport Marketing GmbH, all national federations, as well as the coaches, athletes, organizers and track operators for the past two highly successful seasons. It has been a great pleasure to showcase your sport dynamically on the international television stage and we are looking forward to continuing this great collaboration.

Vera Bichler
TV Directing & TV Coordination

FIL Congress 2026 Communications Report

The International Luge Federation’s (FIL) communications efforts during the 2025/2026 season were entirely focused on the 2026 Milan-Cortina Winter Olympics. The Games represented a significant milestone for the international visibility of luge—both in traditional media relations and in the digital sphere.

The combination of strong athletic performances by various nations, strategic media relations, and innovative digital communication led to the most successful communications season in FIL history.

Media Coverage and Press Relations

According to media monitoring data from Vuelio, luge achieved strong international media coverage during the Olympic Games.

- Total reach: approx. 4.3 billion contacts
- Average daily reach: 134.4 million
- Advertising Value Equivalent (AVE): approx. 345,000 Euros

The coverage was predominantly positive and reflected the top athletic performances as well as historic moments in luge. Particular emphasis was placed on the Olympic medal decisions, the inaugural women’s doubles event at the Winter Olympics, and the personal athlete stories published by the FIL. Geographically, the coverage focused primarily on the U.S., Germany, and Italy. The articles appeared predominantly on major online platforms and international news portals.

National and Multilingual Press Relations

German-language press relations also achieved outstanding results. Individual press releases garnered an exceptionally high number of publications:

- FIL Media Preview for Milano Cortina 2026: 47 publications
- Athlete profile: Lisa Schulte: 46 publications
- Athlete profile: Felix Loch: 44 publications

In addition, press releases in Italian were published for the first time to specifically target the host market. During the Olympic Games, the FIL provided daily press releases in German, English, and Italian to the international media. This continuous and multilingual communication contributed significantly to the global visibility of luge.

The Olympic Games as a global communication driver

The Milan-Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics proved to be an exceptionally strong media and spectator event overall. Over 1.3 million tickets were sold. More than 600,000 visitors came to the Fan Villages, and over 6,500 hours of content were produced by Olympic Broadcasting Services (OBS). In Italy, two-thirds of the population followed the coverage.

The digital development is particularly noteworthy:

- 10 million users on the official Olympic platforms
- Over 10 billion social media interactions

- 8.7 million new followers worldwide

Social Media and Digital Communication:

The 2025/2026 season was the most successful social media season in FIL history. Through targeted content strategies, platform-specific messaging, and close collaboration with athletes, organizers, and partners, digital reach was significantly increased.

Key metrics

- 19.1 million video views on Facebook
- 89.7 million video views on Instagram
- 47,136 new followers on Facebook and Instagram
- +1,600 new YouTube subscribers
- 6,000 new TikTok followers
- 66,849 followers (#20%), 345,907 views (+401%), and 536 interactions (+362%) in China (Weibo and WeChat)
- 62 videos published on the FIL's two Chinese channels generated 37,639 video views (+3,363%)

This trend clearly demonstrates the growing global interest in luge and the increasing importance of digital platforms for communicating with fans worldwide.

Emotional stories, behind-the-scenes insights, and short, dynamic video formats proved particularly successful. The Olympic Games served as a key content driver and enabled a significant increase in interactions.

Conclusion

The FIL's communications efforts during the 2025/2026 season can be considered a complete success. The combination of strong international media presence, targeted multilingual press relations, outstanding international social media performance across seven channels, and the global appeal of the Olympic Games has led to a sustained increase in the visibility of luge.

The 2026 Milan-Cortina Winter Olympics have impressively demonstrated the potential of a modern, integrated communication strategy.

At the same time, the results achieved provide a strong foundation for the future development of FIL communications in view of upcoming major events and the long-term international positioning of the sport.

Thank you very much for your trust and support

Margit Dengler-Paar

April 2026

P. S. Enclosed please find the full Social Media Report 2025/2026.


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FACTS – ALL PLATFORMS

OVERVIEW (Last 12 months*)

- 19,1 million total views on Facebook
- 89,7 million total views on Instagram
- 47.136 new follower on FB & IG combined
- +1,6k subscribers on YouTube
- 6k new followers on Tik Tok

*Status as of 9th March 2026

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FACEBOOK



International Luge Federation

87.379 Follower · 783 Gefolgt

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

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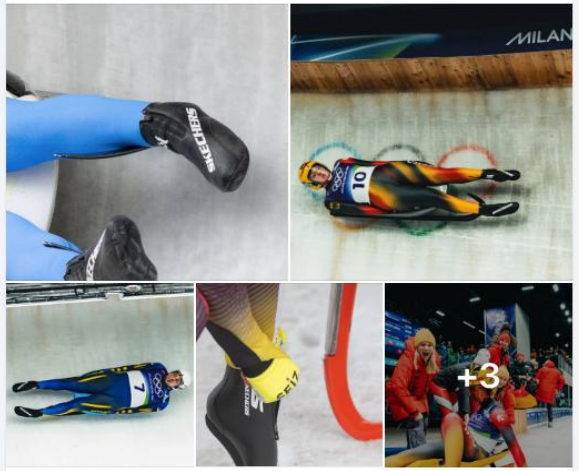
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International Luge Federation ist in **Cortina d'Ampezzo, Venetien**.

Gestern um 09:28 ·

Our Olympic competitions are over, so we now want to take the time to acknowledge our amazing partner Skechers — the Official Footwear Supplier of the International Lug... **Mehr anzeigen**



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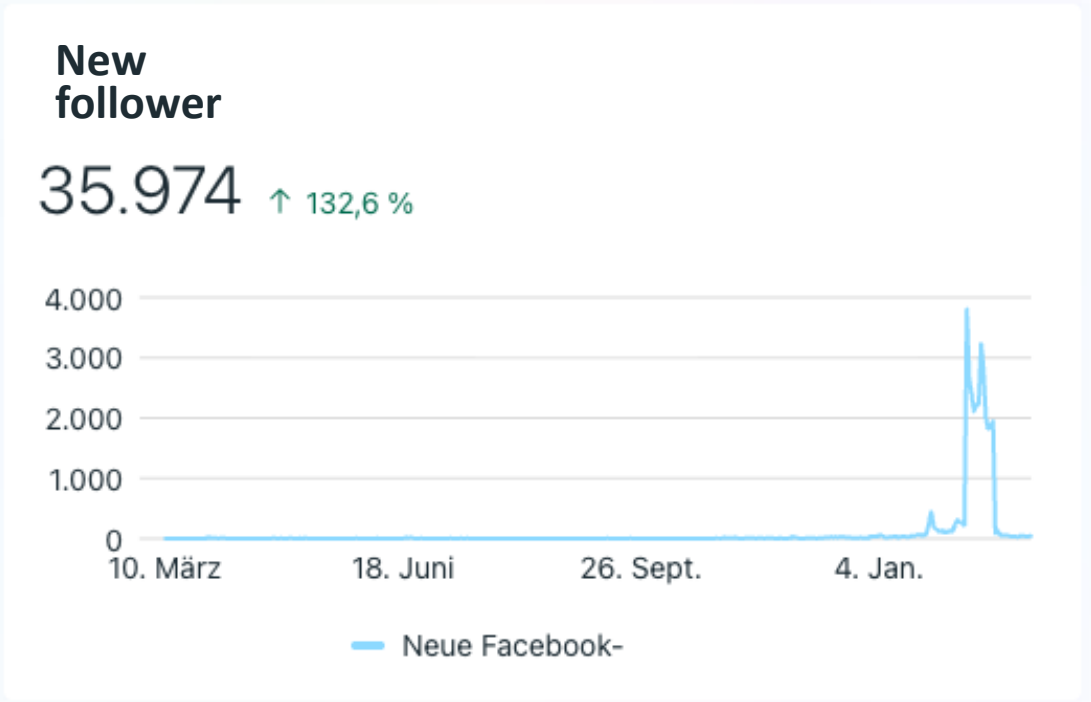
Ryan Farmer
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NEW FOLLOWERS (Last 12 months*)



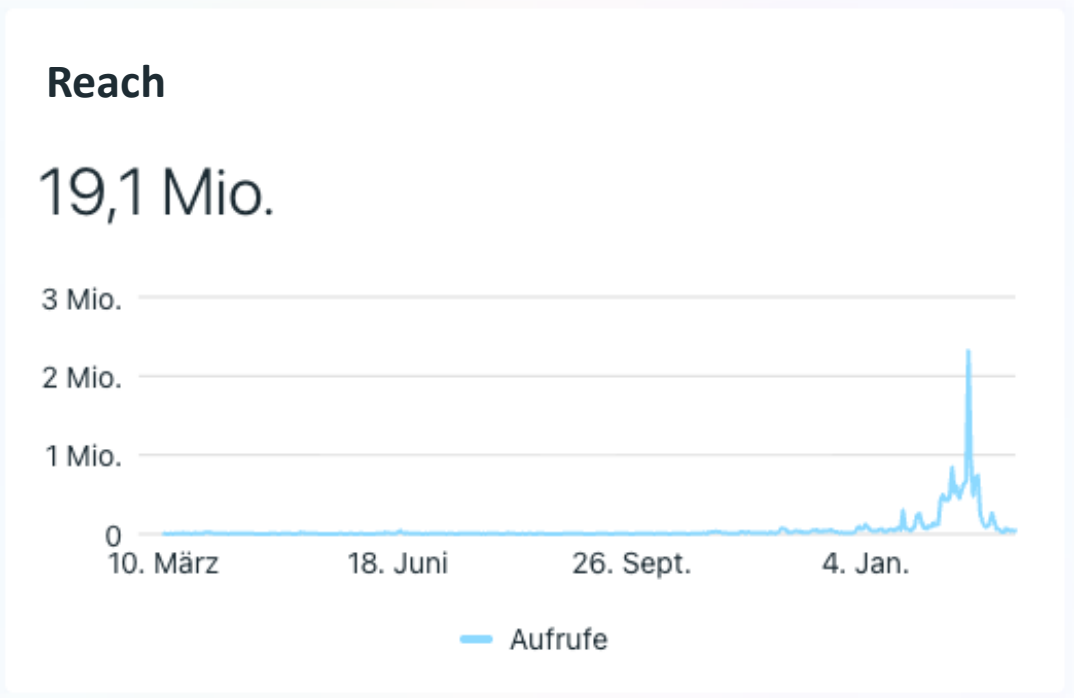
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TOTAL REACH OF ALL POSTINGS (Last 12 months*)



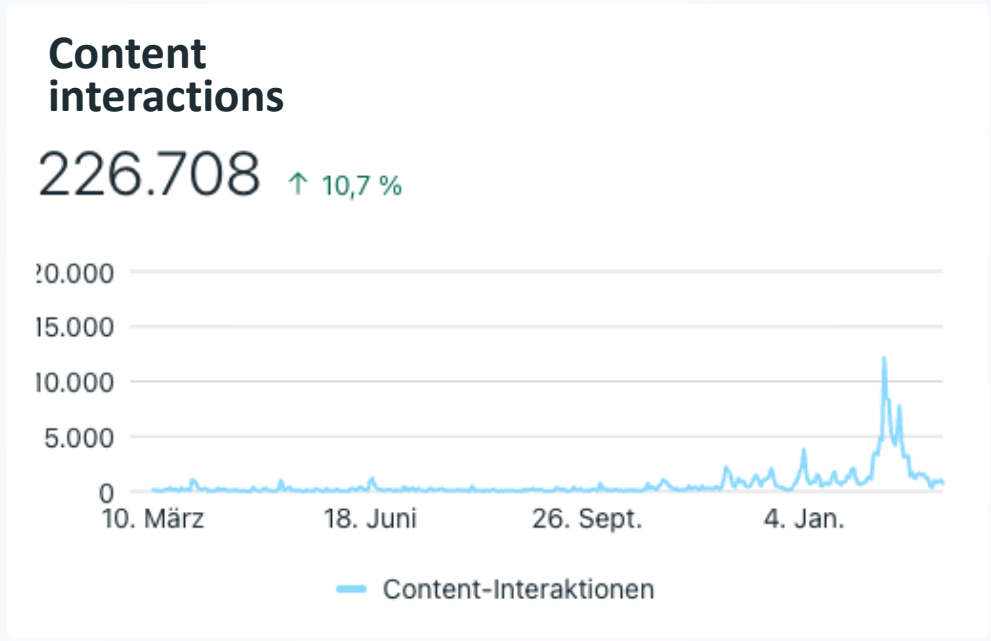
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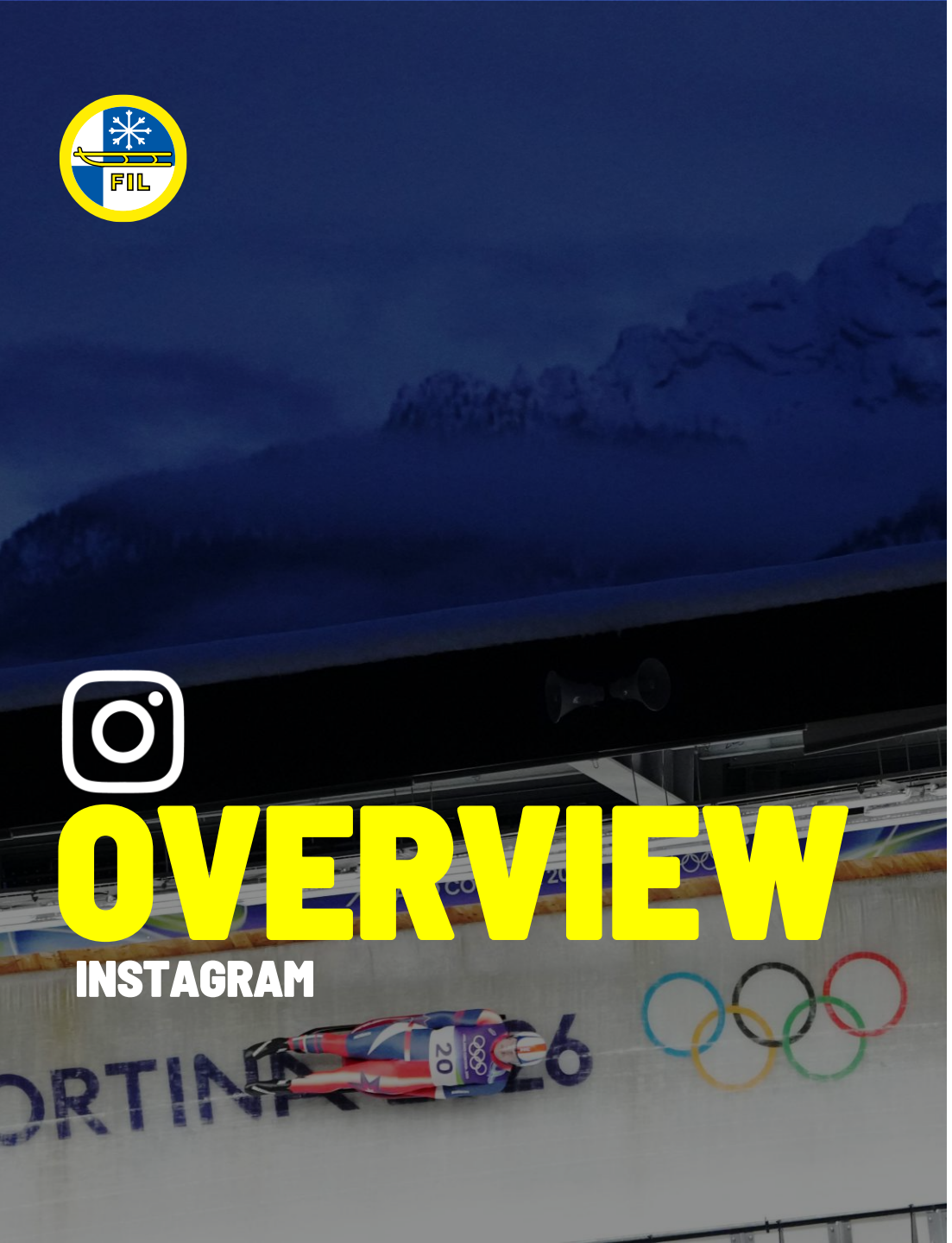
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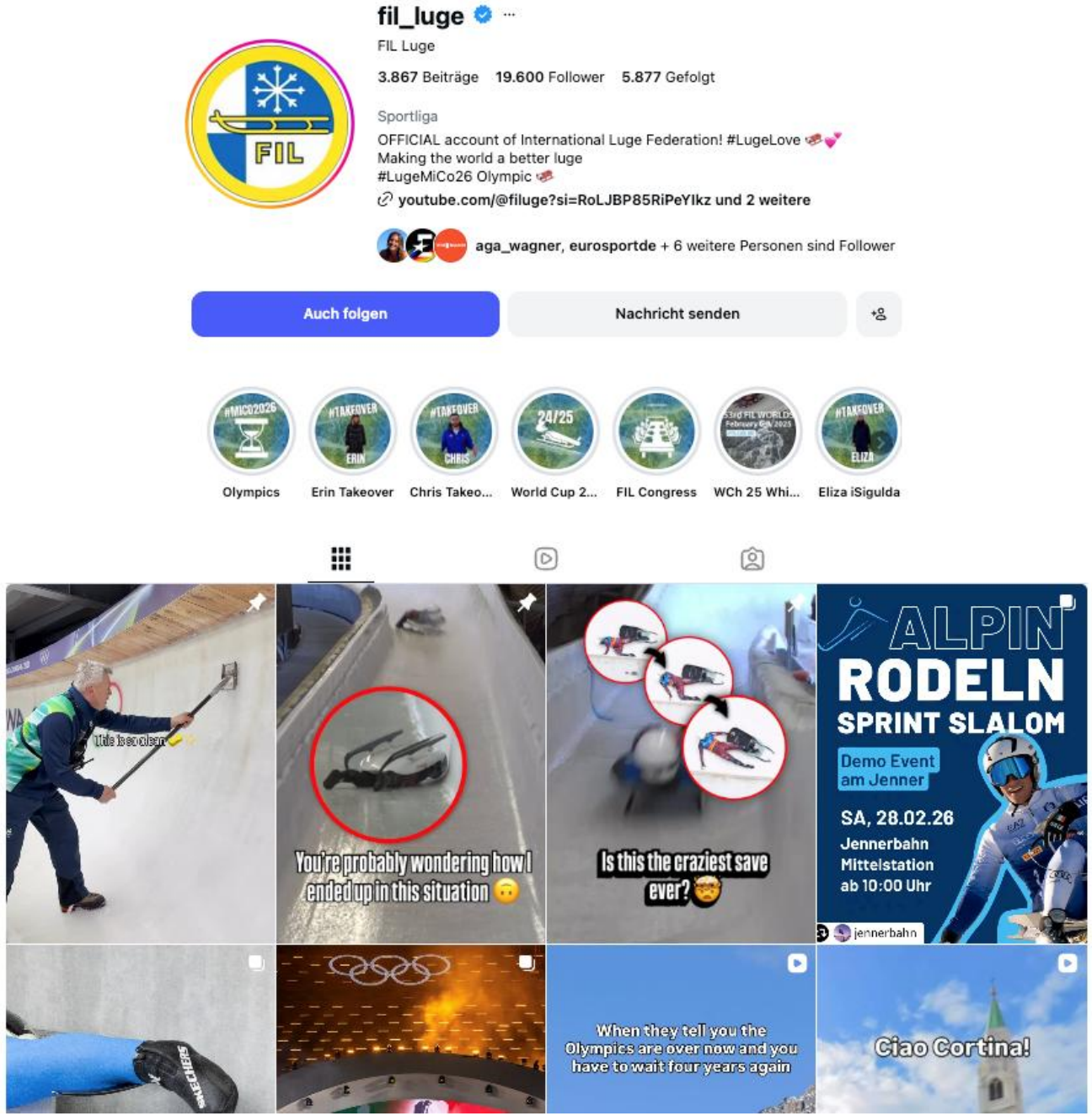


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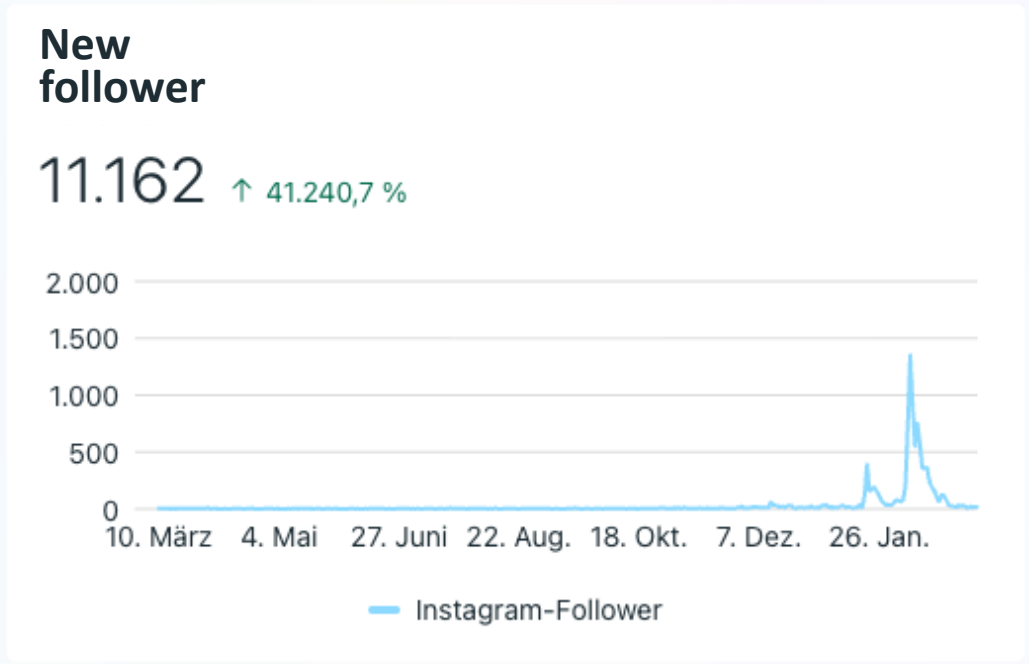




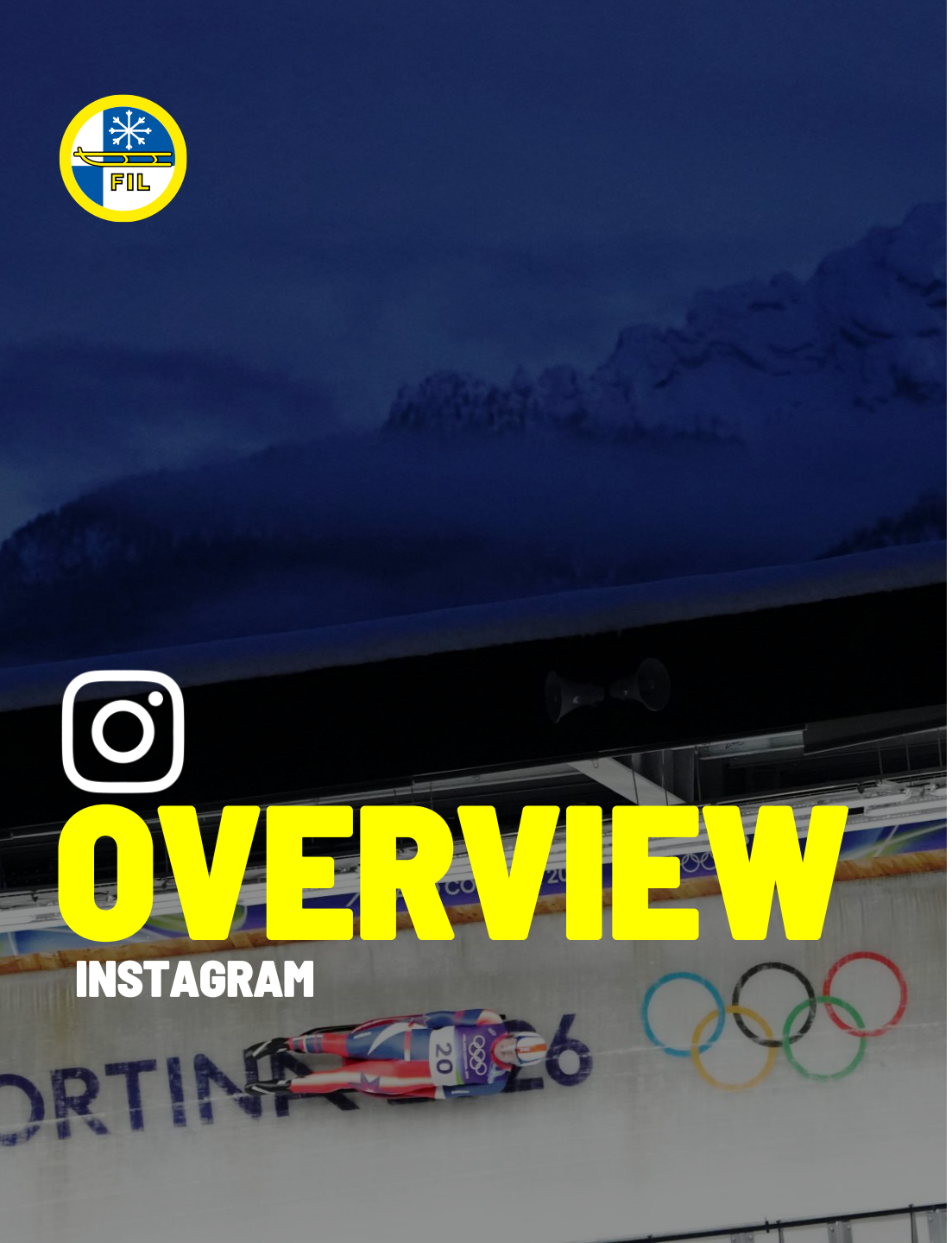
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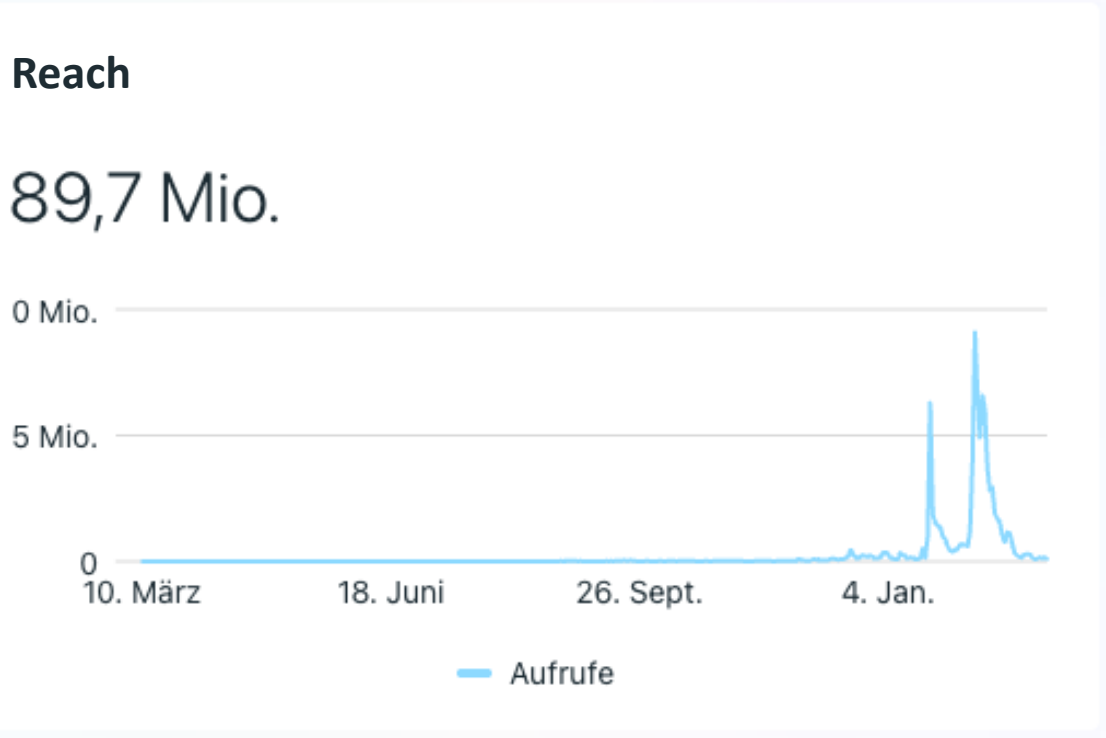
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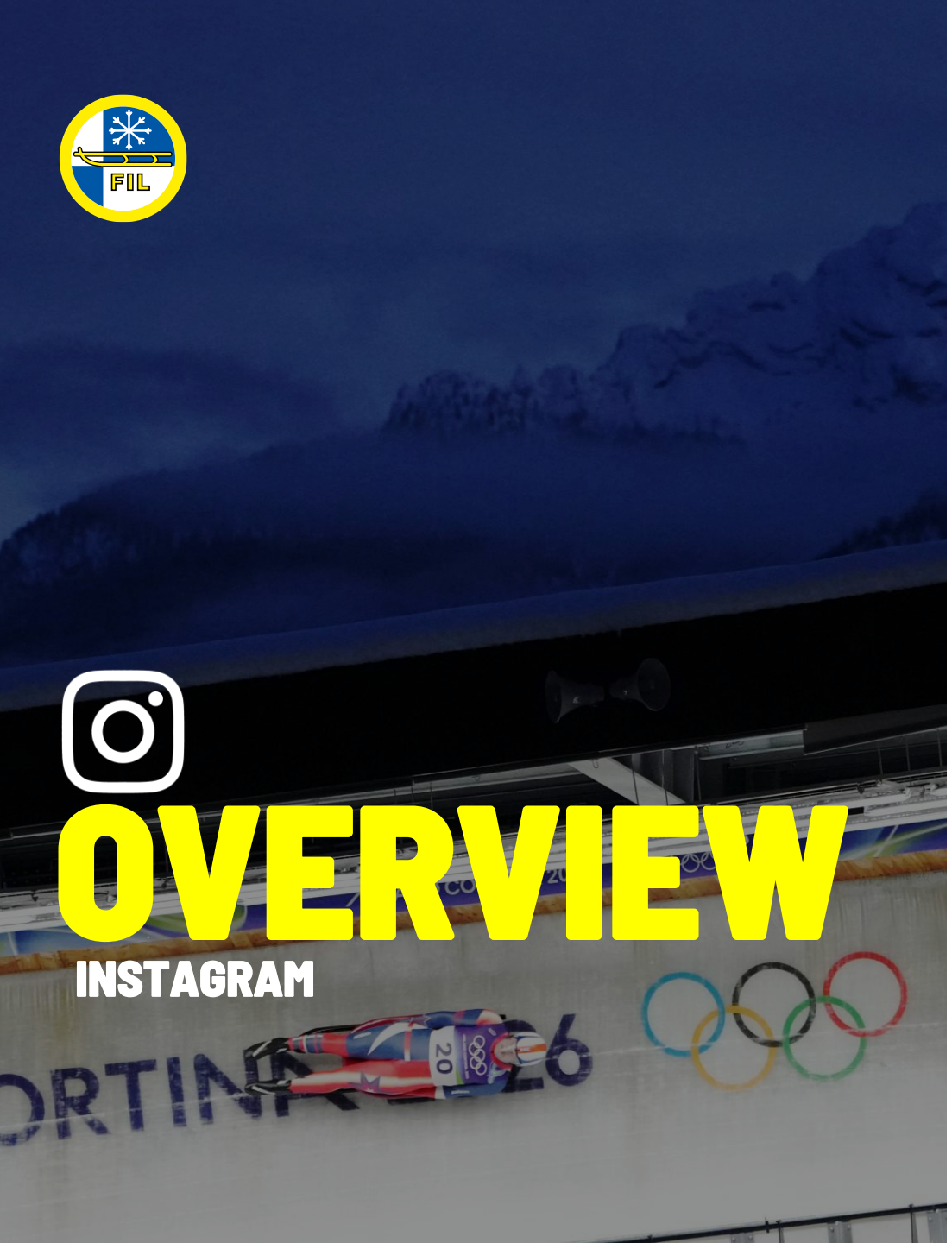
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TOTAL VIEWS (Last 12 months*)



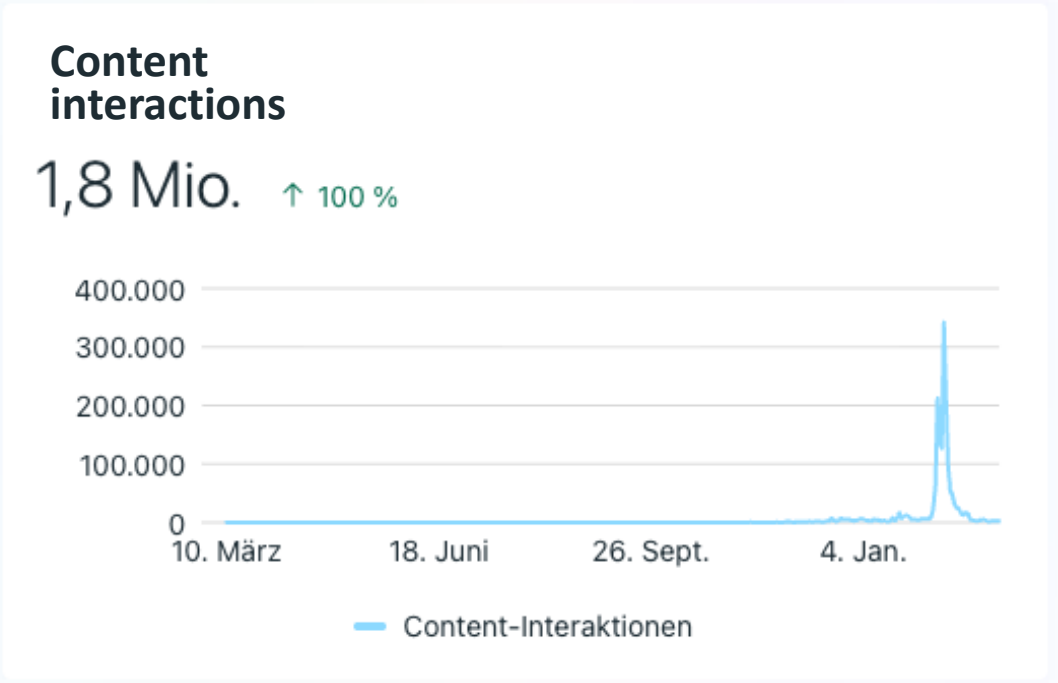
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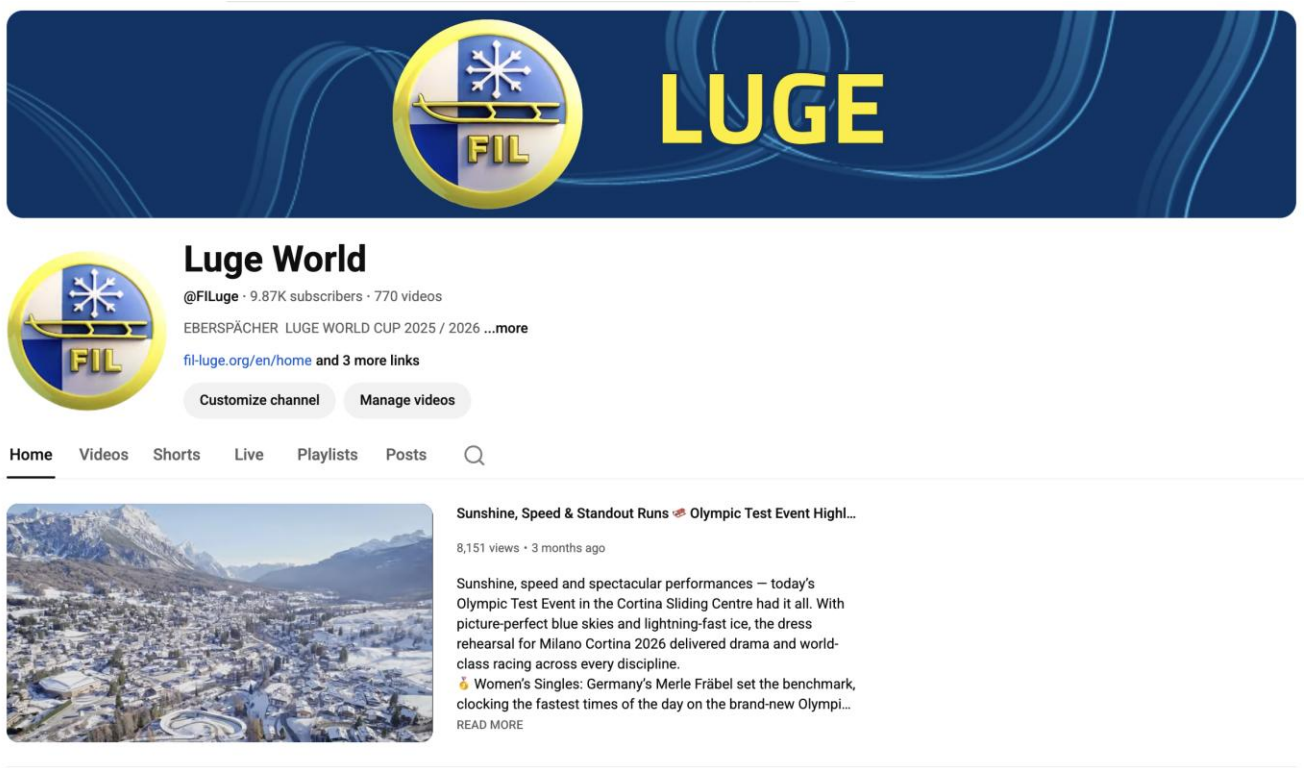


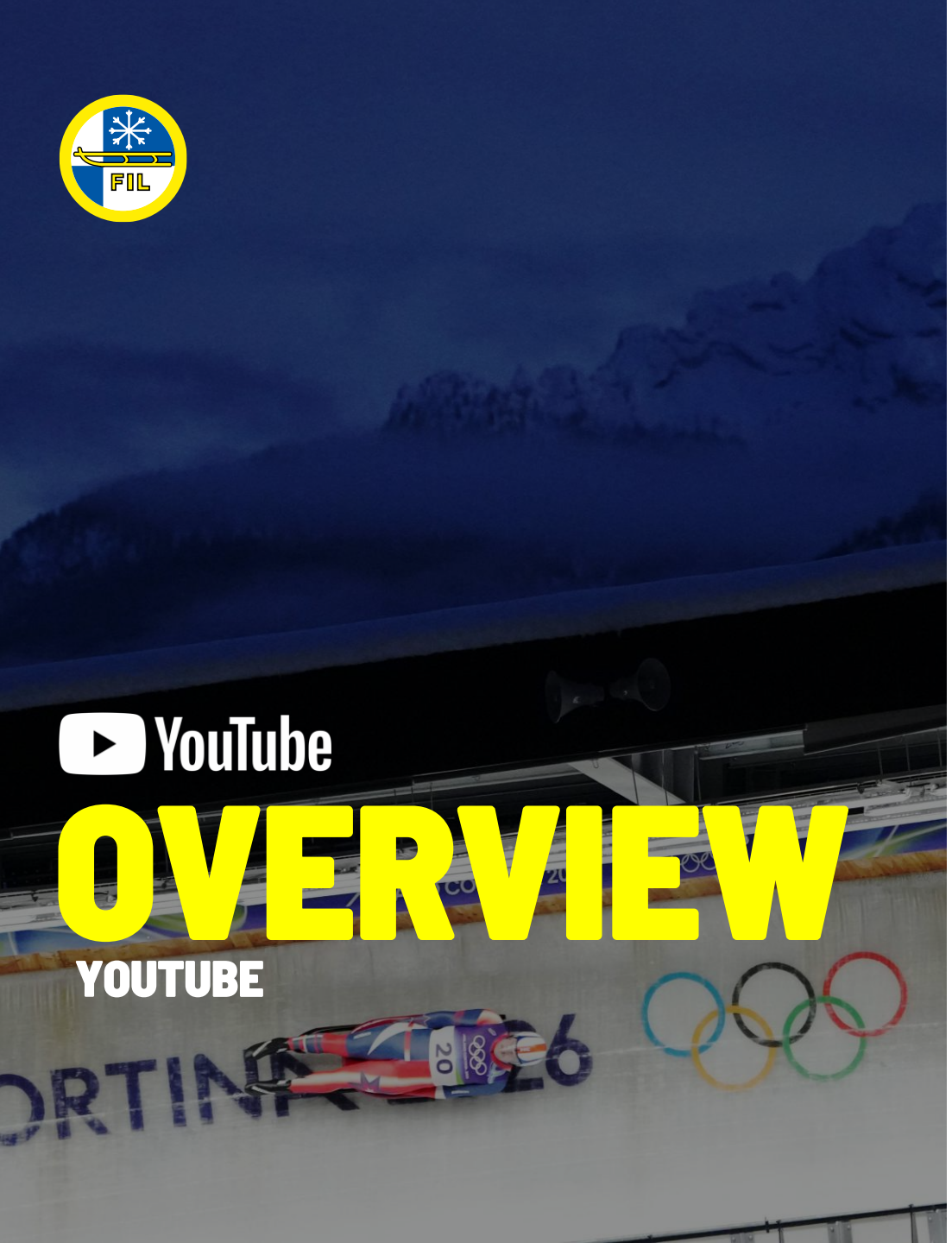
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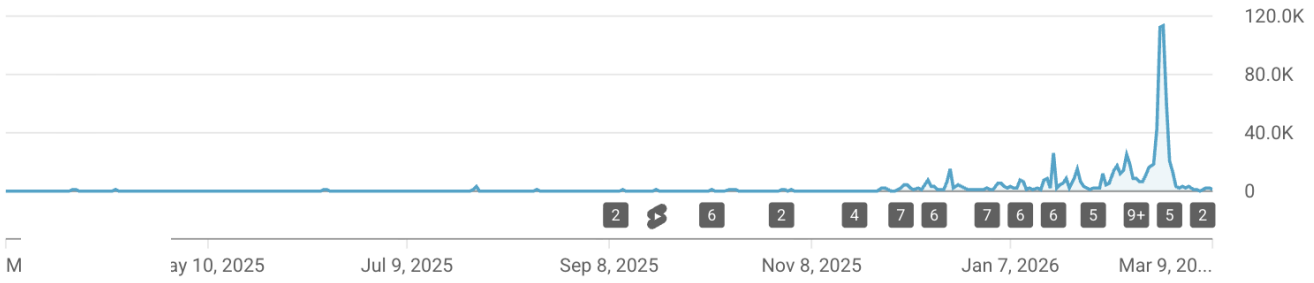




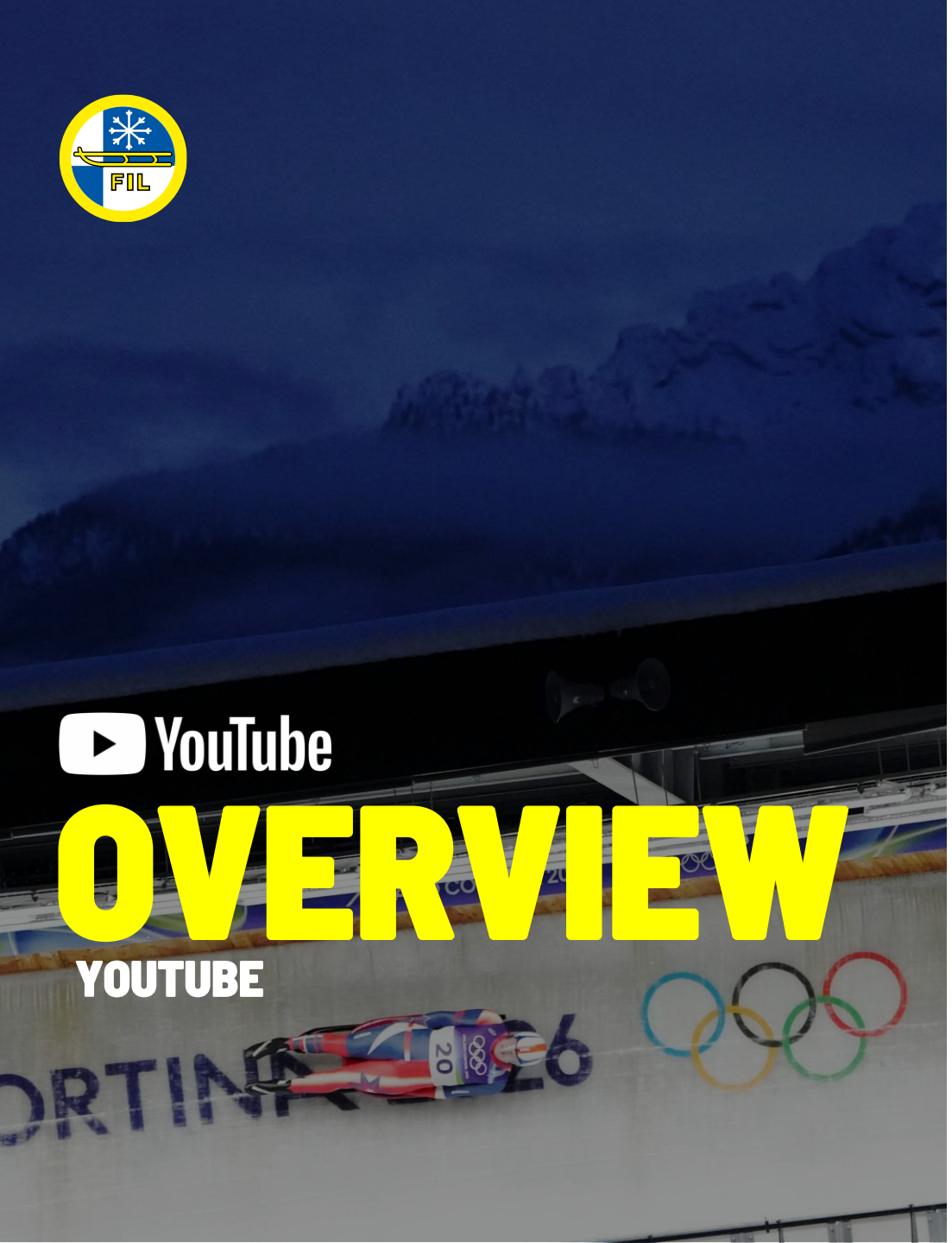
OVERVIEW (Last 12 months*)

Your channel got 897,087 views in the last 365 days

Views	Watch time (hours)	Subscribers	Estimated revenue
897.1K	55.4K	+1.7K	€578.54
154% more than previous 365 days	*About the same as previous 365 days*	*34% less than previous 365 days*	



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VIEWS (Last 12 months*)

Shorts	622.6K	(69.4%)
Live stream	160.4K	(17.9%)
Videos	114.1K	(12.7%)

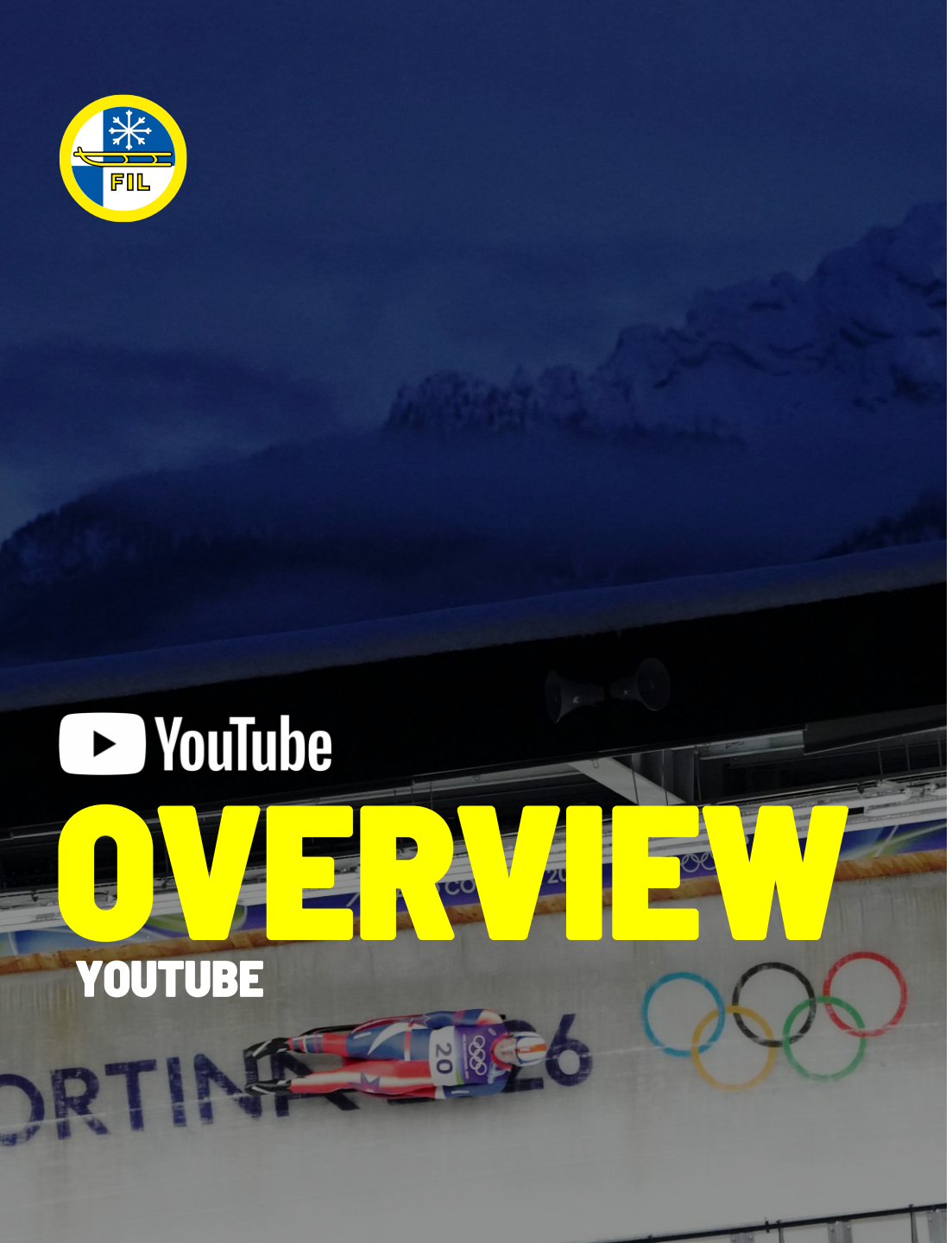
AUDIENCE DEVELOPMENT (Last 12 months*)

Monthly audience
247.2K

Subscribers
+1.7K
34% less than previous 365 days



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IMPRESSIONS AND HOW THEY LED TO WATCH TIME (LAST 12 MONTHS*)

Impressions
3.9M
41.4% from YouTube recommending your content

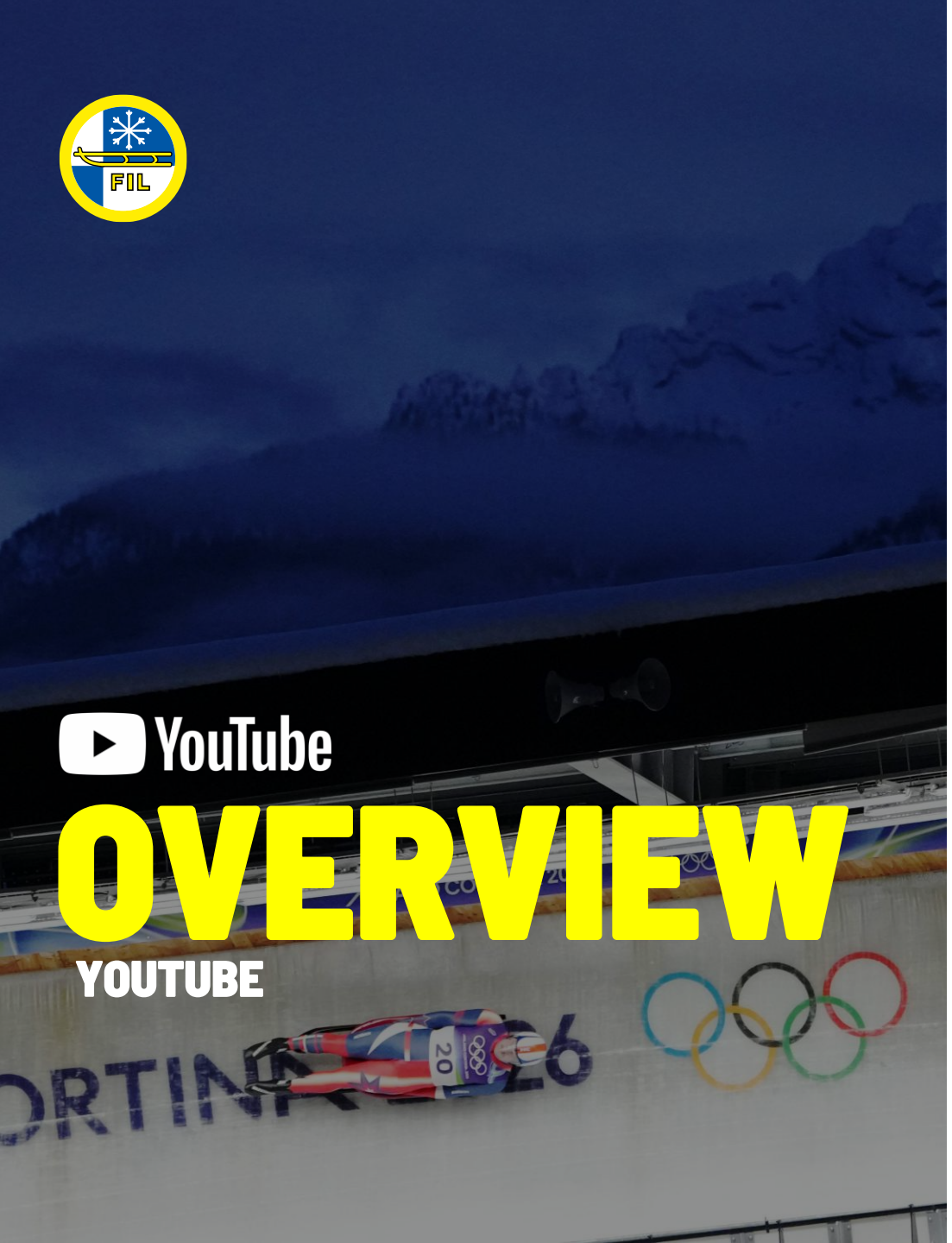
4.9% click-through rate

Views from impressions
192.9K

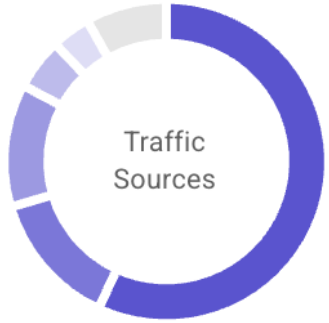
12:10 average view duration

Watch time from impressions (hours)
39.1K

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HOW VIEWERS FIND YOU (LAST 12 MONTHS*)

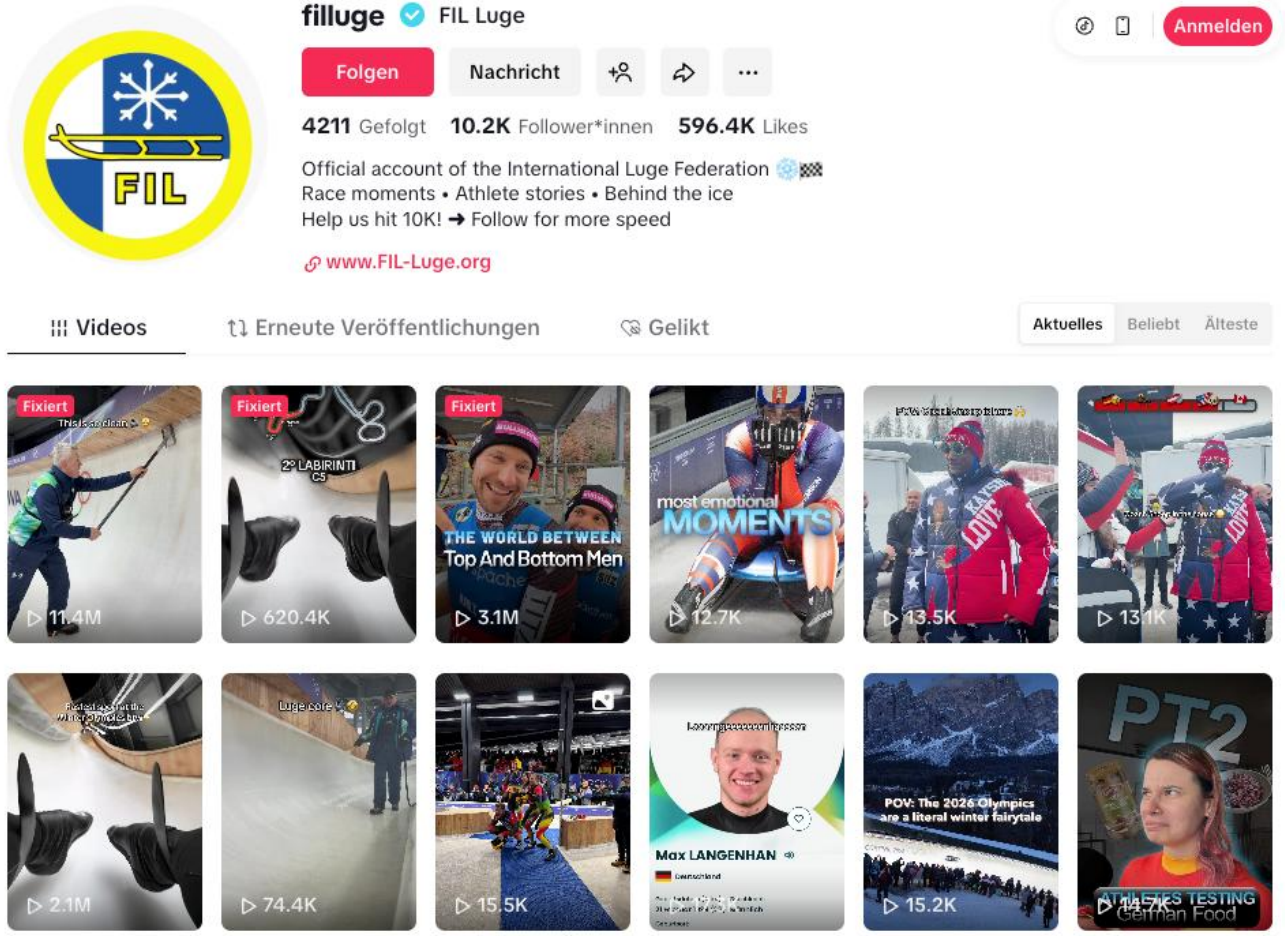


Shorts feed	56.9%
YouTube search	13.6%
Browse features	12.3%
External	5.2%
Channel pages	3.9%
Others	8.1%

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PROFIL REACH (LAST 12 MONTHS*)

Total views	Audience reached	Profil views
19.840.939	19.672.934	99.943
+19.6M (>999.99%) ↑	+19.5M (>999.99%) ↑	+97.3K (>999.99%) ↑



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FOLLOWERS (LAST 12 MONTHS*)

Net growth	New followers
6.122	6.579
+5.9K (>999.99%) ↑	+6K (>999.99%) ↑

Follower growth development



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FOLLOWER DEMOGRAPHICS (LAST 12 MONTHS*)

Audience reached

19.673.039

+19.5M (>999.99%)

Audience interaction

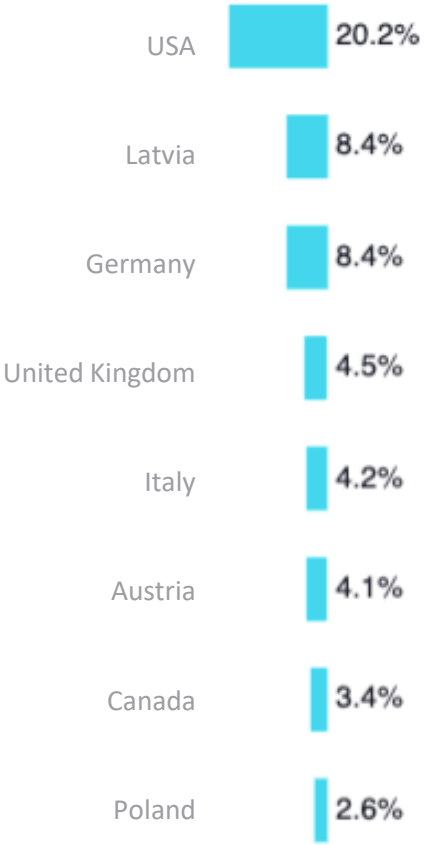
789.072

+772.8K (>999.99%)

Age groups



Top countries



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THANK YOU

Report by Margit Dengler-Paar

Report on the FIL Development Program: 2025-2026 Olympic Season

Fred Zimny, FIL Development Manager



The goal of FIL Development is to provide quality support, programming and training opportunities to developing and underrepresented FIL member nations in both Artificial and Alpine Luge disciplines. The category of "development" is multifaceted and spans both winter and summer. In the 2025-2026 season, support included a robust mixture of season long programs in the form of the FIL Groups, NF project support, Luge Academies, a summer camp, partnerships and Alpine Luge.

Just as every nation is a team, so is the FIL and there are several individuals who played a defining role in making the FIL Development program a success in 2025-2026. Most notably, Dwight Bell, FIL Secretary General; Claire DelNegro, FIL Vice President of Sport; Christoph Schweiger, FIL Executive Director; the FIL coaches and Daniela Schwab. Their support, knowledge and collaboration throughout the season was invaluable.

FIL Coaches

Leading the FIL Groups was a cadre of coaches with a wealth of experience. Ioan Apostol (ROU) returned as Head Coach of FIL Group 1 (General Class), with Ivars Deinis (LAT) as Assistant Coach. Father and son team Petr Kinzel and Tomas Kinzel (CZE) continued their long-standing positions with FIL Group 2 (Junior Class) as Head Coach and Assistant Coach respectively. And overseeing the Youth A Group was Head Coach Bogdan Macovei (ROU) and Assistant Coach Stefan Musei (ROU). The first year of the newly named FIL Alpine Luge Group was headed by Jack Leslie (NZL). The FIL is very fortunate to have such a skilled, knowledgeable, professional and experienced squad guiding the athletes participating with the FIL Groups.

FIL Artificial Track Groups

The FIL Groups have long been a lifeline for National Federations with few athletes, little funding or no domestic luge facilities of their own. They provide National Federations with sliding opportunities that otherwise might not be available to their athletes, and in some cases, the FILGroups mean the difference between having a national luge program or none at all. This season continued with four separate FIL Groups, as outlined above. FIL Group athletes trained under the guidance of the FIL coaches during scheduled training weeks and participated in World Cup, Junior World Cup, Junior World Championship, Continental Cup and Alpine Luge World Cup races.

	Nations	Athletes	M/F	Participating nations	age range	total runs
Group 1	9	12	7/5	ARG, BIH, CRO, GBR, EST, FIN, GEO, IRL, ROU	18-29	1384
Group 2	7	13	9/4	FRA, GBR, GEO, ROU, SLO, THA, TPE	17-20	1252
Youth A	10	23	13/10	AUS, BUL, CZE, FRA, GBR, JPN, LIE, ROU, SLO, TPE	13-17	2635

Luge Academies

Two FIL Luge Academies were conducted during the 2025-2026 season, one at the beginning of the sliding season and one at the end. The first took place in Sigulda and was a self-funded program, meaning each NF was responsible for accommodation, meals and training costs for their participants. Seven nations, 19 athletes and 8 international coaches attended. The FIL provided coaching, ground transportation, equipment and logistics assistance at no cost to the participating National Federations.

The second Luge Academy took place in PyeongChang at the end of the season and focused on nations from the greater Asia region. It included 13 athletes from 4 nations. Special thanks must go to the Korean Luge Federation and the PyeongChang Legacy Foundation for their generous support in covering the cost of accommodations, meals and track fees. Logistic arrangements and coaching were provided by the FIL. The support of these organizations was critical, without which the Asia Region Luge Academy would not have come to fruition. The participation breakdown is as follows:

2025 FIL Luge School, Sigulda						
Nations	Athletes	M/F	Participating nations	age range		
7	19	9/10	AUS, CZE, FRA, GBR, POL, ROU, SVK	13-19		

2026 FIL Asia Region Luge School, PyeongChang						
Nations	Athletes	M/F	Participating nations	age range		
4	13	5/8	JPN, KOR, THA, TPE	11-17		








National Federation Projects

Funding was allocated to 12 different National Federations for specific development related projects targeted at athlete recruitment, increasing participation, development level training camps, Alpine Luge and athlete training support. Budget challenges affected how many projects could be funded, but in total €35,000 was allocated.

Partnerships

The unique FIL Partnership Program, in which smaller developing nations are partnered with a larger established nation, was again a success in 2025-2026. This season there were a total of 4 larger nations and 9 developing nations participating. The FIL provides support to the host nation in the sum of €300 per athlete per race, for a maximum of 1M, 1W, 1 MD and 1 WD sled per nation. It is a goal to increase the number of partnerships in the future.

Host NF	CAN	GER	AUT	USA
Developing NF	GBR 1	ARG 1, POL 13, SUI 1	SWE 3, NOR 1	AUS 1, JPN 1, SVK 9

Vouchers

The popular track voucher program continued in 2025-2026 with the allocations outlined in the table below. Valued at €25 each, vouchers are awarded based on number of athletes, length of participation and need. In this, the Olympic season, many nations received extra vouchers to ensure their athletes were prepared for Olympic qualifying and the Olympics Games themselves. The program focuses on nations that do not have a home track of their own.

NFs receiving vouchers	Total vouchers allocated	Total vouchers used
23	6775	6186
	€ 169,375	€ 154,650

Olympic Solidarity Grant

Special thanks must go to the IOC Olympic Solidarity Grant program and specifically to Sheila Stephens Desbans and her team at the IOC. Through Olympic Solidarity, the FIL was able to secure support for a summer training camp in Leppavirta, FIN for junior and youth athletes.

Summer Camp

To better prepare athletes for winter training and competition, a summer camp took place in July 2025 in Leppavirta, FIN for development athletes from the FIL Group nations (held in conjunction with the 2025 FIL Congress in Tampere, FIN). Support from IOC Olympic Solidarity funded the majority of the costs for participating NFs. Activities at the invitation-only camp included: physical testing, physical training, start practice and roller sled training. In recent years, the coaches have observed that many athletes participating in the FIL Groups have not been physically prepared for winter training and racing. For both safety and performance reasons, it was determined that young athletes should be taught the basic off-season physical training skills required for them to perform to their highest potential. As a result, off-season training was a primary focus of the camp and will continue to be a priority in a well-balanced, year-round training program for FIL Group athletes.





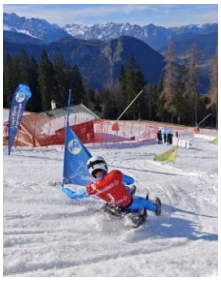



FIL Alpine Luge Group

The FIL Alpine Luge Group had a small contingent of dedicated athletes in the 2025-2026 season as the sport began its transition from Natural Track to Alpine Luge. Athletes from NZL and the USA participated in training and racing and were led by FIL coach Jack Leslie (NZL). The USA Team in particular is to be commended as they represented the largest contingent within the FIL Group with 5 athletes taking part in the season, which included World Cup and Junior World Cup competitions. The FIL provided significant subsidies to participating nations to help offset training costs, as well as coaching, transportation and equipment.





Conclusion

While budget issues continue to be a challenge, significant effort is made to distribute the limited funds available in the most equitable way possible and where it can have the most impact to development level nations. The Nordic Cup project, conducted jointly by NOR and SWE, is a good example of countries working together to promote the sport of luge in their home region.

All nations are strongly encouraged to seek out their own funding sources either through sponsorship, government or other means of support. The FIL will continue to provide support, services and in-kind assistance to the extent possible, but participating NFs should be prepared for the considerable costs required for the athletes to train and race.

Athletes identified for future participation can of course travel and train independently under the guidance of their own qualified coach. However, for many nations the best option is the FIL Group, where athletes learn under the guidance of experienced FIL coaches at no cost with coaching, ground transportation, equipment and logistics help. Moving forward, the focus of the FIL Groups will continue to be *professionalism, commitment and accountability*:

Professionalism: Athletes will be expected to act and train as world class athletes.

Commitment: Athletes will be required to participate in scheduled training weeks in order to gain the experience necessary to perform safely and competently as they move from Youth to Junior to General Class. They will also be encouraged to participate in the full season of activities, rather than just occasional weeks.

Accountability: Athletes will be expected to adhere to a structured off-season training and conditioning program. Physical testing will take place at the beginning and end of each season to ensure athletes are prepared to train and race to the highest level of their ability during the winter sliding season.

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

- Assist new or inactive nations with developing their sport programs and athlete pipelines.
- Provide off-season physical training plans to FIL athletes to ensure they are better prepared physically for the coming season.
- Continue updating the current inventory of FIL equipment and purchase new equipment if funding is available. Acquire a small quantity of standardized sleds for use by General Class athletes if possible.
- Encourage NFs to be more disciplined with advanced planning, particularly where visas are required.
- Strongly encourage participation in the FIL summer camp.
- Work with traditional winter sport nations who currently have low participation to increase their involvement.
- Increase fall run volume for FIL Group athletes.
- Standardized training for coaches from developing nations.
- Maximize programming opportunities that have minimal impact on the FIL budget

Report for the 74th FIL Congress in Berchtesgaden

Future Workshop Alpine Luge (Slide 2026)

For two years now we have been working on our vision to make luge the number one winter sport. On this occasion I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has contributed and supported the project, making the impressive results we have achieved over these two years possible.

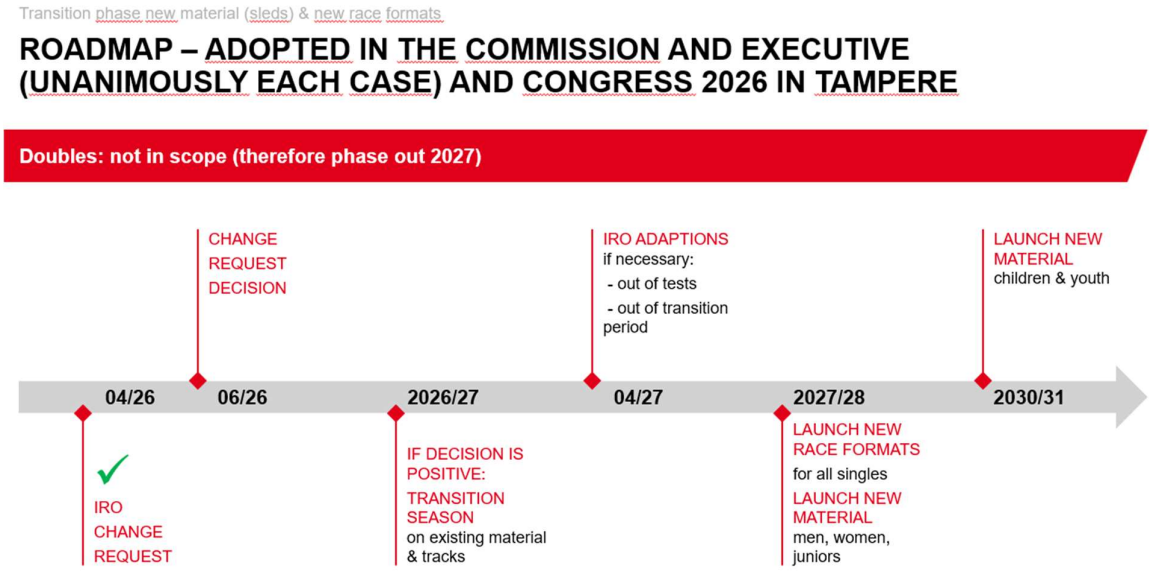
In this report I would like to present what we have achieved during the past sporting year, but also critically point out what we have not yet managed to accomplish, where we need changes and improvements, and outline additional opportunities for the future that we could realize with the Alpine Luge Business Case.

My report is therefore divided into 3 parts

1. The transformation of Alpine Luge racing sport: a success story
2. The rollout in public sledding: here we primarily need organizational improvements and must catch up on lost ground
3. Additional opportunities for the future: Alpine Luge as a source of revenue

1. The transformation of Alpine Luge racing sport: a success story

The transformation of the racing sport is being driven forward by two strategy teams and we are fully on track with our roadmap adopted at the 2025 Congress



Strategy Team Sled Sport Equipment (Leader Gerald Kammerlander)

We successfully developed and tested the IRO changes for the new luge and the rails. The IRO changes will be put to vote at the Congress and three manufacturers have successfully built the new Alpine Luge for racing. In addition, discussions are underway with two more sled manufacturers who are also very interested in building sleds for racing and public use.

There were also developments for additional sporting equipment for public sledding:

- A specially developed and tested Alpine Luge glove by Ziener will be available on the market starting with the 2026/27 season.
- An Alpine Luge pant by Ziener will probably reach the market one season later.
- Discussions are ongoing with manufacturers for helmets, shoes, wax and care products, but there is not yet a timeline for market launch.

●●● Strategy Team Raceformats (Leader Jerome Almer)

The IRO changes regarding the new race formats were also developed and tested. A high-level test team including Patrick Pigneter, Evelin Lanthaler and Michael Scheikl was active throughout the season to gather practical experience

A special highlight was the demo event in Berchtesgaden, where the team together with BSD and the Jenner Bergbahn organized a World Cup-ready Sprint Slalom.







2. The rollout in public sledding: significant backlog, organizational adjustments required

Numerous teams are working on the rollout in public sledding and activities with potential track operators, in tourism, and on anchoring the topic of Alpine Luge broadly within the general public.

It must be clearly stated that the organization of the Future Workshop Alpine Luge, with volunteer staff only, has clearly reached its limits.

Without changes in the organization and additional support from full-time staff, we will not achieve the goals we have set within the intended timeframe.

●●● Strategy Team Sled Guide (currently no Team Leader)

Unfortunately, after the second withdrawal we have still not found a team leader to advance the goal of high-quality training for luge guides through national institutions with international standards in additional countries.

Only with the BSD have activities taken place. The luge guide training there should be possible at the BSD starting in September 2026. Due to a restructuring in the German training system for coaches, the curriculum that has already been written must be revised again. Coordination with the DOSB on this topic will take place in summer 2026

Strategy Team Roller Luge (currently no Team Leader)

Here as well, Michael Scheikl had to step down as team leader for professional reasons and we currently cannot find a suitable replacement.

Despite the shortage of personnel, with the support of the strategy team side events participation activities for the public were carried out at the Roller Luge World Championships in Grindelwald as well as at the Austria Roller Luge Cup in Aschau.



We are currently trying together with the ISSU to find a team leader. In November 2025 there was a summit meeting between the two presidents, other high-ranking representatives and the Future Workshop Alpine Luge. This first meeting of the presidents in 13 years marks a milestone in bringing the two federations closer together and there was a clear commitment to cooperation in order to further develop the sport of luge.

Strategy Team E-Sports (Leader Gerald Kammerlander)

These activities, which have been free of charge for the FIL to date, will continue.

An Interreg funding application is currently underway with the FIL as a partner. If the application is approved, an improved luge simulator and several digitized luge tracks in the border region of Bavaria, Salzburg, and Tyrol could be developed with the help of EU funding.

Strategy Team Social Media (Leader Andreas Castiglioni)

Together with the agency MyMedia, social media activities were improved also for public sledding, sharing not only information but also shared moments.

Strategy Team Marketing (Leader Thomas Schwab)

The 2nd World Luge Day 2026 again took place on the 3rd Sunday in January and improvements compared to the premiere in 2025 were achieved.

The new logo for Alpine Luge was developed and is already being actively used.

The agency facts was successfully involved in organizing the demo event Sprint Slalom in Berchtesgaden and has already been able to create initial concepts for advertising material.

The slogan "A new track in the snow" will accompany us over the coming years.

What has not yet been achieved is the finalization and implementation of the marketing concept. This concept is intended to address target groups and create new showcases for the sport of luge.

In addition to the support from the agency facts, additional personnel resources within FIL are required, as the team members cannot provide this work to the necessary extent.

Strategy Team Side Events (Leader Björn Kierspel)

The product Pop-Up Luge Park was successfully developed and can in the future be implemented as a side event or as a stand-alone solution.

At the Sprint Slalom in Berchtesgaden, the Luge Park participation area was a valuable addition.

What has not yet been achieved is selling the Pop-Up Luge Park as an event. There is a lack of staff who, in addition to the current team, can start activities to conduct more of these events and thereby also generate revenue.



Strategy Team Tracks Core Region (Leader Thomas Hörburger)

Initial concepts and criteria have been developed and free software to support track construction projects has been acquired.

The exact definition of the core region has not yet been completed.

Concepts, business cases, etc. for potential track operators must still be developed in order to support them in starting luge activities. In cooperation with the Strategy Team Marketing, these should then be implemented in showcases.

Such business cases including planning expertise represent a significant source of income for us, but with the current small team this cannot be realized

Strategy Team Rollout other regions (Leader Christina Götschl)

Criteria for future rollouts have been defined, and there is already significant interest in rollout activities from many regions around the world. The first potential partners attended the demo event in Berchtesgaden, where intensive discussions took place.

Due to limited staffing capacity, a pilot project has not yet been launched to spread the improvements developed in the core region to as many locations worldwide as possible. However, dates have been set with three nations for a rollout in the upcoming 2026/27 season. To ensure perfect execution, we are hoping for additional staff support within the team.

3. Additional opportunities for the future: Alpine Luge as a source of revenue

Since the founding of the Future Workshop it has been clear that with Alpine Luge we want to create a source of revenue for FIL in the medium term. This was already defined at the beginning in a financial target, which however has not yet been precisely formulated.

Specifically, revenue opportunities should arise from the following strategy teams:

- Sled Guide
- Maketing
- Side Events
- Tracks Core Region

Unfortunately, with our organization consisting of volunteer staff, especially in these labor-intensive strategy teams, we are progressing much more slowly than planned and the prospect of generating revenue has moved far into the future.

We are already struggling to keep to the planned timeline for Vision 2035 – activities aimed specifically at generating revenue would require additional effort.

Our proposed solution:

Set financial targets together – for example, from when do we want to achieve break-even and instead of subsidizing Alpine Luge start generating income to finance the federation.

Decide which resources we want to use – once the goals are known it becomes easier to decide on the necessary investment using ROI (return on investment).

In addition to the volunteer staff, we can strengthen the organization as follows:

a) **Hire external companies OR**
b) **support the creation of a startup OR**
c) **Create internal resources in the form of 2 full-time employees (including 1 senior) in order to reach the defined goals, including revenue targets, more quickly**

We are one of the few winter sports that can offer growth prospects to winter sport and tourism destinations as well as to the sports industry - this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that we should take advantage of.

Gerhard Mühlbacher

Project Leader

on behalf of the entire Future Workshop Alpine Luge team

Report from the Athletes' Representative at the Commission Meeting 03/2026

Review of the 2025/2026 Season

WC Winterleiten:

Organization & Schedule: Well-planned, minimal wait times; double World Cup at the start of the season viewed critically.
Presentation of new luge sleds: Some took place late in the evening; translations and detailed information were sometimes unclear; request for additional informational sessions.
Catering: Generally solid, but more healthy options and larger spaces are desired.
Track conditions: Very good, minor improvements possible in turns and ice quality.
Suggestions for improvement:

- Avoid snow banks
- Better shape individual curve exits
- In some places, scrape the ice clean all the way to the wood

World Cup atmosphere: Few spectators, no TV broadcast; Recommendations: louder music, engaging commentary, emotional award ceremony, better audience engagement.
Other comments:

- Students created a great atmosphere on Friday
- Prizes were greatly appreciated
- Social media efforts were highlighted positively
- The scoreboard could be positioned better (so it's visible to athletes on the podium)

WC Passeier:

Organization & proceedings: Professional, clear structure; long breaks during doubles races were criticized.
Awards ceremony: Anthem issues, quality differences in medals/trophies. **Catering:** Good, but should stay open longer, fairer pricing, and a wider selection desired. **Track conditions:** Very good ice quality,
minor safety adjustments needed. (protruding screws + metal plates) **World Cup atmosphere:** Hardly any spectators, little atmosphere; recommended improvements include a supporting program, opening ceremony, and better promotion.

WC Deutschnofen:

Organization & Flow: Very well organized, structured flow, professional atmosphere; LED screens, dedicated athlete monitor, and live stream available; breaks between doubles matches were sometimes too long, the team competition didn't make much sense, and the party would have been better at the end.
Catering: Wide selection, high quality, plenty of seating, affordable; additional options such as pasta would be welcome.
Track conditions: Well-groomed, professionally managed, good visibility of times; soft ice at high temperatures, talc curve potentially dangerous, starting grips sometimes slippery.
World Cup atmosphere: Large crowds, great atmosphere, engaging commentary, live music and party, high-quality supporting program; microphone too quiet during the award ceremony, livestream commentator needs technical/analytical improvement, even more spectators along the track would be desirable.

ECh in Laas:

Organization & Flow: Generally functional, good race times, opening ceremony held; power outage led to long wait times and delays, doubles format was somewhat problematic (2 practice runs and only 1 competition run—it should actually be the other way around!)
Catering: Good, affordable food; catering at the opening ceremony was a positive experience; a wider selection and table reservations would be appreciated.
Track conditions: Well-groomed despite snowfall; weather-related issues not the fault of the organizers.
World Cup atmosphere: Large crowds at times, efforts to provide a supporting program were evident; no real ECh atmosphere (not at championship level), music too quiet, commentary not very engaging, lack of live broadcast and screens.
Other: Dedicated ECh bib numbers desired to enhance the event's character.

WC Umhausen:

Organization & Flow: The combination of World Cup/Eliminator/Youth Games did not work; race days were too long, placing a heavy burden on the children, with many delays; do not repeat the format in this form, adjust the schedule.
Safety & Rescue: Critical; no ambulance on site; injured riders had to wait a long time; damage to the sport's image.
Track conditions: Training conditions dangerous, many bumps/hills; track must be World Cup-ready even during training; otherwise, high-quality enclosure, race conditions in some cases better than training.
Food: Good cuisine; staff bring food to the table; more options and variety would be welcome.
World Cup atmosphere: Commentary and music were good at times, but unfortunately there were hardly any spectators; more social media promotion and an outdoor tent would be welcome.

WC Jaufental:

Organization & Schedule: Well-structured program, both training runs during daylight hours and the competition runs at night—is this IRO-compliant?; closing ceremony and final race on Saturday appreciated; shorten breaks between runs, award ceremony immediately after races, earlier start on Saturday, ensure correct winner placement (Overall World Cup standings).
Catering: Good selection, standard/fried foods, table service, and a canopy; vegetarian options and faster service are desired.
Track conditions: Generally good to race on, floodlit races a positive; reduce bumpy sections, improve track maintenance during training, more staff for snow removal.
World Cup vibe: Great atmosphere, DJ, and party were appreciated; music should be louder, the hosting more engaging, and music/atmosphere elements should continue after the awards ceremony; the flower ceremony should be better integrated. After the flower ceremony, the music was turned off due to interviews—a total no-go for the audience; it was dead silent.

General Topics & Requests

Social Media – General Assessment

Positive:

- Most athletes view the social media presence as more professional and improved compared to previous years—though there is still plenty of potential
- More regular posts, good photography, and the photographers' work are praised.

Criticism / Room for improvement:

- Frequency of posts: Posts should appear more frequently throughout the season, not just during races.
- Content diversity: Include more photos, Reels, behind-the-scenes footage, challenges, or interviews to showcase athletes as people.
- Fair representation of all nations: Currently, Austria, Germany, and Italy are featured most prominently; other nations should receive significantly more visibility.
- Accuracy of posts: Example: The winner was posted, but someone else was visible in the background—in such cases, be sure to use the photo of the winner.
- Winners should also be directly linked to or tagged to ensure recognition and visibility.
- Live streaming: Considered important for visibility, professionalism, and credibility.
- Platforms & Trends: Increased use of TikTok, Instagram Reels, or other platforms could boost reach.
- Error correction: Name or image errors must be corrected to ensure the presentation appears consistent and professional.

Eliminator Track:

The majority of athletes (14 out of 21) prefer a different track (suggested alternatives: Jaufental, Passeier, Winterleiten) for variety, spectator appeal, and fairer track layout. Criteria: a start accessible by car, a short and exciting track, and technical fairness.

Start regulations & points

- Allow all 6 athletes per nation to compete: slight opposition to the change.
- Start Nations Cup points consecutively based on the last World Cup finish: Majority in favor (72%) -> IRO motion filed.
- Abolish the star system at the start of the season: Majority in favor (77%). -> IRO motion submitted.

Other topics

- Participation of Russian athletes and athletes from smaller nations is desirable.
- Request to mark the leaders in the World Cup, World Championship, or European Championship standings with specific start numbers in junior races (start number)
- Several athletes highlighted the joint dinner in Deutschnofen and Laas as a positive experience, noting that it fosters friendships and camaraderie among the athletes. However, an opening ceremony should not last too long if there is a competition the next day.
- More modern scoreboards (digital?)

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FIL Statutes

1 Basics

1.1 Name, structure, and headquarters

Based on the present Statutes an association named “Fédération Internationale de Luge”, “International Luge Federation”, “Internationaler Rodelverband” exists under Austrian Law. The National Luge Federations/National Federations (hereafter named NFs) which have 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 is FIL in all languages.

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

The FIL headquarters are located in Wals-Siezenheim, AUT. The FIL’s scope of activities extends worldwide.

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.
- represent the sport of luge in the Olympic Movement.
- promote the exchange of experiences and lessons from the development of the sport of luge at the international level,
- promote the sport of luge as popular sport;
- fight against doping and manipulation in sports competition.

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 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;
- Organizing and conducting workshops with national federations, event organizers, equipment suppliers, and luge track operators;
- Organizing and conducting coaching courses;
- Organizing and conducting courses for judges and officials;
- 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;
- 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 statues 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;
- Public relations;
- Advertising for and with the sport of luge;

1.3.2. Material means:

- Resources from International Olympic Committee (IOC), specifically through the marketing of the Olympic Games;
- Grants from public and private institutions;
- Donations, gifts, bequests, or other forms of contributions;
- Revenue from renting, leasing, selling, or granting other rights of use to property and property rights, as well as from the operation of sports facilities;
- Marketing of luge events, in particular through the signing of advertising and sponsorship agreements and the sale of broadcasting rights for television, radio, and online media;

- Revenue from the production and marketing of film, image, and audio material;
- Fees for the granting of licensing rights, advertising and distribution rights, and sponsorship services;
- Fees for the holding of training programs, instruction, education, courses, and examinations, as well as other participation fees;
- Licensing fee income;
- Membership fees;
- Income from the management of FIL's assets, in particular from capital assets, including interest and securities, and from investments in corporations and other legal entities;
- Funds may also be acquired through a corporation controlled by FIL, provided that this does not jeopardize FIL's status as a nonprofit organization.

1.3.3 The activities of FIL are not aimed at generating financial profit and are carried out exclusively and directly for the promotion of charitable purposes within the meaning of the Federal Tax Code (BAO). Purposes that may not be considered eligible for tax benefits under §§ 34 ff BAO are subordinate to the eligible purposes and are pursued to a maximum extent of 10% of total resources.

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. The FIL recognizes artificial track luge and Alpine 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 the Olympic Charter which is an integral part of the FIL Statutes.

1.5 Principle of non-discrimination and code of conduct

1.5.1 The FIL will not tolerate political, racist, religious, or any other discrimination towards its direct or indirect members.

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 FIL 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 requirement is also satisfied by email. All internal FIL communications, in particular, invitations to meetings and sessions of all governing bodies, notices, other announcements, and decisions by the governing bodies of the FIL, are legally binding when sent via email to the email address provided by the member. Proof of delivery may be provided by an electronic read receipt (email). Each member is obligated to provide the FIL with a valid email address and to update it immediately in the event of any changes. Proper service is deemed to have been achieved when the communication has been sent to the most recently provided email address. Any disadvantages incurred by a member as a result of failing to notify the FIL of changes to contact information, or failing to do so in a timely manner, shall be borne by the member.

2 Membership

2.1 Obtaining 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.

2.1.4 An 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 or English, in order to prove that these meet the Statutes of the FIL.

2.1.5 The Congress decides at the request of the Executive Board on the acceptance in the FIL. Admission requires a two-thirds majority of the valid votes cast. Admission may be denied without stating a reason.

2.2 ~~Extraordinary~~ Obtaining Honorary Membership

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, which may also be made dependent on financial obligations.~~

~~2.2.3~~ Honorary members are appointed by the Congress in accordance with the FIL 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. Motions may be submitted to the Executive Board and Congress and voting rights may be exercised only if all membership fees have been paid in full by the time the motion is submitted or by the beginning of the Congress.

2.3.3 Each ordinary member has only one vote in the Congress. This vote is cast by a delegate who has been officially authorized in writing by the NF and who is 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 to the FIL by December 31. If ordinary members are in arrears with at least two annual membership fees, they may be expelled by the Congress in accordance with 2.4.2 after two reminders of these fees, if they have been threatened with expulsion in writing at least one month in advance.

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, in particular as set forth in sections 2.1.3 and 2.1.4,
- resignation,
- expulsion.

2.4.2 Honorary membership terminates upon

- death or in the case of legal entities, loss of legal personality
- resignation,
- expulsion of supporting members,
- revocation of honorary membership.

2.4.3 Resignation is possible at the end of each fiscal year and must be notified to the Executive Board in writing at least four weeks in advance.

2.4.~~2~~4 The expulsion of an ordinary member from the FIL can be decided by the Congress with a two-thirds majority of the valid votes cast. Grounds for expulsion include, in particular, a gross violation of membership obligations and/or conduct detrimental to the FIL that permanently undermines the relationship of trust between the FIL and the member. A motion to expel a member may only be submitted by a regular member or a member of the Executive Board. The member in question must be given the opportunity to respond to the allegations, either orally or in writing, prior to expulsion. The decision of the Congress must be recorded in the Congress minutes. The expelled member may challenge this Congress decision within one month of receiving the Congress minutes by appealing to the FIL Court of Arbitration. From the time of the Congress's decision until the final internal decision on the appeal, the member's rights are suspended, but not their obligations. All of the member's rights expire on the date of expulsion.

2.4.5 The Congress may revoke honorary membership at any time for the reasons listed in 2.4.4.

2.4.6 Upon termination of their membership—regardless of reason—members are not entitled to a refund of membership dues already paid.

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 An application for provisional membership must be submitted in writing to the Executive Board, accompanied by documentation demonstrating compliance with the objectives specified in 2.5.1. Based on criteria established by the Executive Board, the admission of provisional members will be decided by the Executive Board. Admission may be denied without providing a reason.

2.5.3 Provisional members must pay annual fees that are identical to those of ordinary members in terms of amount and due date.

2.5.4 Provisional members have no right to vote, stand for election, or submit motions. All other rights and obligations are identical to those of regular members.

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 has no right to interfere in the internal affairs of its member federations. This also applies to relations between the individual federations, unless otherwise specified in the statutes and regulations.

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

3.5 If membership in a National Federation is a factor for appointment to FIL bodies or other committees, the official is considered a member of the National Federation to which they belong or for which they perform unpaid or paid duties. If they do not belong to any NF and do not perform any unpaid or paid function for an NF, their nationality shall be decisive. In the case of 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 Alpine luge

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 Alpine Luge

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;

- members of the Executive Board;
- members of the Control Commission;
- chairpersons of the Expert Commissions mentioned in Section 4.1
- chairperson of the Legal Committee;
- chairperson of the Ethics Commission;
- chairperson of the Court of Arbitration;
- Ethics Authority.

The right to speak at the Congress is limited to those listed in this section and in Section 4.1, as well as those invited by the Executive Board to present 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). The President presides over the Congress; if the President is unable to do so, the Secretary General presides. If the Secretary General is also unable to do so, the oldest member by age of the Executive Board present presides. The chairperson may admit guests to the meeting, which is generally not open to the public.

4.2.3 NFs whose membership fees have been paid in full by the start of the Congress are entitled to vote (2.3.2). The transfer of voting rights to another regular member by way of a written or oral delegation of authority is not permitted.

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. If the President is unable to act or fails to fulfill his duty to convene the Congress, the members of the Control Commission shall be entitled and obligated to convene the Congress in accordance with the Statutes.

4.2.5 The Executive Board may decide to hold the Congress (meeting) in the form of a videoconference or in a hybrid form if the technical conditions ensure proper execution as well as the active participation and electronic exercise of the voting rights of all members not present. The reasons for this may be both organizational and financial in nature.

- Simple virtual meeting
  - A simple virtual meeting may be held in accordance with the following paragraphs:
    - Participation in the meeting must be possible via a real-time two-way audio and video connection. Each participant must be able to request the floor, take part in all votes, and raise objections if necessary.
    - The notice convening the virtual meeting must specify the organizational and technical requirements for participation in the virtual meeting.
    - If there is reason to doubt the identity of a participant during a virtual meeting, the chairperson must have the participant's identity verified in an appropriate manner.
    - The FIL is responsible for the functioning of technical communication tools only to the extent that they fall within its sphere of responsibility.
- Moderated virtual meeting
  - A moderated virtual meeting may be held in accordance with the following paragraphs:
    - The meeting is transmitted to participants in real time, both visually and audibly.
    - Participants have the opportunity to speak at any time during the meeting via electronic communication. If a participant is granted the floor, they must be given the opportunity to speak via video communication.
    - In all votes, those entitled to vote may exercise their voting rights via electronic communication and, if necessary, also raise objections in this manner.
    - The notice convening the virtual meeting must specify the organizational and technical requirements for participation in the virtual meeting.
    - If there is reason to doubt the identity of a participant during a moderated virtual meeting, the chairperson must have the participant's identity verified in an appropriate manner.
    - The FIL is responsible for the functioning of technical communication tools only to the extent that they fall within its sphere of responsibility.
- Hybrid meeting
  - A hybrid meeting may be held in accordance with the following paragraphs:
    - Individual participants may choose between attending the meeting in person or virtually.
    - The provisions governing simple virtual meetings or moderated virtual meetings apply analogously to virtual participation.
    - It must be ensured that in-person and virtual participants are treated equally.

4.2.~~5~~6 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~~7 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)
- 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~~8 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 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.

4.2.9 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 Alpine luge 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 in writing 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.

4.2.10 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 Alpine luge 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~~11 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~~12 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. The Executive Board may decide to hold the Extraordinary Congress in the form of a videoconference or in hybrid form, if the technical conditions ensure proper execution as well as active participation and electronic exercise of the voting rights of all members not present. The provisions set forth in Section 4.2.5 apply accordingly. 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, the Congress may, by a two-thirds majority of the valid votes cast, pass a vote of no confidence in a member of the governing bodies (with the exception of the Congress itself) and remove that member from their office.

4.5 Executive Board

4.5.1 The Executive Board includes the following:

- Persons elected by the Congress and with seat and vote in the Executive Board:
  - 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 Alpine Luge
  - two additional members
  - the Chair of the Athletes Commission (declaratory confirmation)
- Persons elected by Congress and with seat but without vote in the Executive Board
  - 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
- The Executive Director who has a seat but no vote in the Executive Board

(*) The President, the Secretary General, and the Vice President for Finance must belong to different NFs, may not be delegates to the Congress on behalf of their National Federation, and may not have voting rights within their National Federation. The remaining Executive Board members may not be delegates to the Congress on behalf of their National Federation. Immediately upon their election, Executive Board members may no longer represent their National Federation as delegates.

4.5.2 With the exception of the Executive Director, the members of the Executive Board do not perform their duties on a full-time basis. They may receive compensation for their work, taking into account the criteria of non-profit status. This compensation must be comparable to market rates. When determining the remuneration, it must be taken into account that the duties of the President and the Secretary General, in particular, correspond in nature and scope to a full-time position.

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. There is no limit to the number of times they may be re-elected. Candidate proposals have to be mailed to the Executive Director no later than 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. Its scope of responsibility includes, in particular, the following matters:

- Preparation of the annual budget, as well as the drafting of the financial report and the final accounts;
- Preparation and convening of ordinary and extraordinary congresses;
- Management of the FIL's assets;
- Admission of provisional members;
- Keeping a list of members.

For the allocation of duties, the Executive Board shall issue a plan of duties, which must be brought to the attention of the NFs.

~~The 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.

If a member who is normally elected by the Congress leaves office during their term, the Executive may appoint another member to replace them; however, this appointment must be ratified by the next Congress. Until such time as Congress refuses to confirm the co-optation, the actions of such members

of the Executive shall in any case be valid. The appointed member serves out the term of office of the departing member.

4.5.7 If required, the Executive Board can consult athletes and internal or external experts during the decision-making process.

4.5.8 The Executive Board decides on the awarding of FIL Championships based on recommendations from the respective directors.

4.5.9 Meetings of the Executive Board are convened by the President or, if the President is unable to do so, by the Secretary General. This may be done in writing or verbally and must take place at least two weeks prior to the meeting date. If the President's representative (Secretary General) is also unable to attend for an unforeseeably long period, any other member of the Executive Board may convene the meeting. Guests may be invited to closed-door meetings, though without voting rights. Executive Board meetings may be held via videoconference or in a hybrid format if the technical requirements ensure smooth conduct as well as the active participation and electronic exercise of voting rights by all members not present. The provisions of Section 4.2.5 apply accordingly. Notwithstanding Section 7.1, the Executive Board has a quorum if its members have been duly summoned and more than half of the voting members of the Executive Board are present. The Executive Board passes its resolutions by a simple majority of votes; in the event of a tie, the Chairperson's vote is decisive. The meeting is chaired by the President; if the President is unable to attend, by the Secretary General; if the Secretary General is also unable to attend, by the oldest member of the Executive Board present. A member of the Executive Board may not be represented by another person.

4.5.10 Except in the event of death, the term of office of a member of the Executive Board ends upon dismissal (vote of no confidence by the Congress) or resignation. Members of the Executive Board may submit their resignation in writing at any time. The resignation must be addressed to the Executive Board or, in the event of the resignation of the entire Executive Board, to the Congress. The resignation must not be submitted at an inopportune time that would cause harm to the FIL.

4.5.~~8~~11 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 only be taken if the persons concerned can be proven to have had a causal personal responsibility/support/assistance/participation in the cases described above and if the measure is proportionate. The person or persons affected by this measure or these measures will be given a period of two weeks to submit comments, starting from the date of written notification of the planned measure or measures, before a decision is made regarding this measure or these measures.
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 (each with vote), and the Executive Director (without 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 The Presidium – in consultation with the respective Vice-Presidents and Directors – decides on the awarding of FIL competitions (except FIL Championships) as well as on amendments to the FIL Anti-Doping Code, including its appendices, to the extent that the Congress does not have decision-making authority pursuant to 4.2.10, and approves the calendars.

4.6.~~3~~4 All members of the Presidium, who are entitled to vote, individually represent the FIL in public. Limits on this authorization can be decided internally.

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

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 based on a resolution 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 4.

4.6.~~4~~5 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

Alpine Luge
- IRO
- Events Schedule
- Statistics
- Training of Judges
- Training programs, courses, solidarity
- Youth / Development
- Technical
- 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 Alpine Luge, 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 who are appointed by the Executive Board upon the recommendation of the Sport Director Artificial Track ~~Vice President Sport Artificial Track and with approval from the respective NF, 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 elected 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 who are appointed by the Executive Board upon the recommendation of the Technical Director Artificial Track ~~Vice President Technical Matters Artificial Track and with approval from the respective NF~~, and who 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 elected 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 Alpine Luge will be:

- the Vice President Alpine Luge as Chairperson,
- the Director for Sport and Technical Matters Alpine Luge 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 who upon the recommendation of the Director Alpine Luge ~~Vice President Alpine Luge and approval of the NFs~~ are appointed 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 elected 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 have 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 Presidium or Executive Board may issue specific directives to the Expert Commissions, in consultation with the respective directors.

4.7.~~6~~7 The Commissions may not propose IRO changes to a Congress held in odd years.

4.7.8 The meetings of the expert commissions may be held via videoconference or in a hybrid format, provided that the technical requirements ensure the smooth conduct of the meeting as well as the active participation and electronic exercise of voting rights by all members who are not physically present. The provisions of Section 4.2.5 apply accordingly.

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 two of the three members elected must have professional competence in accounting.

4.8.3 The Control Commission must audit the FIL's financial management with regard to the proper preparation of financial statements and the use of funds in accordance with the statutes within four months of the preparation of the income and expenditure statement or the annual financial statements. The Executive Board must submit the necessary documents to the Control Commission and provide the required information. The Control Commission must report to the Executive Board on the results of the audit. The audit report must confirm the correctness of the accounting and the use of funds in accordance with the statutes or identify any financial irregularities or risks to the FIL's existence. Furthermore, self-dealings as well as unusual revenues or expenditures must be identified. The Executive Board must inform the members of the FIL of the audited statement of revenues and expenditures. If this occurs during the Congress, the members of the Control Commission must be involved. The Control Commission presents a motion to Congress to release the Executive Board.
~~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, but only to the extent that, under the general Austrian Associations Act, recourse to the general civil courts is not precluded.

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 themself 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 for national federations and their members, as well as for athletes, support staff, coaches, physicians, referees, or other persons referred to in section 1,
- 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
- 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 The Executive Board makes the initial decision 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 for a term of office of four years. 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, warning, or formal notice,
d) Entering into a cease-and-desist agreement,
e) Fines of €1,000.00 to €20,000.00
f) Temporary or permanent removal from functions or duties,

A suspended sentence is permissible.

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, which operates on a four-year term, consists of the following members:

- a 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. Meetings of the Youth and Development Commission may be held via videoconference or in a hybrid format, provided that the technical requirements ensure the smooth conduct of the meeting as well as the active participation and electronic voting of all members not present in person. The provisions of Section 4.2.5 apply accordingly.

4.11. Medical Commission

The Medical Commission (4-year term of office) 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 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 luge and Alpine 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 Alpine luge, 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. If an athletes’ representative resigns, a new election of an athletes’ representative

determined by the FIL Athletes Commission will be held at the next opportunity but limited to World Cup competitions or World Championships according to 4.12.4. The new athlete representative to be elected must be of the same gender as the athlete representative who has resigned. Until the election of a new athletes' representative their predecessor will remain in office.

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 in 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 Alpine luge 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 in 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 Alpine luge athlete at the expense of the FIL. The Athletes' Commission can submit motions to the Executive Board, which can be explained by the chairperson at the Executive Board meeting directly before the Congress.

4.13 Track Construction Commission

4.13.1 Track Construction Commission Artificial Track

The Track Construction Commission Artificial Track monitors 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 for a term of office of four years.

4.13.2 Track Construction Commission Alpine luge

The Track Construction Commission Alpine luge monitors the reconstruction of existing Alpine luge tracks and the construction of new tracks. As needed, it can consult external experts. The Track Construction Commission Alpine Luge is under the supervision of the Vice President Alpine luge. The Chairperson and the members of the commission are appointed by the Executive Board for a term of office of four years.

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 The Chairperson of the working group must submit a written report to the body it was formed by.

5 Finances of the FIL

5.1 The sources and generation of the FIL's funds are described in section 1.3.2

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 FIL members shall not receive any share of profits or other benefits from FIL funds by virtue of their membership. The FIL shall not issue capital shares or require capital contributions from its members. The FIL shall not favor any individual through administrative expenses unrelated to the FIL's purpose or through disproportionately high remuneration.

5.3.3 The FIL may, to the extent permitted by its financial resources and consistent with the FIL's purpose, employ staff and engage third parties to fulfill its objectives. Remuneration may also be paid to FIL members, including association officials, provided that such remuneration relates to activities exceeding the FIL's core functions; such remuneration must be commensurate with market rates. Subject to this provision, the payment of standard expense and functional allowances is also permitted. The Presidium, the Executive Board, or the FIL Ethics Commission, in consultation with external experts, shall determine the amount of such allowances. Any bias or conflict of interest must be excluded in this process.

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.

5.3.5 The FIL may engage vicarious agents within the meaning of Section 40(1) of the Federal Tax Code (BAO) to further its purposes. The actions of such agents shall be deemed to be actions of the FIL. The FIL may also act, in whole or in part, as a vicarious agent for other entities in accordance with Section 40(1) BAO.

5.3.6 The FIL may pass on funds as grants to other institutions, provided that such grants account for less than 10% of its total expenditures or, pursuant to Section 40a(1) BAO, are made to beneficiary institutions within the meaning of Sections 4a(3) and (6), 4b, or 4c of the Income Tax Act 1988 (EStG 1988) with a corresponding designation, and provided that there is at least a shared organizational purpose.

5.3.7 The FIL may, pursuant to Section 40a(2) BAO, provide goods and services for consideration, but not for the purpose of generating profit, to other entities that are tax-privileged within the meaning of Sections 34 et seq. BAO.

5.3.8 The FIL may engage in cooperative activities. Where not all cooperation partners are tax-privileged within the meaning of Sections 34 et seq. BAO, then, pursuant to Section 40(3) BAO, both the purpose of the cooperation and the FIL's contribution thereto must directly promote its tax-privileged purpose. Furthermore, no funds may be transferred to any cooperation partner that is not tax-privileged within the meaning of Sections 34 et seq. BAO.

5.3.9 The FIL is authorized to establish or acquire an interest in nonprofit or for-profit corporations. It may provide funds in accordance with § 40b of the Federal Tax Code (BAO) for prizes and scholarships. It may, in accordance with § 39(2) of the Federal Tax Code (BAO), transfer funds to a private-law foundation, a comparable trust, or an association for the purpose of endowing their assets.

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. The Congress must also decide on the liquidation. Unless it decides otherwise, the President shall serve as the authorized liquidator.

6.2 In the event of the voluntary or state mandated dissolution of the FIL or if its previously recognized purpose ceases to exist, the remaining assets are to be transferred to a similar non-profit sports organization, which must use them directly and exclusively for charitable 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 of the valid votes cast 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 4.2.11.

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 Alpine luge for the IRO Alpine luge require a two thirds majority of the valid votes cast according to 4.7.1 appropriate Commission before they may be submitted to the Congress for the passing of a resolution (4.2.9).

7.2 All votes are open. If one third of the voting members request a secret ballot, this request must be granted. Votes to be conducted electronically do not have to be open.

7.3 Invalid votes 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 cast) 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 Standards Prohibited List, Code Compliance by Signatories, Education, Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs), Testing and Investigations, Laboratories, Results Management, Protection of Privacy and Personal Information.

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

9.2.1 The IRO - International Luge Regulations for Artificial Track and Alpine luge – 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 The requirements for amending the statutes are described in 7.1.2. ~~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 74th FIL Congress and the absence of any objection from the relevant regulatory authority 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 offense was committed. All other offenses are subject to a statute of limitations of one year. If the offense consists of ongoing conduct or an ongoing omission, the statute of limitations period does not begin until the unlawful situation has ended. The initiation of sports disciplinary proceedings (Section 4) and any action taken by the sports disciplinary body interrupt the statute of limitations. If a person subject to proceedings evades criminal proceedings or the initiation of such proceedings by resigning, the proceedings shall be continued or initiated upon the acquisition of a new membership. Resignation suspends the statute of limitations up to this point of time.

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) Suspension as a judge for a period ranging from half a month to two years,
e) Removal from the judge list,
f) a suspension of the right to hold an official function within the federation for a period of six to 24 months or a permanent disqualification from holding such a position,
g) Fines from € 100,00 up to € 7.000,00,
h) 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 on the internet on the website of WADA 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 one month 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 begins upon the delivery of the decision ~~or the minutes~~ and is deemed met if the appeal is sent to the court of arbitration within the time limit. The court of arbitration must immediately confirm receipt of the appeal in writing (via email). ~~The one-month limitation of time and the exclusion of ordinary legal proceedings shall also apply to other proceedings of the Court of Arbitration.~~

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 an 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 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 general, the Court of Arbitration decides with one chairperson and two assessors. In particularly urgent matters, the chairperson decides alone on provisional measures and/or interim rulings, generally after hearing the parties. 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' records or other seemingly appropriate material and to make such material a subject of the proceedings. To expedite 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 defense and decide in accordance with the records. The Court of Arbitration may conduct oral hearings also via telephone or online conference.

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 any damage incurred by the National Federations including their bodies and members, the participants in FIL events, or any other persons and institutions affected by the proceedings and decisions of the FIL's legal bodies, where such damage arises from decisions or omissions of these legal bodies or their members. This exclusion of liability does not apply to damage caused intentionally.

6. Enforcement

The filing of a complaint, an appeal, or a legal remedy does not have postponing effect. However, in justified exceptional cases, the enforcement of the contested decision may be postponed at the request of the party concerned or by order of the chair of the now competent 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 complaint, the motion, or the appeal; 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 exempt from the obligation 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 7~~0~~4th FIL Congress on June ~~1~~8, 202~~2~~6.

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. The public may be excluded at any time by a resolution passed by a majority of the members entitled to vote—including a motion submitted spontaneously, in deviation from point 4.2.8 of the Statutes.

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 convening of the Congress is governed by Chapters 4.2 and 4.3 of the Statutes and is done in writing. The notice period for all other meetings is eight weeks. In urgent cases, the notice period for meetings other than Congresses may be shortened. The urgency must be justified in the invitation. The invitation is issued by the respective chairperson. 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. Notwithstanding the above, the following applies to meetings of the Executive Board: The Executive Board has a quorum if all its members have been duly summoned and more than half of the Executive members with voting rights 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 simple 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 The meeting decides on objections to the agenda or motions to amend existing agenda items by 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. The affected participant is to be given the opportunity to make a

statement in advance.

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~~8, 4.2.~~8~~9, and 4.2.~~9~~10 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 six 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 7~~14~~th FIL Congress on June ~~17~~8, 202~~3~~6.

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 served in their office for at least two election periods.

1.1.2 On officials of the NFs.

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 / national or 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 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~~

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 74th FIL Congress on June 08, 2026.

Amendment to the Statutes 2026

Applicant: ***LATVIA*** ***§: 1*** ***Motion No.: 1.6.3.***

Old text:

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.

New Text:

For the interpretation of the Statutes, Regulations, ~~and~~ , resolutions, FIL Anti-Doping Code and its enclosures as well as for translations in other languages, the ~~German~~ English wording is decisive. ~~Regarding the FIL Anti-Doping Code and its enclosures, the English wording is binding.~~

Reason:

Most member federations have a significantly better command of the English language, while many do not possess sufficient knowledge of German. As English is the primary working language of international sport and widely used within the federation's activities, designating the English wording as decisive ensures clarity, uniform interpretation, and legal certainty. In cases of disputes concerning the Statutes, Regulations, resolutions, and the FIL Anti-Doping Code, this approach provides greater transparency and equal understanding for all members.

Amendment to the Statutes 2026

Applicant: ***Austria*** ***§: 4.7.2*** ***Motion No.: 1***

Old text:

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.

New Text:

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- an athletes' representative in accordance with section 4.12
- the chairperson of the Commission Youth/Development Artificial Track without the right to vote

The members must include representatives from the five highest-ranked nations according to the current national ranking list, provided that these nations field full teams in all age groups.

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.

Reason:

Successful nations—**defined as the top 5 nations according to the current national ranking list that field full teams in all age groups—must be taken into account in the decision-making processes of the Sport Commission for Artificial Track and must be represented by at least one delegate.**

Amendment to the Statutes 2026

Applicant: ***Austria*** ***§: 4.7.3*** ***Motion No.: 2***

Old text:

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

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FIL Executive Board Resolution
23.09.2022

The FIL Executive Board decides on the basis of paragraph 4.5.8 of the FIL Statutes:
In view of the war of aggression currently being waged by the Russian Federation against Ukraine, the suspension of all rights to participation of athletes, assistants, coaches, and other officials of the Russian Luge Federation in FIL-sanctioned competitions is ordered until further notice in order to ensure safe, peaceful, and upright athletic competitions.
The presence of Russian athletes, assistants, coaches, and other officials from the Russian Luge Federation during the staging of FIL-sanctioned sport competitions is associated with the high risk that the safety, peacefulness and integrity of these competitions and their participants (including those of the Russian Federation itself) are gravely endangered. This risk is based on the causal personal involvement of the named persons in these FIL competitions and cannot be replaced by a less drastic measure, so that the suspension of participation is proportionate if and as long as the hostilities in Ukraine continue as a reason for this measure.

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Konstanz, on 11.05.2026

Our reference: **K 046/2025**
Subject: **FIL / RFL III**

Dear President Fogelis,
Dear Einars,

For the information of the FIL Executive, I am providing the following report on the Russian Luge Federation's second proceeding against the FIL regarding the suspension of Russian doubles and other team competitions.

The Russian Luge Federation had succeeded in the first CAS proceeding (CAS 2025/11592) in securing the participation of individual Russian athletes in the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milano Cortina as so-called AIN athletes. In the second proceeding, the Russian Federation (RLF) sought to compel the FIL to also admit additional Russian athletes to the doubles competitions, team relay, and mixed teams. In this regard, the FIL Executive Committee had decided on November 18, 2025, not to extend the AIN program published by the IOC to include doubles, members of the team relay, and mixed teams.

The Russian Federation and four Russian athletes filed a complaint with the FIL Arbitration Tribunal on November 20, 2025, challenging this decision. Due to the urgency of the matter in the run-up to the Winter Olympics, the Chair of the FIL Arbitration Tribunal ruled alone on November 27, 2025, and announced his decision to dismiss the appeals, with costs.

The plaintiffs subsequently filed an appeal with the CAS in Lausanne on December 4, 2025, and pursued their claims from the FIL arbitration proceedings. At the same time, the plaintiffs requested the issuance of provisional measures to still allow the Russian athletes to qualify as AIN athletes for the Winter Olympics in Cortina.

To date, only a partial decision has been rendered on this appeal. CAS initially rejected the request for provisional measures on the grounds that the plaintiffs did not demonstrate a compelling interest in obtaining a preliminary injunction.

After an oral arbitration hearing was held via videoconference on February 27, 2026, the CAS panel announced its decision on March 4, 2026. Accordingly, the FIL Arbitration Tribunal's ruling of November 27, 2025, was upheld, and the appeals of all plaintiffs were dismissed with costs.

The reasoning behind this ruling has not yet been made available, so at present one can only speculate as to what the CAS's reasoning might be, given that it expressly upheld the decision of the FIL Arbitration Tribunal.

In particular, the plaintiffs had relied on the following arguments to support their appeal:

- The contested decision of the FIL Executive Committee is not consistent with the CAS's reasoning in Case CAS 2025/11592.
- The principle of proportionality has been violated.
- Russian athletes could compete in teams of up to four participants in other sports, such as table tennis.
- Fundamental rights, such as non-discrimination and freedom of occupation, were not respected.
- European competition law has been violated.

In contrast, the FIL Arbitration Tribunal had already ruled as follows in its decision of November 27, 2025:

- In its decision of October 31, 2025, the CAS had already dismissed the Russian athletes' appeal.
- Furthermore, the CAS has made it very clear that the FIL is required to admit as AIN athletes only those who meet the criteria published by the IOC on September 19, 2025. The aforementioned IOC decision clearly states: "Teams of Athletes with a Russian or Belarusian passport will not be considered." Consequently, it cannot be argued that the FIL is not complying with the principles of the CAS decision.
- Furthermore, the FIL had engaged the same agency as the IOC to review the athletes' eligibility for the competitions.
- The appellants' reference to other sports federations cannot, as such, lead to a different decision, because each sport has its own characteristics.
- Moreover, the FIL had already conducted the proportionality review by applying the IOC's AIN criteria, so it did not need to perform the proportionality test a second time.
- Rather, it must be assumed that the CAS, in its ruling of October 31, 2025, had already examined compliance with the principle of proportionality just as thoroughly as it had examined compliance with European competition law.

Therefore, the decision of the FIL Executive Committee should be regarded as proportionate and in accordance with EU competition law.

It should be added that, in the CAS appeal proceedings, we were repeatedly able to rely on the wording of the IRO, where numerous provisions regarding doubles competitions—and even more so in team relay competitions—refer to "teams." Therefore, in luge, at least, the term "teams" can always be used whenever more than one athlete competes in a single event.

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Re: CAS 2025/A/11592 Russian Luge Federation & al. v. International Luge Federation (FIL)

Dear Mr. President Fogelis,

for the due instruction of the FIL Executive Board, I should like to summarize the first CAS case as follows:

Plaintiffs: Russian Luge Federation (RLF) and six Russians athletes
Defendant: FIL

Subject matter was an appeal by the RLF and six Russian athletes (Aleksandr Gorbatsevich, Sofiia Mazur, Andrei Bogdanov, Iurii Prokhorov, Ekaterina Fomina and Polina Grigore) against the FIL.

During its 73rd congress on 18 June 2025, the FIL had decided to extend its resolution to suspend the participation of RLF athletes, coaches and officials from FIL competitions, citing risks to the safety of competitions. It also decided not to implement a programme that allowed the participation of Russian athletes under Individual Neutral Athlete (AIN) status. Filed on 8 July 2025, the appeal sought to annul both decisions and request that the athletes immediately participate in international FIL events, including the qualification process for the OWG 2026.

The plaintiffs mainly argued that Art. 4.5.8 of FIL Statutes requires that measures can only be taken if the persons concerned can be proven to have had a **causal personal responsibility** and if the measure is proportionate.

A hearing per video conference took place on 24 October 2025. Several witnesses were heard.

The Russian athletes confirmed that they had no connections with the Russia-Ukraine War, are available to compete as AIN and had suffered from important prejudice caused by the exclusion of Russian athletes from international luge competitions.

Witnesses called by FIL, in particular Mr Christoph Schweiger, Mr Taras Hartsula, President of Ukrainian Luge Federation, Mr Markus Prock, President of Austrian Luge Federation and Mr Scott Riewald, Director of the US Luge Association stressed the **risks to security and safety**, not only at the 2026 OWG but also at the qualifying events if Russian athletes were allowed to compete. The increased risks would also trigger higher costs, and no insurance would cover these. Moreover, Russian athletes would be abused for the purpose of propaganda, and several athletes had posted symbols on social media linked to the Russian aggression against Ukraine.

The CAS Panel heard the argument by the FIL that the participation of Russian athletes would increase the risk of incidents caused by the public, or by other athletes, and that their exclusion was not meant to be a sanction based on nationality.

The Panel acknowledged that safety, as well as the preservation of safe racing conditions, is a legitimate purpose. However, it considered that the overall exclusion of Russian athletes was not a **proportionate measure** to achieve the purpose sought by FIL (i.e. preserve safe racing conditions), since additional measures could be found to conciliate safety with the participation of Russian athletes.

The Panel ruled that the exclusion of RLF athletes from FIL competitions is maintained, but the prohibition of Russian and Belarussian athletes who satisfy the criteria of **AINs** to compete is set aside. Consequently, the **appeal** was **partially upheld**.

The request by the six athletes to immediately participate in international events was **dismissed**.

The costs of the arbitration shall be borne for 25% by the RLF and the Russian athletes and for 75% by the FIL. Besides that, FIL was ordered to pay to the RLF a total amount of CHF 5.000 as contribution towards the expenses incurred.

The operative part of the CAS award was issued on 31 October 2025; the reasoned CAS award counts 34 pages and was published on the CAS website on 22 January 2026.

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Olympic Summit reaffirms athletes' fundamental rights to access sport without political interference

The leading representatives of the Olympic Movement met today for the 14th Olympic Summit at Olympic House in Lausanne, Switzerland, at the invitation of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Chaired by IOC President Kirsty Coventry, the Summit discussed the "Fit for the Future" consultation process which Coventry started when taking over the IOC Presidency on 24 June this year, and the outcomes of the IOC Executive Board (EB) meeting on 9 and 10 December.

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The participants also received updates on the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games; the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games; the LA28 Olympic Games; and anti-doping matters following the 2025 World Conference on Doping in Sport, which was held earlier this month in Busan, Republic of Korea.

The Olympic Summit recapped the IOC's ongoing "Fit for the Future" consultations. "Over the past six months, we've experienced a fast-paced environment. Thank you to all of you for your time and effort in providing feedback on the 'Fit for the Future' consultations. Your insights have helped us identify both opportunities and challenges, guiding us toward collective success as one Olympic family," Coventry said when welcoming the participants.

While discussing the "Fit for the Future" process, the 14th Olympic Summit endorsed the principles established by the IOC's Working Group on the protection of the Fundamental Principles of Olympism, notably that the existing Principles and Olympic Charter Rules provide strong tools to ensure that the Olympic Movement remains politically neutral.

During the wide-ranging discussion, the importance of political neutrality for the Olympic Movement was acknowledged, as it allows athletes to access sport across the world without interference. At the same time, it was highlighted that the concept of political neutrality within the Olympic Movement and sport needs clearer definition, and its practical application should be further clarified. The IOC's Working Group will take this up.

The Summit also reaffirmed that athletes have a fundamental right to access sport across the world, and to compete free from political interference or pressure from governmental organisations. As role models in society, athletes have at the same time a responsibility and an obligation to respect, uphold and promote the Olympic values, before, during and after competition.

In light of the discussion around the principles, the Summit supported the IOC EB's recommendation that youth athletes with a Russian or Belarusian passport should no longer be restricted in their access to international youth competitions, in both individual and team sports. The definition of youth competitions and the application of these recommendations depends for this purpose on the regulations of each International Federation (IF). The Summit participants committed to take these discussions back to their organisations for their consideration. It was recognised that implementation by the stakeholders will take time.

In addition, the standard protocols of the IF or the International Sports Event Organiser regarding flags, anthems, uniforms and other elements should apply, provided that the national sports organisation concerned is in good standing.

The above principles should apply to the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, and are recommended for adoption by all IFs and International Sports Event Organisers for their own youth events.

At the same time, and based on the Fundamental Principles of Olympism, all athletes and their entourage must continue to support the Olympic Movement's mission to promote unity and peace. Athletes and entourage members who act against this peace mission could be removed from competitions by the IF, their

National Federation, their National Olympic Committee or the International Sports Event Organiser.

In parallel, the IOC's **Recommended Conditions of Participation for International Federations and International Sports Event Organisers of 28 March 2023** should remain in place for senior competitions, and will be reviewed as necessary.

Existing sanctions against the Russian and Belarusian governments should also remain in place. In particular, the restriction on accreditations or invitations to international sports events or meetings for government officials from Russia and Belarus should remain in place for both senior and youth events.

IFs should continue to refrain from organising or supporting international sports events in Russia. This recommendation no longer applies to Belarus.

With its considerations today, the Olympic Summit recognised that athletes, and in particular youth athletes, should not be held accountable for the actions of their governments – sport is their access to hope, and a way to show that all athletes can respect the same rules and each another.

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IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Youth Commission	§2, 1.2.5 Motion No.: 1 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

No old Text

New Text:

§2 1.2.5 Continental Championships Youth A

(Youth European Championships (YECh) / Youth America Pacific Championships (YAPCH) / Youth Asian Championships (YACh)

- In every sports´s year as race in race / Continental Cup (Youth A)

Reason:

Already confirmed by all institutions in 2025 and operated in the 25/26 Season.

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

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Youth Commission	§2, 1.3.8 Motion No.: 2 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

1.3.8 Youth A Continental Cup (CC)

- minimum 3 races per season

New Text:

1.3.8 Youth A - World Youth Series (WYS)

- World Youth Series Europe (WYSE)
- World Youth Series North America (WYSNA)
- World Youth Series Asia (WYSA)

Reason:

Many National Federations cannot apply for funding because the former name Continental Cup did not clearly demonstrate the involvement of international athletes. Using the term World Cup is also not ideal, as it is widely understood that the World Cup winner is determined by the highest number of points accumulated across all World Cup races. Therefore, the designation WYS is proposed, as it is specifically tailored to the continents where tracks are available."

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

All paragraphs which involve the phrase "Continental Cup".

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Sport Commission / Executive Board	§2, 2 Motion No.: 3 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

2. Procedure for the awarding of FIL Competitions

2.1 The FIL Congress awards the FIL WCh and the JWCh a maximum of 4 years in advance. The awarding is done upon written application from the NFs. The application according to the current form has to be submitted to the president of the FIL twelve weeks prior to the Congress.

2.2 The executive board awards the World Cup races with corresponding bidding criteria upon fulfillment of the application criteria by the national federations.

2.3 All other FIL competitions are confirmed by the executive board.

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

New Text:

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Reason:

Amendment to the IRO necessary due to a change in the FIL statutes.

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

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Sport Commission	§2, 2.5 Motion No.: 4 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

None

New Text:

2.5 Definition of participation in the competition

Participation in the competition is deemed to have taken place if the respective athlete has fulfilled the necessary requirements for admission to the competition in accordance with § 3, 9.

Reason:

No definition has yet been provided in the IRO, but this is mandatory for all qualifications.

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

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Youth Commission	§3, 3.5 Motion No.: 5 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

3.4 Junior World Cup

	Youth A	Together
Women´s Singles	6	women´s and men´s
Men´s Singles	6	singles max. 10
Women´s Doubles	3	3
Men´s Doubles	3	3

3.5 Youth A Continental Cup

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New Text:

3.4 Junior World Cup

	Youth A	~~Together~~
Women´s Singles	6	~~women´s and men´s~~
Men´s Singles	6	~~singles max. 10~~
Women´s Doubles	4	~~3~~
Men´s Doubles	4	~~3~~

3.5 Youth A Continental Cup

	Youth A	~~Together~~
Women´s Singles	6	~~women´s and men´s~~
Men´s Singles	6	~~singles max. 10~~
Women´s Doubles	3	3 (2026/27)*
Men´s Doubles	3	3 (2026/27)*

Reason:

*Doubles will remain in the Continental Cup for the 2026–27 season, and after the 2026–27 season, the commission will decide whether doubles will remain in the Continental Cup.

What other paragraphs/points would need to be changed accordingly

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Sport Commission	§3, 6.1.2 Motion No.: 6 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

6.1.2 Qualification for FIL World Championships

Each athlete must participate in at least two international FIL competitions (before the FIL WCh) in the current season.

If an athlete in the current season before the FIL ITW is ranked after the best ranked 30 men, 30 women or 24 women's/ men's doubles in the overall World Cup, participation in the FIL ITW (according § 8 point 1) is mandatory.

New Text:

6.1.2 Requirements for participation in the FIL World Championships (general class) ~~Qualification for FIL World Championships~~

Each athlete must have participated in at least ~~two international FIL competitions~~, three FIL World Cups/Nations Cups/Junior World Cup on at least two different tracks in two different countries during the current season. ~~(before the FIL WCh) in the current season.~~

If an athlete due to a proven injury is not able to full fill these requirements the FIL ExCo can make a special exception.

If an athlete in the current season before the FIL ITP~~W~~ is ranked after the best ranked 30 men, 30 women or 24 women's/ men's doubles in the overall World Cup, participation in the FIL ITP~~W~~ (according § 8 point 1) is mandatory.

Reason:

To establish a clearer definition of the qualification requirements for the World Championships while simultaneously strengthening the World Cup series.

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

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Sport Commission	§3, 6.4.8 Motion No.: 7 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

6.4.8 At the European Championships, titles are awarded in the disciplines, women's/men's singles, women's/men's doubles, and team relay.

New Text:

6.4.8 At the European Championships, titles are awarded in the disciplines, women's/men's singles, women's/men's doubles, ~~and~~ team relay and mixed singles/doubles.

Reason:

Already confirmed by all institutions in 2025 and operated during the 25/26 season.

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

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Sport Commission	§3, 6.5.6 Motion No.: 8 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

No Old Test

New Text:

Host Nation Starting Spot

The host nation of the country where a World Cup event is held receives one additional starting place per discipline, except for Team Relay and Mixed.

This host nation starting spot may only be used once per season per discipline.

The host nation athlete must start in the Nations Cup. If the athlete meets the requirements according to § 3.9, they are qualified for the race even if they receive a DNS, DSQ, or DNF in the Nations Cup.

The athlete receives the start number according to the Nations Cup result. If applicable, this may be the last start number.

If the host nation uses this starting spot, the starting field (30 / 24) will be expanded by one accordingly. In this case, § 3.6.5.5 remains valid for all other participants.

Reason:

Serves to strengthen the NFs that have their own track and host World Cup races (FRA, NOR, SUI, KOR, CHN, CAN) but are not strongly represented or not represented at all.

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

Adaptation §3, 6.5.7 ff.

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Sport Commission	§3, 6.5.8 Motion No.: 9 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

6.5.8 World Cup: Allocation of World Cup points in the case of a default

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.

New Text:

6.5.8 World Cup: Allocation of World Cup points in the case of DNS, DNF, and DSQ ~~a default~~

World Cup participants who receive an DNS or DNF (first run) 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).

World Cup participants who receive a DNF and DNS (second run) receive the same number of World Cup points as the first non-qualified athlete for the second run of the respective discipline.

For seeded group athletes this rule (DNS) only applies if the athlete starts in the final training for seeded athletes.

Reason:

At the request of the athletes, to ensure a fair allocation of World Cup points.

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

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Sport Commission	§3, 6.5.9 Motion No.: 10 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

None

New Text:

6.5.9 World Cup "Super Slide Mode" (SSM)

The Sport Commission may decide on the implementation of the SSM for the respective season.

Training

- 1 training session with 2 runs for all participants;
- At least 1 run must be completed to the finish within 7%;
- During the World Cup week, no training outside the official training sessions is permitted for participants on the respective World Cup track.

Qualification for the Competition

- 1 qualification run for all participants (starting order based on the current seeded list);
- No Nations Cup / no seeded training;
- Top 30 singles / Top 24 doubles qualify for the World Cup.

Competition

- The World Cup starting order is determined by the results of the qualification run;
- World Cup points are awarded according to Points Table 1 – Last Place (§3 10.1).

Competition Format

- 1st run: start numbers 1–30;
- Each sled starts with a closed start gate. Upon an acoustic and visual signal, the gate opens and the timing begins. The time stops when the sled crosses the finish line. (reaction start if possible)
- No modification of equipment between the two runs;
- Only official sandpaper may be used;
- After the first run, sleds must be taken directly to a parc fermé located at the start area;
- Sleds may only be worked on by the respective athlete (except in case of damage);
- In case of damage, the Technical Delegate (TD) must be informed, inspect the sled, and be present if necessary during repairs. Repairs may be carried out by a coach;
- 2nd run: start order 20–1 based on the results of the first run.

Reason:

This does not fundamentally change the structure or execution of the World Cup. However, it creates significantly greater opportunities for storytelling around the World Cup, which will ultimately have a positive impact on media presentation. Initially, only one SSM per season is planned. After several years of evaluation, multiple SSM events per season could also be considered.

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

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Sport Commission	§3, 6.7.8 Motion No.: 11 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

6.7.8 Competition schedule:

- All four sleds of one team start one after the other from one start height.
- The first sled starts with the start gate closed. Upon an audible and visual signal, the gate opens, and the timing begins. Arriving at the finish, the athlete releases the contact to open the start gate by hand at the touch pad. The time is still running.
- The second sled may start as soon as the gate opens.
- The start of the third and fourth starter is analogous to the start of the second one.
- Starters number 2, 3, 4 receive two signals (announcements / sound of a horn) indicating where the slider currently is, as an orientation to the time approximately remaining until the start.
- As soon as the fourth starter reaches the touch pad, the time stops and the overall time for the relay team is determined.
- Between the first and the second starter as well as between the second and the third starter a split time is kept between the opening of the start gate and the first light barrier in which the reaction time is registered.
- The start interval per team is fixed at approx. 4 minutes.
- If an athlete does not trigger the touch pad with his hand, that Team Relay team is disqualified.

New Text:

6.7.8 Competition schedule:

- All four sleds of one team start one after the other from one start height.
- The first sled starts with the start gate closed. Upon an audible and visual signal, the gate opens, and the timing begins. Arriving at the finish, the athlete releases the contact to open the start gate by hand at the touch pad. The time is still running.
- The second sled may start as soon as the gate opens.
- The start of the third and fourth starter is analogous to the start of the second one.
- Starters number 2, 3, 4 receive two signals (announcements / sound of a horn) indicating where the slider currently is, as an orientation to the time approximately remaining until the start.
- As soon as the fourth starter reaches the touch pad, the time stops and the overall time for the relay team is determined.
- Between the first and the second starter as well as between the second and the third starter a split time is kept between the opening of the start gate and the first light barrier in which the reaction time is registered.
- ~~The start interval per team is fixed at approx. 4 minutes.~~
- If an athlete misses or does not trigger the touch pad with his hand, that Team Relay team is ranked as DNF ~~disqualified~~.

Reason:

Simplified handling in the results management system.

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

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Sport Commission	§3, 6.8.3 Motion No.: 12 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

6.8.3 Start order World Cup / World Championships

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

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

New Text:

6.8.3 Start order World Cup / World Championships

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

- The points from the top ranked athletes from each nation will be combined to form the ranking for Nation Team 1.
- The points from the second-ranked athletes from each nation will be combined to form Nation Team 2 ranking if possible.
- In the case of an International Team, the points from the top athlete from each nation entered in the respective disciplines for that team will be combined to form the ranking for the International Team.
- If the mixed event is held as the first discipline at a World Cup, the rule regarding the starting order at World Championships applies (see below).

Reason:

This rule already applied to the first WC of the 25/26 season and will occur more often.

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

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Sport Commission	§3, 6.8.4 Motion No.: 13 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

6.8.4 Competition procedure

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

New Text:

6.8.4 Competition procedure

- Both sleds of a Mixed Team start from their original starting heights (Men/Men's start, Women/Women's start, Doubles/Doubles start)
- The first sled starts in a >normal< way within 20 / 35 seconds; Arriving at the finish, the athlete releases the contact to open the start gate by hand at the touch pad. The clock continues to run.
- *The first sled starts with a reaction start. Upon an audible and clearly visible signal, the timing begins. Upon reaching the finish, the athlete manually triggers the touch pad to open the start gate. The clock continues to run.* *
- The second sled may start as soon as the gate opens.
- Starter number 2 receives two signals (announcements / sound of a horn) indicating where the slider currently is, as an orientation to the time approximately remaining until the start.
- As soon as the second starter reaches the touch pad, the time stops and the overall time for the mixed team is determined.
- For the first and the second starter a split time is kept in which the reaction time is registered.

- If an athlete misses or does not trigger the touch pad with their hand, that Mixed Team is ranked DNF ~~disqualified~~.

Reason:

Simplified handling in the results management system.

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

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Sport Commission	§3, 6.10.7 Motion No.: 14 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

No old Text

New Text:

6.10.7
The current Junior World Champions in each discipline (except Team Relay and Mixed events) are granted a Wild Card starting position for the final World Cup race of the season in which the respective Junior World Championships were held. If a Junior World Champion participates in the final World Cup of the season, the starting field will be expanded accordingly to include this athlete.

6.5.4
The current Junior World Champions may participate in the World Cup as additional starters in accordance with §3.6.10.7.

If the Junior World Champions are not part of the currently seeded group, they must compete in the Nations Cup. In any case, the Junior World Champions are qualified for the race—provided they meet the requirements according to §3.9—even if they receive a DNS, DSQ, or DNF in the Nations Cup.

They will receive their start number according to their placement in the Nations Cup; if applicable, this may be the final start number.

Reason:

Enhancing the status of the Junior World Championships. This may lead to increased motivation among the National Federations, and especially among the individual athletes.

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

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Sport Commission	§3, 10.6 Motion No.: 15 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

10.6 Team Relay Competition General Class / Team Competition Juniors

- The results of the team relay competition / team competition are based on the total cumulative time of the three sleds.
- Overall rankings of the NFs will be made at the end of all competitions.
- The points will be allocated according to the World Cup rankings.
- Should there be a tie between two or more teams, the times from all competitions will be added and ranked accordingly.

10.7 Overall World Cup (General Class) -

- All WC results (Classic and Sprint) are taken into account in the evaluation of the FIL Overall World Cup.
- The addition of all World Cup points (from the Sprint and classic World Cup) results in the placement in the FIL Overall World Cup.
  The athlete/pair of athletes with the highest score is the winner.

10.8 Disciplines World Cup (General Class) -
The addition of the WC points in the disciplines results in the WC discipline winners
• women's singles
• men's singles
• women's doubles
• men's doubles
• women's S-Sprint
• men's S-Sprint
• women's Doubles Sprint
• men's Doubles Sprint

10.9 Team Relay Overall World Cup -
The NF with the highest score wins the overall Team Relay World Cup.

New Text:

10.6 Team Relay Competition General Class / Team Competition Juniors

- The results of the team relay competition / team competition are based on the total cumulative time of the ~~three~~ 4 sleds.
- Overall rankings of the NFs will be made at the end of all competitions.
- The points will be allocated according to the World Cup rankings.
- ~~Should there be a tie between two or more teams, the times from all competitions will be added and ranked accordingly.~~

10.7 Overall World Cup (General Class) -

- All WC results ~~(Classic and Sprint)~~ are taken into account in the evaluation of the FIL Overall World Cup.
- The addition of all World Cup points ~~(from the Sprint and classic World Cup)~~ results in the placement in the FIL Overall World Cup.
  The athlete/pair of athletes with the highest score is the winner.

~~10.8 Disciplines World Cup (General Class) -~~
~~The addition of the WC points in the disciplines results in the WC discipline winners~~
~~• women's singles~~
~~• men's singles~~
~~• women's doubles~~
~~• men's doubles~~
~~• women's S-Sprint~~
~~• men's S-Sprint~~
~~• women's Doubles Sprint~~
~~• men's Doubles Sprint~~

10.~~9~~ 8 Team Relay Overall World Cup -
The NF with the highest score wins the overall Team Relay World Cup.

10.8 Mixed Singles / Mixed Doubles Overall World Cup -
The NF with the highest score wins the overall Mixed Singles / Mixed Doubles World Cup

Reason:

Adaptation from 2024

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

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Sport Commission	§3, 6.11.10 Motion No.: 16 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

No old text

New Text:

6.11.10

Mixed singles and mixed doubles events may be held at the Junior World Championships. The detailed planning is the responsibility of the FIL Sport Director. The mixed event shall be conducted in accordance with §3 6.8.

Reason:

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

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Sport Commission	§:3, 9 Motion No.:17 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

9. Authorization to participate in competition

An athlete is authorized to participate in a competition, if

a) he/she meets the minimum requirement for competition (FIL WCh § 3, 6.1.2), JWCh § 3, 6.9.6),
b) he/she participated in the training,
c) he/she achieved a time difference of up to a maximum of 7% from the group's best time in one of his/her official training runs in the respective group during one of their scheduled training sessions.
This rule is only applied for youth A class, at the Youth Olympic Games (YOG).
d) he/she has completed safely two training runs,
This rule is valid for all youth A competitions. (except for the YOG)
e) At one event, an athlete may only start in one age group (JWC).
Exception: In the junior team competition, youth A athletes can also start if the youth A discipline start height is the same as the competition start height of the team competition.
f) he/she does not participate as an official in this competition.

New Text:

9. Authorization to participate in competition

An athlete is authorized to participate in a competition, if

a) he/she meets the minimum requirement for competition (FIL WCh § 3, 6.1.2), JWCh § 3, 6.9.6),
b) he/she participated in the training,
c) he/she achieved a time difference of up to a maximum of 7% from the group's best time in one of his/her official training runs in the respective group during one of their scheduled training sessions.
This rule is only applied for youth A class, at the Youth Olympic Games (YOG).
d) Two official training runs must have been completed safely;
This rule applies to all FIL competitions except the Youth Olympic Games.
e) At one event, an athlete may only start in one age group (JWC).
Exception: In the junior team competition, youth A athletes can also start if the youth A discipline start height is the same as the competition start height of the team competition.
f) he/she does not participate as an official in this competition.

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Reason:

Clarification regarding previous ambiguous description.

What other paragraphs/points would need to be changed accordingly?:
none

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: USA	§: 4, 3.3.5 Motion No.: 18 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

None

New Text:

The permanent TD during sled inspections may use whatever tools or technology he or she deems necessary to ensure sleds conform to the rules in the IRO. The permanent TD may use these tools or technology without prior notification to the NFs.

Reason:

As the FIL moves more towards standardization of sleds, all tools and inspection technologies should be available to ensure all nations are in compliance with the rules.

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

Possibly §5 point 3.2.1.e.

IRO Amendment 2026

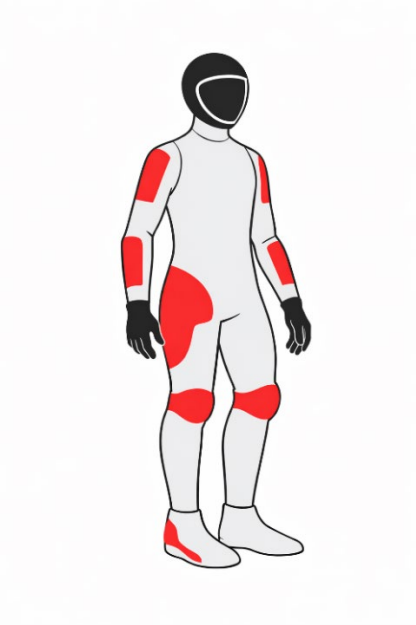
Applicant: Technical Commission	§:5 2 d Motion No.:19 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

General Regulations on Equipment

a) All items of race clothing, including helmet and luge shoes, must conform to or be adapted to the body contours of the competitor.
b) Only products that have been approved by the Medical Commission in consultation with the Technical Commission are permitted for body protection between the head and upper body. The guidelines for these products are provided in a separate set of regulations.
c) A neck strap is permitted; however, it may not lead to (or cause) an aerodynamically improved form of the race clothing.
d) Additional protective equipment (pad(s)) must conform to the competitor's body contour and is permitted to be a maximum of 10 mm in thickness.
e) The additional weight worn on the body must be carried in the torso and/or thigh area and must not be able to shift freely. It should be attached and distributed in such a manner that bruises or other injuries will not occur.
f) Additional weight, including fixings and body protection, may not exceed a maximum thickness of 20 mm except on the back of the competitor where it can be maximum 30 mm thick in an area which is 25 cm wide and centered on the axis of the body.
g) Each competitor must use proper race clothing in training and competition.

New Text:



a) All items of race clothing, including helmet and luge shoes, must conform to or be adapted to the body contours of the competitor.
b) Only products that have been approved by the Medical Commission in consultation with the Technical Commission are permitted for body protection between the head and upper body. The guidelines for these products are provided in a separate set of regulations.
c) A neck strap is permitted; however, it may not lead to (or cause) an aerodynamically improved form of the race clothing.
d) ~~Additional protective equipment (pad(s)) must conform to the competitor's body contour and is permitted to be a maximum of 10 mm in thickness.~~ For body protection, protectors are permitted only for those parts of the body which are endangered by impact against the walls while sliding on the track. They must conform to the athlete's body shape and must not exceed a maximum thickness of 10 mm. (see drawing, marked in red)
e) The additional weight worn on the body must be carried in the torso and/or thigh area and must not be able to shift freely. It should be attached and distributed in such a manner that bruises or other injuries will not occur.
f) Additional weight, including fixings and body protection, may not exceed a maximum thickness of 20 mm except on the back of the competitor where it can be maximum 30 mm thick in an area which is 25 cm wide and centered on the axis of the body.
g) Each competitor must use proper race clothing in training and competition.

Reason:

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

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Technical Commission	§:5 3.h Motion No.:20 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

Inspection of the sled and race equipment

a) All inspections of the sled must be carried out with appropriate expenditure of force and without excess use of force. The inspections must not lead to any damage to the sled.

b) Checking the sled dimensions is done in a right angle to the vertical and horizontal middle axis of the component being inspected.

c) During the measuring process, the sled must be lying on the table on its own without the support of an official.

d) Positions for inspecting the length of the sled pod: Singles Doubles front man supine sitting, knees extended, belt on Doubles back man supine

e) At the first World Cup event of every season, all sleds are to be presented to the TD for the measuring of the pod. In the event of a positive evaluation, on official FIL sticker is put onto the sled.

f) If an athlete makes changes to the pod during the season or enters the World Cup series at a later date, he has the weekly opportunity to present the sled for technical pre-inspection.

g) The pressure is measured by the TD with a mechanical device on the runner/steel, runner, bridge connector, and the steel-screw/bolt-connector and spots freely chosen.

h) The Executive Board annually decides on the pressure in Newton meters (Nm) to be used on the inspection device and the resulting maximum measurement value.

j) The inlay between runner and steel is measured using a digital sliding caliper adjusted to 1.1 mm. Inserts that can be moved freely through the sliding caliper are classified as conforming to the rules. The exchange of, or modifications to, the sled during a discipline are permitted in accordance with the rules.

k) The results of the inspections are to be noted in the official records.

New Text:

Inspection of the sled and race equipment

a) All inspections of the sled must be carried out with appropriate expenditure of force and without excess use of force. The inspections must not lead to any damage to the sled.

b) Checking the sled dimensions is done in a right angle to the vertical and horizontal middle axis of the component being inspected.

c) During the measuring process, the sled must be lying on the table on its own without the support of an official.

d) Positions for inspecting the length of the sled pod: Singles Doubles front man supine sitting, knees extended, belt on Doubles back man supine

e) At the first World Cup event of every season, all sleds are to be presented to the TD for the measuring of the pod. In the event of a positive evaluation, on official FIL sticker is put onto the sled.

f) If an athlete makes changes to the pod during the season or enters the World Cup series at a later date, he has the weekly opportunity to present the sled for technical pre-inspection.

g) The pressure is measured by the TD with a mechanical device on the runner/steel, runner, bridge connector, and the steel-screw/bolt-connector and spots freely chosen.

h) ~~The Executive Board annually decides on the pressure in Newton meters (Nm) to be used on the inspection device and the resulting maximum measurement value.~~

For measurement with the testing device, the following torques (Nm) and maximum permissible measurement values shall apply:

Pressure measurement runner/steel, runner, bridge box:

- Preload: 2 Nm
- Measuring torque: 7 Nm
- Maximum permissible value: 1 mm

Measurement of steel/screw/bushing:

- Preload: 1 Nm
- Measuring torque: 3 Nm
- Maximum permissible value: 1 mm

j) The inlay between runner and steel is measured using a digital sliding caliper adjusted to 1.1 mm. Inserts that can be moved freely through the sliding caliper are classified as conforming to the rules. The exchange of, or modifications to, the sled during a discipline are permitted in accordance with the rules.

k) The results of the inspections are to be noted in the official records.

Reason:

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

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant:Technical Commission	§:5 2.4 Motion No.:21 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

Race Suit, training/competition
a) It is mandatory to wear a race suit.
b) For race suits, only textile fabrics may be used, the exterior surface of which must not be plasticized or otherwise sealed.
c) It has to be possible for each National Federation to buy the racing suit material or finished racing suits from all the respective manufacturers. d) The race suit has to end in the middle of the foot.
e) If the race suit is fastened up over the heel, then the heel has to be a part of the suit.
f) If the race suit ends in the ankle-part, it must have a strap.
g) It is forbidden to tape the race suit to the foot or to the socks.
h) Bootie covers are forbidden.

New Text:

Race Suit, training/competition :

a) It is mandatory to wear a race suit.
b) For race suits, only textile fabrics may be used, the exterior surface of which must not be plasticized or otherwise sealed.
c) It has to be possible for each National Federation to buy the racing suit material or finished racing suits from all the respective manufacturers.
d) The race suit has to end in the middle of the foot.
e) If the race suit is fastened up over the heel, then the heel has to be a part of the suit.
f) If the race suit ends in the ankle-part, it must have a strap.
g) It is forbidden to tape the race suit to the foot or to the socks.
h) Bootie covers are forbidden.
i) Hoods, as well as integrated padding or inserts, are not permitted, except for body protection according to § 5 point 2.

Reason:

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

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Technical Commission	§:5;3.2.1 Motion No.:22 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

World Cup Singles	1st Run	2x RED, 1x RED/BLUE from the seeded group 3x RED from the remaining competitors
	2nd Run	BLUE from the 1st run 1 Sled from the 1st - 3rd placed athletes (BLUE)
World Cup Doubles	1st Run	2x RED, 1x RED/BLUE from all competitors
	2nd Run	BLU from the 1st run 1 Sled from the 1st - 3rd placed athletes (BLUE)
World Cup Team Relay	1 Run	2x RED, 1x RED/BLUE from all competitors
Sprint WC Men's/Women's/ Doubles	1 Run	2x RED, 1x RED/BLUE from all competitors
Championships, OWG Singles	1st Run and 3rd Run	2x RED, 1x RED/BLUE from the seeded group 3x RED from the remaining competitors
	2nd Run and 4th Run	Steel temperature of the best 10 Athlete pairs in the 1st or 3rd Run BLUE from the 1st or 3rd Run 1st -3rd placed athletes in the 2nd or 4th Run (BLUE)
Championships, OWG Doubles	1st Run	2x RED, 1x RED/BLUE from all competitors
	2nd Run	Steel temperature of the best 10 athlete pairs in the 1st Run BLU from the 1st Run 1st -3rd placed athletes (BLUE)
Championships Team Relay	1 Run	2x RED, 1x RED/BLUE from all competitors 1 Sled from 1st -3rd placed athletes (BLUE)
Sprint Championships Men's/Women's/ Doubles	1 Run	2x RED, 1x RED/BLUE from all competitors 1st-3rd placed athletes (BLUE)

New Text:

World Cup Singles	1st Run	2x RED, 1x RED/BLUE from the seeded group 3x RED from the remaining competitors
	2nd Run	BLUE from the 1st run 1 Sled from the 1st - 3rd placed athletes (BLUE)
World Cup Doubles	1st Run	2x RED, 1x RED/BLUE from all competitors
	2nd Run	BLU from the 1st run 1 Sled from the 1st - 3rd placed athletes (BLUE)
World Cup Team Relay	1 Run	2x RED, 1x RED/BLUE from all competitors
Sprint WC Men's/Women's/ Doubles	1 Run	2x RED, 1x RED/BLUE from all competitors
Championships, OWG Singles	1st Run and 3rd Run	2x RED, 1x RED/BLUE from the seeded group 3x RED from the remaining competitors
	2nd Run and 4th Run	Steel temperature of the best 10 Athlete pairs in the 1st or 3rd Run BLUE from the 1st or 3rd Run 1st -3rd placed athletes in the 2nd or 4th Run (BLUE)
Championships, OWG Doubles	1st Run	2x RED, 1x RED/BLUE from all competitors
	2nd Run	Steel temperature of the best 10 athlete pairs in the 1st Run BLU from the 1st Run 1st -3rd placed athletes (BLUE)
Championships, OWG Team Relay	1 Run	2x RED, 1x RED/BLUE from all competitors 1 Sled from 1st -3rd placed athletes (BLUE)
Sprint Championships Men's/Women's/ Doubles	1 Run	2x RED, 1x RED/BLUE from all competitors 1st-3rd placed athletes (BLUE)
World Cup, Championships Mixed Singles / Mixed Doubles Event	1 Run	4x RED, 1x RED/BLUE from all competitors 1 Sled from 1st -3rd placed athletes (BLUE)

Reason:

Until now, the IRO has not contained a specifically defined procedure for the drawing of the athlete to be inspected in the OWG Team Relay. Furthermore, the World Cup regulations have not precisely established the procedure for the Mixed Singles and Mixed Doubles events procedure for the drawing of the athlete to be inspected.

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

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Medical Commission / Executive Board	§ 6, 4 Motion No.: 23 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

No old text

New Text:

§ 6, 4. Medical Examination after a Crash

a) All athletes who crash and/or are recorded as DNF must be examined by the track medical team; for each athlete, a FIL injury form must be completed by the track medical team.

b) The FIL Technical Delegate and/or the Race Director are entitled to require athletes to undergo a medical examination at any time.

c) The injury form shall be completed by the track medical team.

d) The medical examination shall be carried out, depending on the situation, at trackside near the crash area, in the finish area, or at the medical station. The athlete is obliged to report immediately to the track medical team after a crash.

e) The athlete must sign the form confirming that the examination has been carried out and that he/she wishes to continue training or competition on the same day; participation is only permitted with medical clearance (“Fit to Slide”).

f) If the track medical team determines that the athlete is not fit to continue training or competition, the athlete may not start again on that day; consultation with the respective team medical doctor is possible but does not override the decision of the track medical team.

g) An athlete who is not permitted to continue on the same day must be examined and cleared by the team medical staff or an external medical provider before returning to participation on the following day. (“Fit to Slide”)

h) If an athlete refuses to undergo examination, he/she is not permitted to continue until the examination has been completed; in such cases, the track medical team must immediately inform the Race Director, FIL Sport Director, and Technical Delegate.

i) The decision of the track medical team on the day of the incident is final and cannot be overturned.

j) The examination shall be carried out as quickly as possible in order to avoid unnecessary delays to training or competition if no injury is present.

k) The completed forms must be sent by the track medical team daily or at the latest at the end of the event to the FIL email address indicated on the form.

l) This regulation serves the safety of the athletes and the proper conduct of the event.

Reason:

The introduction of this regulation is essential for athlete safety. After crashes or heavy impacts, there is a significant risk that injuries—especially head injuries—are not recognized or are underestimated by the athlete. The mandatory medical examination therefore serves the athletes' self-protection by preventing them from continuing to compete under pressure despite potential health impairments.

At the same time, the rule establishes clear responsibilities and ensures that decisions regarding an athlete's fitness to compete are based solely on an objective medical assessment. This significantly reduces risks both for the athlete and for the safe conduct of the event.

This regulation was successfully tested during the 2025/2026 season at all FIL events and has already proven effective. The IBSF has applied a similar rule for many years.

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

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: USA / Executive Board	§:7, 1.3 Motion No.: 24 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

Approval of Advertising Surfaces
- By August 31 of each sport year, the layout of all advertising in its original shape, size and color has to be submitted electronically to the Technical Director for inspection and approval.
- In case of timely submission and compliance with the rules, written approval is issued.

New Text:

Approval of Advertising Surfaces
- By August 31 of each sport year, the layout of all advertising in its original shape, size and color has to be submitted electronically to the Technical Director for inspection and approval.
- In case of timely submission and compliance with the rules, written approval is issued.
- NFs can add sponsors after August 31 with the approval of the Technical Director.

Reason:

The text, as written, potentially prohibits the addition of a new sponsor mid-season. This could take revenue from a team unnecessarily. The amended language allows for more flexibility.

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

None

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: USA/Executive Board	§:7, 2.1 Motion No.: 25 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

2.1 **Race Clothing and other Clothing worn at the Field of Play**
National Federations (NFs) own the rights regarding advertising on the race clothing and sleds of their athletes. These rights may be exercised within the specifications set by the FIL:
a) Articles of clothing may carry manufacturers' identifications and/or trademarks of other sponsors.
b) The total surface of the trademarks together on the clothing (except head coverings, gloves and shoes) of one person shall not exceed 800 sq cm.
c) The complete surface can be divided into thirteen (13) parts at the most.
d) The complete surface of a single part may not exceed 200 sq cm.
e) Trademarks of the same sponsor may not appear one above the other or one beside the other.
f) The use of a manufacturer's specific graphic design - even though this design may also be registered - will not be counted as advertising spaces.
g) In addition to the designated advertising spaces, the placement of an emblem from a national institution such as the military, police, or a comparable supportive organization for sports on the racing suit and thermal clothing of an athlete is permitted. It is required that the athlete be a member of said institution or supportive organization. The maximum size of the emblem is 30 cm².

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b) The total surface of the trademarks together on the clothing (except head coverings, gloves and shoes) of one person shall not exceed ~~800~~ 1000 sq cm.
c) The complete surface can be divided into ~~thirteen (13)~~ fourteen (14) parts at the most.
d) The complete surface of a single part may not exceed 200 sq cm.
e) Trademarks of the same sponsor may not appear one above the other or one beside the other.
f) The use of a manufacturer's specific graphic design - even though this design may also be registered - will not be counted as advertising spaces.
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for sports on the racing suit and thermal clothing of an athlete is permitted. It is required that the athlete be a member of said institution or supportive organization. The maximum size of the emblem is 30 cm².

Reason: Adding logo space for new sponsors allows NFs to grow revenue streams, fan base and engagement for the sport overall. When companies are able to see their logo on an athlete, even if it is not in a prime area on the race suit or jacket, it adds to their sense of involvement in the sport and connection to the team. The FIL sponsor will always have the most valuable spot on the athlete (the bib) so adding more logos, does not take away value from our World Cup title sponsors.

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

None

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Sport Commission	§8, 1.1 Motion No.: 26 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

1. International Training Courses

1.1 The NF that is holding a FIL World Championship (General Class) or Junior World Championship must provide an International Training Week before the staging of the championship in the respective season.

a) At least 6 training days with a minimum of 3 training runs daily have to be offered to all interested National Federations.
b) All training opportunities must be equally available to all nations
c) The same number of training runs must be made available to all disciplines.
d) During the ITW no privileges are granted to athletes of the host nation.
e) Cancelled training runs must be replaced.
f) If the organizers do not adhere to this requirement, the Executive Board can reject the next application for an event.
g) International training courses are scheduled in the annual calendar as follows:
   - ITW (International Training Week): Organized and conducted by the respective track or NF
   - ITP (International Training Period): Organized and conducted by FIL officials

New Text:

1. International Training Courses

1.1 The NF that is holding a FIL World Championship (General Class) or Junior World Championship must provide an International Training ~~Week~~ Period ITP before the staging of the championship in the respective season.

a) The length of the ITW/ITP and the number of runs are determined by the sports director and published in the annual schedule. ~~At least 6 training days with a minimum of 3 training runs daily have to be offered to all interested National Federations.~~
b) All training opportunities must be equally available to all nations
c) The same number of training runs must be made available to all disciplines.
d) During the ITP~~W~~ no privileges are granted to athletes of the host nation.
e) Cancelled training runs must be replaced.
f) If the organizers do not adhere to this requirement, the Executive Board can reject the next application for an event.
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   - ITW (International Training Week): Organized and conducted by the respective track or NF
   - ITP (International Training Period): Organized and conducted by FIL officials

Reason:

For planning purposes, greater flexibility must be created. In recent years, the existing rule could only be applied to a limited extent and always required a decision by the Executive Board. The objective is to offer seven days of ITP.

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

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Sport Commission	§8, 3.3.1 Motion No.: 27 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

3.3 **Rules for World Cup training**

3.3.1. Number of training runs

a) All registered athletes receive 5 training runs (including Nations Cup and Seeded Training) over two or three official training days

b) Track newcomers* receive on the first training day an extra training run.
(* Newcomers are athletes that have not yet participated in a FIL competition (WC/NC/FIL
Championships/FIL-ITP) in the General Class in their discipline on this track. For doubles, this applies if the team in the same composition has never before participated in a doubles competition in the General Class at this track) Athletes in the Seeded Group are entitled to this run.

c) Athletes, who did not qualify through the Nations Cup for the WC race or did not qualify for the second run in the WC race, will receive an additional training run at the next WC of the ongoing season.

d) Paid training can be offered after consultation with the Sports Director. This must be integrated into the annual schedule and announced in the event invitation. The paid training is limited to 3 runs per starter.

New Text:

3.3 **Rules for World Cup training**

3.3.1. Number of training runs

a) All registered Nations Cup starters will receive 5 training runs on the official training days (excluding Nations Cup).

b) All registered athletes in the seeded group will receive 4 training runs on the official training days (excluding seeded training).

c) Track newcomers* receive on the first training day an extra training run.
(* Newcomers are athletes that have not yet participated in a FIL competition (WC/NC/FIL Championships/FIL-ITP) in the General Class in their discipline on this track. For doubles, this applies if the team in the same composition has never before participated in a doubles competition in the General Class at this track) Athletes in the Seeded Group are entitled to this run.

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Reason:
Simplification of the official training

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

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Sport Commission/ Technical Commission	§10, 4.2 Motion No.: 28 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

4.2 Timing System

a) Two independent timing systems, each consisting of at least one time measuring device, complete set of light beams and independent power supply, must be available and in operation during a competition (A and B systems).
b) The A system comprises all light beams for start, start time, three intermediate times and finish time for each start height as required by the rules.
c) The B system comprises at least the start and finish light beams for each start height to record the run time.
d) The time of day of both timing systems (A and B systems) must be synchronized and have an accuracy of 1.000th of a second.
e) Two evaluation and control computers for the timing system must be available and in operation during a competition.
f) The times measured by both timing systems must be recorded in both evaluation and control computers of the timing system.
g) In case of failure of the A system, the B system must be activated automatically. After this, the times measured by the B system will be used for the continuation of the competition. The times recorded by the A system up to this point will remain valid.
h) In case of failure of the evaluation and control computer currently operating, it must be possible to switch to the second computer for controlling the timing system within a short time frame. The ranking valid up to this point is to be saved.
i) A check list will be issued detailing the switching between the two timing systems and the two control computers.
j) Independently from the computer, the light beam times recorded by each timing system must be printed as daytimes on a corresponding timeline printer.
k) For external service providers an online data interface must be available through which they can obtain the measured light beam times (e. g. when TV graphics are required)
l) Uninterrupted power supply must be available for the timing system (time measuring devices and control computers) securing that at least the time of the current sled to the finish is recorded. The power supply of the light beams of the A and B systems must be independent from each other.
m) Start light signals must be available at all official start heights.

New Text:

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a) Two independent timing systems, each consisting of at least one time measuring device, complete set of light beams and independent power supply, must be available and in operation during a competition (A and B systems).

b) The A and B system comprises all light beams for start, start time, three intermediate times and finish time for each start height as required by the rules.

~~c) The B system comprises at least the start and finish light beams for each start height to record the run time.~~

d) The time of day of both timing systems (A and B systems) must be synchronized and have an accuracy of 1.000th of a second.

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Reason:

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

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: GER	§:10, 4.2 Motion No.:29 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

None

New Text:

n) All available light barriers and the resulting split times should be made available to the teams after each training session and competition.

Reason:
In order to improve the analysis of athletic performance and since third-party timekeeping is prohibited, the available options should be utilized.

What other paragraphs/points would need to be changed accordingly?:
Add §10 4.2 n

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Sport Commission	§10, 5.3 Motion No.: 30 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

5.3 The first and family name (last name) and start number of athletes who dropped out or who were disqualified are to be entered in the results lists with the times achieved up to that point. Under "dropped out ", all applicable athletes are classified as:

- DNS (did not start (e.g. sickness, injury)
- DNF (did not finish due to a crash)
- DSQ (disqualified for violation of the provisions of the IRO)

New Text:

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- DNS (did not start (e.g. sickness, injury)
- DNF (did not finish due to a crash)
- DSQ (disqualified for violation of the provisions of the IRO)
- DQB (disqualified for unsportsmanlike behavior)

Reason:

Taken from ORIS on the IOC and the Olympic Games

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

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Sport Commission	§10, 5.4 Motion No.: 31 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

No text

New Text:

5. Results

2.4 Annulment of records at DSQ

Track and/or start records set will be annulled in the event of disqualification (DSQ) for the respective race.

Reason:

No definition available yet. Should be in line with the IOC rules.

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

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Sport Commission	§12, 8 Motion No.: 32 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

8. Awards Ceremony and Conclusion of the Event

8.1 Procedure

The event organizer must hold the awards ceremony for the champions as well as for the second and third place finishers in each discipline immediately after the competition in the finish area as follows:

a) At the awards ceremony of all FIL competitions (FIL Championships, WC, TWC, SWC, JWC and (exception CC), flags of the Nations of the champions and the second and third place finishers must be raised.
b) During the ceremony, the champion's national anthem must be played (exception CC).
c) If there are less than three ranked athletes in one discipline, this awards ceremony will not be staged.
d) The staging of the official awards ceremony together with the flower ceremony is allowed.
e) In the event of a tie for first place, the anthems of the Nation of both competitors will be played in alphabetical order of family names.
f) In the case of a tie in doubles, the family name of the front man is used.
g) In the event of a tie, both flags will be raised.
h) The same procedure may take place at all international competitions.
i) The medals are presented to the top three finishers by the FIL representative. By the representative's absence, the chairperson of the jury awards them in a festive ceremony.
j) The announcement of the placed athletes for the award ceremony is made from third to first place.
k) The placed athletes are obligated to appear punctually for the award ceremony.

New Text:

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b) During the ceremony, the champion's national anthem must be played (exception CC).
c) The winners in places 1–3 (general class) and 1-6 (juniors and youth class) will be honored at the award ceremony.
d) If there are less than three ranked athletes in one discipline, this awards ceremony will not be staged.
e) The staging of the official awards ceremony together with the flower ceremony is allowed.
f) In the event of a tie for first place, the anthems of the Nation of both competitors will be played in alphabetical order of family names.
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k) The announcement of the placed athletes for the award ceremony is made from third to first place.
l) The placed athletes are obligated to appear punctually for the award ceremony.

Reason:

Honouring the athletes placed 1–6 in the Junior and Youth categories is sensible, as athletes from different nations often appear among the top six, which can serve as an additional motivation. However, in all races of the senior category, implementing a Top-6 award ceremony has proven to be very difficult. In some cases, athletes did not attend the award ceremony at World Championships or expressed strong dissatisfaction during the ceremony. Furthermore, organizing a Top-6 ceremony in the senior category is very challenging and often prevents the award ceremony from taking place immediately after the completion of the race runs

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

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: USA	§: Supp. 2, 2.4 Motion No.: 33 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

The period of instruction and qualification may not exceed six months measured from the beginning of instruction to the conclusion of the test.

New Text:

The period of instruction and qualification may not exceed ~~six months~~ one year measured from the beginning of instruction to the conclusion of the test.

Reason:

Accumulating the prescribed 22 hours of instruction from the beginning of instruction to the conclusion of the test is difficult to attain in six months. Limited competitions…

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

None

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Sport Commission	§ Supplement 3 Motion No.: 34 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

Supplement 3 Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights

New Text:

Completely remove from the IRO

Reason:
No longer in line with current practices and governed by numerous separate agreements with all parties involved.

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

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Sport Commission	§ Supplement 4 Motion No.: 35 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

Supplement 4 Olympic Rules

No text

New Text:

Supplement 4 Olympic Rules

2.7 Start numbers
For all training and competition runs in all events, start number bibs must be obtained from the manufacturer recommended by the FIL.

Reason:
At all OWG events to date, there have been challenges with the correct fit and quality of the start numbers. For all World Cups and World Championships, The FIL works with an excellent manufacturer of start numbers. In future, this must be taken into account at OWG events.

What other paragraphs/points would need to be changed accordingly?:
Supplement 4a – Youth Olympic Games (YOG)

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Sport Commission	§ Supplement 4 Motion No.: 36 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

Supplement 4 Olympic Rules

No text

New Text:

Supplement 4 Olympic Rules

2.6 Awarding titles at the Olympic Games
At least two runs are required to award titles in the singles competitions.
At least one run is required to award titles in the doubles competitions.

Reason:
Not defined in the IRO

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

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Sport Commission	§Supplement 4 Motion No.: 37 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

1.10 **International Training Courses on the Olympic Track**

a) The event organizers of the Olympic luge competitions are obligated to offer in the pre Olympics and the Olympic season altogether two International Training Weeks for all NFs.
b) At least 6 training days and a maximum of 10 training days, with at least 3 training runs per day are to be made available in each week.
c) The same number of training runs must be made available to all NF's.
d) Cancelled training runs must be replaced.
e) During these two International Training Weeks, no privileges are granted to athletes of the host nation.
f) The Executive Board of the FIL will decide on possible training restrictions during the Olympic season.
g) In regard to newly constructed Olympic tracks, no additional training runs can be completed prior to the Olympic Games outside of scheduled and approved FIL weeks, with the exception of the host nation.
h) All training opportunities must be equally available to all nations.
i) Agreements between individual National Federations regarding training runs outside training authorized by FIL on the "Olympic" track are forbidden when it results in a breach of the principle of "Fair Play" or a disadvantage for other athletes or National Federations.
j) A determination of a violation will result, at a minimum, in the loss of seeded placing in the Olympic Games, and possible additional sanctions as determined by the FIL Executive.

New Text:

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c) The same number of training runs must be made available to all NF's.
d) Cancelled training runs must be replaced.
e) During these two International Training Weeks, no privileges are granted to athletes of the host nation.
f) The Executive Board of the FIL will decide on possible training restrictions during the Olympic season.
g) In regard to ~~newly constructed~~ future Olympic tracks, no additional training runs may be completed outside of official approved FIL events, ITPs and competitions in the respective

pre-Olympic and Olympic seasons, with the exception of the host nation. ~~prior to the Olympic Games~~

h) All training opportunities must be equally available to all nations.

i) Agreements between individual National Federations regarding training runs outside training authorized by FIL on the "Olympic" track are forbidden when it results in a breach of the principle of "Fair Play" or a disadvantage for other athletes or National Federations.

j) A determination of a violation will result, at a minimum, in the loss of seeded placing in the Olympic Games, and possible additional sanctions as determined by the FIL Executive.

Reason:

For the upcoming Olympic Games in 2030 and 2034, clear regulations must be established to prevent significant organizational challenges. La Plagne is easily accessible for all nations in Central Europe, and the track remains open even in April. This could potentially create a considerable imbalance among nations. The same concern applies with regard to Utah 2034.

The host nation should naturally be granted a certain home advantage. However, this advantage must be clearly defined and, most importantly, it must not come at the expense of the FIL World Cup. For example, Italy chose not to participate in the European Championships in order to train in Cortina instead.

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

Supplement 4a Olympic Rules – Youth Olympic Games (YOG)

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Sport Commission	§Supplement 4 Motion No.: 38 ☒ Artificial Track ☐ Alpine Luge

Old text:

1.9 **Training**

The Olympic training will be regulated as follows:

- 1 systematic training run per discipline
- 6 training runs per discipline over 3 days

Training groups of NFs may be established by the FIL and the OC from the local organizer to standardize the group size.

- 1st training day, training by groups according to draw of NFs
- 2nd training day, training by groups in reversed order of NFs

Note: On the 1st and 2nd training days, nations with partnership programs may be placed into the same training group, but the draw within their group will be done by individual nations.

- 3rd training day: joint training according to new draw (no groupings, all nations drawn individually).

- Each day, in accordance with the draw
  - 1st training run first to last by NF,
  - track maintenance,
  - 2nd training run last to first by NF.

New Text:

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- 1st training day, training by groups according to draw of NFs
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Note: ~~On the 1st and 2nd training days~~ At all official training sessions, nations with partnership programs may be placed into the same training group. Partner nations will be drawn together as a block. The order within the block will be reversed in the second official practice session and the second practice run of the third official practice session.~~, but the draw within their group will be done by individual nations.~~ Partnerships will only be accepted if they have been communicated to the Sports Director before the respective season and have been implemented throughout the entire course of the season.

- 3rd training day: joint training according to new draw ~~(no groupings, all nations drawn individually).~~

- Each day, in accordance with the draw
  - 1st training run first to last by NF,
  - track maintenance,
  - 2nd training run last to first by NF.

Reason:

It does not make sense for nations to establish partnerships that are not applied during the most important race of the season. In many cases, the smaller partner nations are at a disadvantage, as less attention can be given to them due to the different starting positions.

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

Sports Director: Matthias Böhmer
Technical Director: Andris Sics

Proposal: IRO Supplement 4 and 4a

Situation:

Supplement 4 and 4a of the IRO address the regulations for the Olympic Games and the Youth Olympic Games. In accordance with the FIL Statutes, the authority to amend these regulations lies with the FIL Executive Board.

Due to the need for adjustments at short notice—most recently in preparation for Cortina—it is essential that these regulations can be adapted in a flexible and timely manner.

Proposal to the Executive:

Supplement 4 and 4a shall remain an integral part of the IRO. However, it shall be specified that these supplements are to be considered independent from the main body of the IRO and may therefore be amended separately by the Executive Board.

The reason for maintaining these supplements within the IRO, rather than as separate documents, is that they must, in many respects, be considered within the overall regulatory framework. This ensures better clarity and facilitates practical application for all stakeholders.

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IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Alpine Luge Commission	§2, 2.1 Motion No.: 1 ☐ Artificial Track ☒ Alpine Luge

Old text:

2.1 The Congress awards FIL championships a maximum of four years in advance.
The championships are awarded in response to written requests on the part of the National Federations.
The President of the FIL must receive the request eight weeks before the Congress.
Two years before the championship, either the official confirmation of the track, or a positive report by the Chairman of the Natural Track Construction Commission must be submitted to the Executive Board.
If one of the aforementioned requirements has not been met, the competition may be awarded to another event organizer.

New Text:

2.1 The Congress awards FIL championships a maximum of four years in advance.
The championships are awarded in response to written requests on the part of the National Federations.
The President of the FIL must receive the request eight weeks before the Congress.
~~Two years before the championship, either the official confirmation of the track, or a positive report by the Chairman of the Natural Track Construction Commission must be submitted to the Executive Board.~~
~~If one of the aforementioned requirements has not been met, the competition may be awarded to another event organizer.~~

At the time of application, a track homologation certification must be on file, or a positive assessment must be obtained from the chair of the Alpine Luge Track Construction Commission.
In the case of last-minute assignments or rescheduling, the Executive may assume this responsibility without notice.

Reason:

New tracks can be made available more quickly for championships

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

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Alpine Luge Commission	§3, 2.8 Motion No.: 2 ☐ Artificial Track ☒ Alpine Luge

Old text:

- Youth 1 Singles
- Youth 2 Singles
- Youth 3 Singles
- Youth 4 Singles

New Text:

- Youth ~~1~~ U8 Singles
- Youth ~~2~~ U10 Singles
- Youth ~~3~~ U12 Singles
- Youth ~~4~~ U14 Singles

Reason:

More understandability

What other paragraphs/points would need to be changed accordingly?:
§3, 3.1 and 3.2

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Alpine Luge Commission	§3, 5.3 Motion No.: 3 ☐ Artificial Track ☒ Alpine Luge

Old text:

5.3 **Team Competition**

5.3.1 A team consists of two singles athletes, one woman and one man. Teams with athletes from different nations are not permitted.
For each race, each nation may name different athletes to the team (see §10 Para. 1.6.3, Team starting procedure and Drawing 4).

5.3.2 Each nation is only permitted one team in each FIL competition.

In World Championships, Continental Championships and World Cups, at least five nations must submit a team otherwise, the competition shall not be held.

5.3.3 In the World Cup overall ranking, the points from the Team Competition may only be included in the team ranking and national ranking; the points are not assigned to the individual athletes.

For the overall World Cup victory, no separate points are added to the team ranking; points are, however, added to the national ranking from the team ranking.

New Text:

5.3 **Team Competition**

5.3.1 A team consists of two singles athletes, one woman and one man. Each nation may enter a maximum of two teams. Teams with athletes from different nations are not permitted except for nations that are unable to field their own team.
~~For each race, each nation may name different athletes to the team~~ Each nation has the option to nominate different athletes for the team in each race. (see §10 Para. 1.6.3, Team starting procedure and Drawing 4).

5.3.2 ~~Each nation is only permitted one team in each FIL competition.~~

In World Championships, Continental Championships and World Cups, at least five ~~nations must submit a team~~ teams must be submitted otherwise, the competition shall not be held.

5.3.3 ~~In the World Cup overall ranking, the points from the Team Competition may only be included in the team ranking and national ranking; the points are not assigned to the individual athletes.~~

In the overall World Cup ranking, points from the team competition may only be included in the team standings.

For the overall World Cup victory, no separate points are added to the team ranking; ~~points are, however, added to the national ranking from the team ranking.~~

Reason:

Because the team competition has often had to be cancelled due to lack of national teams

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

§12, 8.2

Amendment IRO 2026

Applicant: Commission	§ 5, points 1 and 2 Motion No.: 4 ☐ Artificial track ☒ Alpine luge

Old text:

1. **General Regulations** (see drawings no. 1+2, Page 47+48)

1.1 **Sled**

The sled must have a pair of single runners.
The primary components of the sled are:

- 2 runners
- Seat
- 2 "steels"
  The steels may not be divided crosswise nor be flexible. The outside edges of the steels must be rounded.
- 2 undivided bridges
  Only metal bridges are allowed.
- 2 hand guards "wings"
- 1 steering rein

Parts that are securely connected (immovable due to welding, bolting, etc.) are considered undivided. This holds true within the area of measurement E (300 mm).
The thickness of the bridge may never exceed 15 mm within measurement E; this is limited to 20 mm for doubles. See drawings 1+2, p. 47 + 48 (measurement I)
Bridges that are securely connected (immovable) may be angled.
Weld seams at the joints are permissible.
The connection from runner to runner must be one continuous piece between the attachment points to the runners.
All parts of the sled must be made accessible to the Technical Delegates and/or jury members and must be accessible to checking without technical difficulty.

1.2 **Steering**

Steering must result from the interaction of the above-mentioned primary components of the sled and may be assisted by stabilizer bars and reins.
On a doubles sled, steering may be assisted by foot supports for the back athlete.
Foot supports must be fastened to the upper edge of the runner and may not extend beyond the outer edge of the steel or above the height of the forward bridge middle section.
Mechanical braking devices are forbidden.

1.3 **Weight of the Sled**

Youth male and female	12,0 kg
Juniors male and female	14,5 kg
Women's and men's	14,5 kg
Doubles	20,0 kg

The weights stated above are maximum weights and include all attached accessories.

1.4 **Sled dimensions** (see drawings no. 1+2)

1.4.1 Measurement of the gauge at the inner edges of the running surfaces:
maximum 450 mm

maximum 400 mm for youth sled - measurement F

1.4.2 Inner spacing of the runners between the two bridges:
minimum 300 mm - measurement E
minimum 250 mm for youth sled - measurement E

1.4.3 Width of the sled including handles and hand guards:
maximum 600 mm - measurement H

1.4.4 Height of the sled from the highest point of the construction to the bottom edge of the sled:
maximum 250 mm - measurement D

1.4.5 The middle section of the forward bridge (pin) may not extend over the structure measurement C

1.4.6 Open angle of the steels:
maximum 45 degrees for singles
maximum 40 degrees for doubles
maximum 35 degrees for youth sled (steel steels are only permitted for youth I and II) - measurement A
The open angle/inclination of the steels must at no point exceed these angles over the entire length of the steel.
The front and back bridges of the youth sleds must be inserted into the runners within 50 mm (measurement K) from above.
Runner width: maximum 50 mm - measurement K
Runner height: maximum 65 mm - measurement L
A reinforced execution with sockets is permitted. This must be designed so that at least half of the bridge is inserted inside the runner (measurement K).

1.4.7 Hand guards for all classes on the outside of the runners from the middle of the front bridge to the middle of the rear bridge - measurement J
at least 50 mm from the inside of the running surfaces horizontally to the outside - measurement G
maximum 75 mm from the guard strip edge vertically to the ground - measurement B

1.4.8 The drawings are only for illustrating the regulation dimensions of equipment. They do not affect construction.

1.5 Pod

The pod may not extend beyond the front bridge by more than 200 mm.

1.6 Steels (see drawing no.3, Page 49)

1.6.1 Steels: width minimum 23 mm, the maximum 31 mm - measurement A
The running surface must not be concave (hollow ground).
The running surface of steels with a plastic insert is within the inner steel portion of the steel.
The running surface of steel steels is at least 3 mm wide measured from the inside edge of the steel.

1.6.2 Inside cutting angle of the steel, minimum 53° - measurement α

1.6.3 Measuring depth of the side edge: minimum 3 mm - measurement B
The measured surface may not be concave (hollow ground) in this area.

1.6.4 Height of the burr: maximum 0.09 mm, measurement C (measured perpendicular to the running surface)

1.6.5 At a maximum, the burr may extend the length of the side edge - sketch D

1.6.6 The contact surface on the steel edge of the steel must be flat so that the measuring equipment may be properly applied.

1.6.7 The measuring device for measuring the burr must have a scale gradation of 0.01 mm.

1.6.8 To precisely calibrate the dial gauge to zero, a polished official FIL gauge piece made of steel must be used. The contact surface of the reference piece must be at least as large as the contact surface of the measuring device.

1.7 **Measured Areas**

The above specified measurements and dimensions must be maintained over the entire sled, expect for the gauge measurement 400/450 mm. This measurement is measured from the middle of the front bridge to the middle of the back bridge (see paragraph 1.4.1).

New text:

Sled and Gear

1. **General Provisions**

1.1. **Sled**

The sled must be usable on both snow and ice.
The basic components of the sled are:
- 2 wooden runners
- 2 continuous wooden rails that extend beyond the front edge of the horns
- 2 one-piece seat bridges
- 1 seat pad
- 2 blades
- 2 protective strips
- 1 steering rein

The front and rear bridges must be inserted into the runners from above. A reinforced version with boxes is permitted.
The connection between the runners must consist of a single, unbroken piece up to the fastenings on the runners.
Parts that are connected in a single, i.e., rigid, immovable manner (by welding, screwing, gluing, etc.) are considered to be a single piece.
Angles on the bridges that are rigidly (immovably) connected are permitted. Welds at the connection points are permitted. The connection between the runners must be made of a single, unbroken piece up to the fastenings on the runners.
Side structures and additional attachments are not permitted.
Side panels may be attached within the runners to stabilize the seat. However, these must not protrude beyond the runners by more than 2 cm at any point. The maximum dimension of 25 cm must be observed.

All parts of the Alpine sled must be accessible to the technical delegates and/or jury members and must be inspectable without significant technical effort.

1.2. **Steering mechanism**

The steering mechanism must function using the aforementioned basic components and may be assisted by tie rods and steering belts.
Mechanical braking devices are not permitted.

1.3. **Weight of the Alpine Luge**

Junior boys and girls max. 13.5 kg

Women and men max. 13.5 kg
The weights listed are maximum weights and include the entire sled.

1.4. **Dimensions of the sled** (see Drawing 1, page XX)

1.4.1. Track width measured at the inner edge of the running surfaces: maximum 450 mm - Dimension **A**
1.4.2. Total width of the alpine luge sled: 600 mm - Dimension **B**
1.4.3. The total height of the structure, including the blade, must not exceed 250 mm. -Dimension **C**
1.4.4. The front center section of the frame (pin) must not protrude beyond the body.
1.4.5. The front and rear bridges have a minimum height of 80 mm, measured from the lower edge of the running blade to the lower edge of the support - Dimension **D**
1.4.6. The distance between the top edge of the rear bridge and the bottom edge of the hanging hole of the seat in the area of the rear bridge must be at least 55 mm. (measured at the end of the bridge) Dimension **E**
1.4.7. Runner blade clearance angle: max. 40° and min. 38° - Dimension **F**
The clearance angle, i.e., the slope of the track, must not at any point.
1.4.8. Runner width max. 44 mm including boxes and reinforcements (connecting elements such as screws, etc. excluded) - Dimension **G**
Skid height max. 65 mm – Dimension **H**
The front and rear bridges must be inserted into the runners within the 44 mm . A reinforced version with boxes is permitted.
1.4.9. Protective strips on the outside of the runners from the center of the front block to the center of the rear block are mandatory.
Minimum width of the protective strip: 50 mm, measured horizontally from the inside of the running surface the outside. – Dimension **I**
Maximum height of the protective strip: 75 mm, measured vertically downward from the edge of the protective strip.
Dimension **J**

1.5 Blades (see Drawing 3, page XX)

Only steel blades may be used. Non-ferrous metal blades, coated blades, and blades coated with plastic or other sliding surfaces are not permitted.
Maximum thickness of the steel blade: 7 mm (over the entire length)

1.5.1 Blades: minimum width 23 mm, maximum 44 mm - Dimension **K**
The running surface must not be concave (hollow).

The running surface of steel blades is at least 3 mm wide, measured from the inner edge of the blade.

1.5.2 Inner cutting angle of the running blade, minimum 60° - Dimension **L**

1.5.3 Measuring depth of the side edge: at least 3 mm - Dimension **M**

In this area, the measuring surface must not be concave (hollow).

1.5.4 Height of the burr: maximum 0.09 mm, dimension **N** (measured perpendicular to the running surface)

1.5.5 The burr must not extend beyond the side edge. - Sketch **O**

1.5.6 There must be a flat contact surface along the edge of the blade to ensure that the properly position the measuring devices.

1.5.7 The measuring device used to measure the burr height must have a scale division of 0.01 mm.

1.5.8 To accurately zero the dial gauge, a polished official FIL reference piece made of . The contact surface of the reference piece must be at least as large as the contact surface of the measuring device.

2. **Youth sled**

2.1 General Provisions (See Drawing 2, Page XX)

The youth sled must have a single pair of runners.
The basic components of the racing sled are:

- 2 runners
- seat cushion
- 2 runners

  The runners must not be split crosswise or flexible. The outer edges must be chamfered.
- 2 solid seat bridges

  Only metal bridges are permitted.
- 2 protective strips
- 1 steering strap

Parts that are rigidly (immovably) connected (by welding, screws, etc.) are considered undivided: this applies to the area within dimension **P** (250 mm).
The material thickness of the bridge must not exceed 15 mm at any point within dimension **P**. (Dimension **Q**) See Drawing No. 2, page XX
Angles on the bridges that are rigidly (immovably) connected are permitted.
Welds at the connection points are permitted.
The connection from runner to runner must consist of a single, undivided piece up to the fastenings on the runners.
All parts of the youth sled must be accessible to the Technical Delegates and/or the jury members and must be inspectable without significant technical effort

2.2 Steering Mechanism

The steering mechanism must function based on the operation of the aforementioned basic components and may be supported by struts and steering straps.

Mechanical braking devices are prohibited.

2.3 Weight of the youth luge

Male and female youth 12 kg

The weights listed are maximum weights and include attached accessories .

2.4 Dimensions of the youth sled (see Drawing 2, page XX)

2.4.1 Track width measured at the inner edge of the running surfaces: maximum 400 mm - Dimension **A**

2.4.2 Inner distance between the runners at the two bridges: at least 250 mm - Dimension **P**

2.4.3 Width of the youth sled, including handholds and protective strips: maximum 600 mm - Dimension **B**

2.4.4 Total height of the youth sled from the highest point of the structure to the lowest edge of the luge: maximum 250 mm - Dimension **C**

2.4.5 The front center section of the frame (pin) must not protrude beyond the body.

2.4.6 Blade angle: maximum 35 degrees (steel blades only permitted for the U8 U8 and U10) - Dimension **F**

The clearance angle / slope of the track must not exceed these degrees at any point.

The front and rear bridges of youth sleds must be inserted into the **bridges** from the top into the runners.

Maximum runner width 50 mm - Dimension **G**

Maximum runner height: 65 mm – Dimension **H**

A reinforced design with boxes is permitted. These must be designed so that at least half of the bridges are inserted within the runner (dimension **G**).

2.4.7 Protective strips on the outside of the runners from the center of the front bridges to the center of the rear bridge.

at least 50 mm horizontally outward from the inner sides of the running surfaces—Dimension **I**

a maximum of 75 mm vertically downward from the edge of the protective strip—dimension **J**

2.4.8 The drawings serve solely to illustrate the regulated equipment dimensions. They have no bearing on the construction.

2.5 **Casing of the youth sled**

The sled's fairings must not protrude more than 200 mm beyond the front support .

2.6 **Blades** (see drawing 3, page XX)

2.6.1 Blades: minimum width 23 mm, maximum width 44 mm - Dimension **K**

The running surface must not be concave (hollow).

For coated blades, the running surface is the inner steel portion of the blade.

The running surface of steel blades is at least 3 mm wide, measured from the inner edge of the blade.

2.6.2 Inner cutting angle of the blade, minimum 53° - Dimension **L**

2.6.3 Measuring depth of the side edge, at least 3 mm - Dimension **M**

In this area, the measuring surface must not be concave (hollow).

2.6.4 Maximum burr height 0.09 mm, dimension **N** (measured perpendicular to the running surface)

2.6.5 The burr must not extend beyond the side edge. - Sketch **O**

2.6.6 There must be a flat contact surface at the blade steel edge to allow the properly position the measuring devices.

2.6.7 The measuring device used to measure the burr height must have a scale division of 0.01 mm.

2.6.8 To precisely zero the dial gauge, a polished official FIL reference piece made of . The contact surface of the reference piece must be at least as large as the contact surface of the measuring device.

2.7 **Measurement Ranges**

All defined dimensions must be maintained across the entire sled.

The exception is the track width (dimension **A**), 400 mm; this dimension is measured from the center of the front bridge to the center of the rear bridge. (See Section 2.4.1)

Rationale:

Regulations for new luge sleds starting with the 2027/28 season

Which other paragraphs/points would need to be amended accordingly?

Drawings 1 + 2 + 3

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Alpine Luge Commission / Medical Commission / Executive Board	§6, 1 Motion No.: 5 ☐ Artificial Track ☒ Alpine Luge

Old text:

1. **General Regulations**

During the official training and race runs of any FIL competition, the following must be available:

A race physician with knowledge of emergency care must be at the track.

A minimum of one ambulance with one paramedic/ambulance officer. The ambulance must also be equipped with appropriate resuscitation equipment and be suitable/capable of accessing all roads around and along the track. The ambulance crew must be placed in such a way that, in accordance with the local conditions, immediate pick up of any ill or injured person is possible from all areas of the track.

Should the race physician and/or the ambulance be medically required, the race and official training must be interrupted until their services according to the above-mentioned regulations are again guaranteed.

New Text:

1. **General Regulations**

During the official training and race runs of any FIL competition, the following must be available:

A race physician with knowledge of emergency care must be at the track.

~~A minimum of one ambulance with one paramedic/ambulance officer. The ambulance must also be equipped with appropriate resuscitation equipment~~ and be suitable/capable of ~~accessing all roads around and along the track. The ambulance crew must be placed in such a way that, in accordance with the local conditions, immediate pick up of any ill or injured person is possible from all areas of the track.~~

~~Should the race physician and/or the ambulance be medically required, the race and official training must be interrupted until their services according to the above-mentioned regulations are again guaranteed.~~

Mountain rescue services must be equipped with a vehicle or transport device capable of accessing all roads along and near the track, or positioned in such a way that, depending on local conditions, the rapid pickup and transport of the sick or injured person from all areas

of the track is possible. An ambulance staffed by a paramedic is required if prompt transport cannot be guaranteed from the outset.
If the race doctor and/or mountain rescue are called upon for medical assistance, the race or official training must be suspended until their operational readiness is restored in accordance with the above provisions.
The transport of the injured or ill person must be guaranteed within a short time.

Reason:

Since the ambulance crew does not enter the iced tracks to rescue injured athletes, the mountain rescue team is better equipped for these operations.

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

§6, 2

Amendment IRO 2026

Applicant: Commission	§ 9, 1 Motion No.: 6 ☐ Artificial track ☒ Alpine luge

Old text:

1. Entries

Athletes are to be entered in accordance with the deadlines and procedures in the invitation.
The naming of athletes for FIL championships and World Cups (General Class and Junior's) are to be provided solely by the National Federations.

New text:

1. Entries

Athletes are to be entered in accordance with the deadlines and procedures in the invitation.
For double World Cups, registration for both World Cups must be completed by the registration deadline for the first World Cup. All athletes registered for the first and second World Cups are eligible to participate in training.
The naming of athletes for FIL championships and World Cups (General Class and Junior's) is to be provided solely by the National Federations.

Reason:

Registration for a race must always take place before the first team captains' meeting and before the first training session.

Which other paragraphs/sections would need to be amended accordingly?

Amendment IRO 2026

Applicant: Commission	§ 10, 1.2.1 Motion No.: 7 ☐ Artificial track ☒ Alpine luge

Old text:

1.2.1 Inspections at the Start

- Weight check of the sled
- Temperature check of the steels
- Dimensions of the sled
- Fixation of start number
- Presence of safety equipment (including hand protectors, helmets, brake shoes and ankle braces (born 1996 or younger)

Any violations of the control measurements at the start must be recorded in a log. After the official control measurement, the sled may not be removed from the start area (unless the start is interrupted).
The weight of the sled is checked in the start area with a calibrated scale before each run.
A calibrated weight of at least 1 kg must be available at the start.
The scale must reflect incremental units of 100 g.

No more than two “controlled” sleds may be in the start area.
In parallel and eliminator races, the checking of the sled at the start may be omitted as of the quarter finals, or the round including the last 10. However, safety equipment must still be checked.

New text:

1.2.1 Inspections at the Start

- Weight check of the sled
- Temperature check of the steels
- Dimensions of the sled
- Fixation of start number
- Presence of safety equipment (including hand protectors, helmets, brake shoes and ankle braces (born 1996 or younger)

Any violations of the control measurements at the start must be recorded in a log. After the official control measurement, the sled may not be removed from the start area (unless the start is interrupted).
The weight of the sled is checked in the start area with a calibrated* scale before each run.
A calibration weight of at least 1 kg must be available at the start for calibrating the scale.
The scale must reflect incremental units of 100 g.

No more than two “controlled” sleds may be in the start area.

In parallel and eliminator races, the checking of the sled at the start may be omitted as of the quarter finals, or the round including the last 10. However, safety equipment must still be checked.

Reason:

* German adjustment, English stays the same

Because the scales must be officially calibrated at regular intervals.

Which other paragraphs/sections would need to be amended accordingly?

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Alpine Luge Commission	§10, 2.2.3 Motion No.: 8 ☐ Artificial Track ☒ Alpine Luge

Old text:

2.2.3 The current names of the seeded athletes are identified as follows:

2.2.3.1 Women from nations ranking 1-10, corresponding to the last women's World Cup nations ranking:
From the World Cup total points ranking of the women according to the final tally of the current World Cup overall ranking
If the points are equivalent, the seeded athletes shall be determined as follows for the relevant race:
- the fastest qualification run time breaks the tie.
- if the qualification run times are the same, the fastest training run time breaks the tie.
Should any athlete(s) be missing from the women's seeded group, no non-seeded athlete(s) shall move up. The seeded places are assigned by name based on the above-described overall point ranking and are non-transferable.

2.2.3.2 Men from nations ranking 1-10, corresponding to the last men's World Cup nations ranking:
From the World Cup total points ranking of the men according to the final tally of the current World Cup overall ranking
If the points are equivalent, the seeded athletes shall be determined as follows for the relevant race:
- the fastest qualification run time breaks the tie.
- if the qualification run times are the same, the fastest training run time breaks the tie.

Should any athlete(s) be missing from the men's seeded group, no non-seeded athlete(s) shall move up. The seeded places are assigned by name based on the above-described overall point ranking and are non-transferable.

New Text:

2.2.3 The current names of the seeded athletes are identified as follows:

2.2.3.1 Women from nations ranking 1-10, corresponding to the last women's World Cup nations ranking:
From the World Cup total points ranking of the women according to the final tally of the current World Cup overall ranking
If the points are equivalent, the seeded athletes shall be determined as follows for the relevant race:
- the fastest qualification run time breaks the tie.
- if the qualification run times are the same, the fastest training run time breaks the tie.
Should any athlete(s) be missing from the women's seeded group, no non-seeded athlete(s) shall move up. The seeded places are assigned by name based on the above-described overall point ranking and are non-transferable.

2.2.3.1.1 First race of the season:
In the first race of the new season, no female athlete is seeded (*), so that all athletes start on an equal basis.

2.2.3.2 Men from nations ranking 1-10, corresponding to the last men's World Cup nations ranking:
From the World Cup total points ranking of the men according to the final tally of the current World Cup overall ranking
If the points are equivalent, the seeded athletes shall be determined as follows for the relevant race:
- the fastest qualification run time breaks the tie.
- if the qualification run times are the same, the fastest training run time breaks the tie.

Should any athlete(s) be missing from the men's seeded group, no non-seeded athlete(s) shall move up. The seeded places are assigned by name based on the above-described overall point ranking and are non-transferable.

2.2.3.2.1 First race of the season:
In the first race of the new season, no male athlete is seeded (*), so that all athletes start on an equal basis.

Reason:

The new season begins independently of the previous season; an asterisk would unnecessarily factor in the results from the previous season. This adjustment ensures a clean slate and a level playing field for all athletes

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

§10,2.2.2

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Alpine Luge Commission	§10, 2.2.6 Motion No.: 9 ☐ Artificial Track ☒ Alpine Luge

Old text:

2.2.6 Nations Cup

All athletes who did not qualify for the second competition run (World Cup finals) are ranked in the Nations Cup.

New Text:

2.2.6 Nations Cup

All athletes who do not qualify for the second race (= World Cup Final) in the first race will be ranked in the Nations Cup.

2.2.6.1 Points Allocation for the Nations Cup

Athletes placed in the Nations Cup receive World Cup points on a continuous basis starting from the last points-eligible position in the World Cup Final race, in accordance with the valid World Cup points table. Points are allocated based on the athlete's placement in the Nations Cup.

Reason:

This change ensures a consistent and fair points system throughout the season and allows athletes who have been eliminated to still remain in contention in the overall standings

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

§10,4.2.4.3

Amendment IRO 2026

Applicant: Commission	§ 10, 4.1.2 Motion No.: 10 ☐ Artificial track ☒ Alpine luge

Old text:

4.1.2 The timing system must be ready and tested at least one hour before the beginning of the event.

New text:

4.1.2 The timing system must be ready and tested ~~at least one hour before~~ well in advance of the beginning of the event.

Reason:

Contradiction with timing manual

Which other paragraphs/sections would need to be amended accordingly?

Amendment IRO 2026

Applicant: Commission	§ 11 Motion No.: 11 ☐ Artificial track ☒ Alpine luge

Old text:

none

New text:

Slope racing

1. **General**
   All technical equipment must be properly installed and tested for functionality prior to the competition.
   Slalom races may also be held without practice runs.

2. **Homologation/Track Inspection**
   All FIL Alpine luge trial courses must be homologated by the Track Construction Commission and inspected by the Technical Delegate or a person appointed by him.
   For races on homologated tracks, the track inspection must take place at least two weeks before the competition. During this inspection, the track's characteristics, potential hazards, and suitability must be assessed.
   Important requirements that must be met for the race to be held must be communicated to the respective event organizer before the race is awarded.
   In special cases, exceptions or deviations from the requirements may be made in consultation with the Technical Delegate, the Race Director, and the Sport Director.

3. **Start Zone**
   The start zone encompasses the entire area above and to the sides of the start gates.
   It includes:
   3.1. The start area.
   The start area is accessible exclusively to eligible competitors, authorized team officials (coaches, service personnel), and race officials. It must be cordoned off from the public and unauthorized persons.
   3.2. The preparation area.
   A separate preparation area for athletes must be provided between the start area and the start platform. This area is reserved for those competitors who have been called to the start and are making their final preparations before entering the start platform. Athletes may be accompanied by a support staff member.

Race officials may be present in this area to the extent necessary for the performance of their duties.

3.3. The Starting Platform

The starting platform is reserved for the competitor about to start. The competitor may be accompanied by a coach.

The platform must be weather-protected and prepared in such a way as to ensure a safe and stable footing.

4. Safety

The athlete must be secured to the sled in such a way that he can detach himself from the sled in the event of a crash, but the sled does not travel uncontrollably down the track.

The connection is made using a rubber band attached to the luge trial course at the level of the front bridge and secured to the athlete with a belt.

The connection must meet the following requirements:

Belt: Minimum width of 5 cm

Elastic band: 70–90 cm with a maximum stretch to twice its length, min. 7 mm diameter.

5. Track

The slope must, in any case, allow for the setting of a course that can be navigated by experienced athletes without gate faults.

For parallel competitions, the slope must be wide enough to allow two adjacent courses to be set. In this case, the terrain variations must be comparable across the entire width of the slope.

Competitions must be held on a hard and uniformly prepared snow or ice surface. Snow must be compacted to ensure a solid and resilient base. The use of aids for hardening the snow, such as salt and water, is permitted. If snow falls during the competition, the course director must ensure that it is compacted or—if possible—removed from the competition area.

A consistent snow quality should be achieved across the entire width of the selected course.

The slope on which the race is held must be closed to the public at least 24 hours before the start of the competition.

The slope must be groomed smooth at right angles to the fall line to minimize the risk of tipping over. Crests are permitted, but abrupt changes in elevation at right angles to the fall line must be avoided.

At safety-critical locations, the event organizer may be required to install protective measures such as mats, padding, nets, or comparable elements.

The organizing committee must follow the specifications in the homologation report and the instructions of the technical delegate.

Final approval of the course on the day of the competition is granted by the technical delegate and the race director.

6. Finish Area

6.1. General Requirements

The finish area must be clearly visible and easily recognizable to approaching competitors. It must be sufficiently wide and equipped with a uniformly sloping, obstacle-free, and smoothly groomed outrun.

The entire finish area must be completely cordoned off. Unauthorized entry must be effectively prevented.
Above-ground installations, technical equipment, and fastening elements must be secured or padded with appropriate protective measures.
Each individual finish lane must be at least 3 m wide. Exceptions require the approval of the technical delegate and the race director.
Finish lines must be clearly and continuously marked with environmentally friendly red or orange paint.
The finish run-out must be designed to ensure that competitors can brake safely and under control at all times. The run-out area must be free of obstacles.

6.2. Additional requirements for slalom and sprint slalom

The finish line must be marked by two vertical markers, inflatable elements, or vertical banners. The finish markers must be secured and protected as necessary.

6.3. Additional requirements for parallel competitions

The finish line must be marked by three or four vertical markers, inflatable elements, or vertical banners. The finish markers must be secured and protected as necessary.
After the last gate, the separation of the two courses must be clearly and unambiguously defined so that each competitor is safely and unambiguously guided to the finish.
The finish line must run as parallel as possible to the start line. The start line is defined by the lower ends of both starting gates.
The finish line must be equidistant from the last gates of both courses.

7. Barriers and Safety Measures

The course must be completely cordoned off.
Once the course is closed, changes to gates, markings, or course structures may only be made under the direction of the TD in consultation with the jury.
Competitors and accompanying persons are prohibited from entering or altering a closed course outside of the official course inspection.
Photographers and camera crews may enter the cordoned-off area with the permission of the Technical Delegate or the Race Director. They must remain at their assigned locations and may not seek out other positions on their own initiative.
Other persons, such as coaches, staff, and other authorized individuals permitted to be within the barriers, shall be designated by the technical delegate and the race director.
The minimum safety equipment on the slope must comply with the specifications in the homologation report or the course inspection report.
At the instruction of the technical delegate or the race director, the course may be additionally marked by

- the placement of small branches or comparable materials.
- the use of environmentally friendly marking paint, particularly for marking terrain changes, transitions, or finish lines.

8. Course Description

The course layout must adapt to the natural terrain.

The course must be laid out, taking into account the given terrain and the prescribed gradient, in such a way that a sequence of technically demanding turns is created. It must enable competitors to reach high speeds and navigate turns in a controlled manner.
After the start, the competitor must be able to reach competition speed without obstruction.
The course should be balanced and fair and must not result in a one-sided preference for certain riding styles or techniques. The course must not be set exclusively along the fall line.
All turns must be technically clean and navigable without dangerous maneuvers.
Over the majority of the slope used for the competition, it must have a minimum width of 25 m. The person responsible for course inspection decides whether this minimum width is sufficient and may order a widening if necessary. In justified exceptional cases, the minimum width may be reduced with the approval of the technical delegate.
Deviations from the following specifications are permitted only with the approval of the technical delegate and the race director.

8.1. Slalom

The course must include various technical elements, including direction changes with varying radii and combinations of single and multiple gates.

- Course length (fall line): 300 m – 650 m
- Number of gates: 20 – 35
- Gate spacing (distance between turn poles): 20 m – 30 m
- Gate spacing for double gates: 5 m – 15 m
- Average gradient: Between 14% and 33% (between 8° and 18°)

8.2. Sprint Slalom

The course must include technical elements such as direction changes with varying radii or combinations of single and multiple gates.

- Course length (fall line): 150 m – 350 m
- Number of gates: 10 – 20
- Gate spacing (distance between turn poles): 20 m – 30 m
- Gate spacing for double gates: 5 m – 15 m
- Average gradient: Between 14% and 33% (between 8° and 18°)

8.3. Parallel slalom

Both courses should be designed to be as similar as possible in terms of length, elevation difference, rhythm, and difficulty.
The courses must be clearly marked. The color of the gates on the second course must differ from the color of the gates on the first course.
The horizontal distance between any two corresponding turn poles on the two courses must be as uniform as possible along the entire course. This distance must be between eight and ten meters, unless the technical delegate or the race director specifies different dimensions.
The first direction-change gate must be placed at the same distance from the starting gates for both courses. A direction-change gate is defined as a gate that forces competitors to make a turn.

- Course length (fall line): 150 m – 350 m
- Number of gates (per course): 11 – 20

- Gate spacing (distance between turn poles): 20 m – 30 m
- Gate spacing for double gates: 5 m – 15 m
- Average gradient: Between 14% and 33% (between 8° and 18°)

9. Installation and competition equipment

9.1. Starting gate for parallel competitions

For parallel competitions, starting gates with two independent starting gates are used. Only in the first run do both start gates open simultaneously. In the second run, the start gates open according to the time difference from the first run.

The competitor must not open the start gate on their own. If they do so, this will result in their disqualification.

The starting gate must be compatible with the official timing system.

9.2. Gates

A gate consists of

- a slalom pole,
- a stubby pole,
- a trapezoidal gate flag.

The inner turning pole must be designed as a flexible stubby pole. The outer pole should be sturdy, especially in windy conditions.

The color of the gates serves to clearly distinguish the course layout.

9.2.1. Gate flags

Gate flags must be trapezoidal and used in two different colors. The gate colors alternate along the course in slalom and sprint slalom. In parallel competitions, each course is marked by its own color.

The dimensions of the gate flags are specified as follows and may have a tolerance of +/- 5 cm in each case:

- Length of the base: 125 cm,
- Height of the long side: 110 cm,
- Height of the short side: 25 cm.

The gate flag must be attached to the bottom of the gate and must be perpendicular to the gate line.

The gate flag should be the same color as the corresponding gateposts.

The gate flags must be made of wind-permeable material.

Advertising on gate flags is permitted provided

- it does not impair wind permeability,
- the function of the gateposts is not affected.

9.2.2. Gate posts

The poles used are divided into two categories:

- rigid poles,
- flexible poles.

9.2.2.1. Rigid poles

A rigid pole is used as the outer bar of a gate.

This pole has the following characteristics:

- Round and uniform,
- Diameter from 20 mm to 32 mm,
- no joints,
- made of non-splintering material.

9.2.2.2. Flexible poles

A stubby poles—a short, flexible tilting pole—is used as the inner pole of a gate.

This pole has a maximum height of 40 cm above the hinge base.

10. Course Setter

The course setter is responsible for setting the competition course.

He is selected at the team captains' meeting prior to the competition, unless The FIL makes a direct nomination. If The FIL has nominated a course setter, this will be announced at the team captains' meeting prior to the competition.

Before setting the course, the course setter must conduct a course inspection. This is done together with at least one of the following officials:

- Technical Delegate
- Race Director
- Course Director

10.2. Rights of the Course Setter

The course setter has the right

- to propose changes to the course layout or safety measures,
- to request a sufficient number of helpers for setting the course,
- to receive the necessary equipment and materials.

10.3. Duties of the Course Setter

When setting the course, the course setter must take into consideration

- the terrain,
- the snow or ice conditions,
- the performance level of the competitors.

The course must be set in a balanced and fair manner. A sufficiently long straight section must be provided between the starting gates and the first gate, allowing competitors to reach racing speed.

The course must be fully set up by the start of the official course inspection at the latest, so that competitors can inspect the course undisturbed.

The course setter is responsible for setting the course in accordance with IRO regulations.

The course setter shall attend all team leader meetings at which information about the course is provided.

11. Competition Staff

11.1. Head of Gate Judges/Target Supervisors

The Chief Gate Judge/Target Director organizes and supervises the work of the gate judges. His duties include, in particular

- assigning the gate judges along the course,
- distributing the necessary work materials (such as start lists and flags).

He ensures that the gates are numbered and marked in a timely manner.
In addition, he assists the gate judges as needed.
The head of the gate judges/finish line supervisor documents all gate faults.

11.2. Gate Judges

The gate judges are positioned along the entire race course to ensure complete observation of all gates.
A gate judge is responsible for one or more gates.
Their duties include

- observing correct gate passages
- identifying gate errors or rule violations
- immediately reporting relevant events via radio and by waving a flag.

All gate judges must be familiar with the rules of alpine luge competition, particularly the provisions regarding grounds for disqualification.

11.3. Course maintenance team and gate attendants (if applicable, these are the gate judges)

The course maintenance team assists the course director in maintaining the entire competition course.
Typical tasks include

- Clearing snow or re-grooming the course,
- Replacing or re-erecting gate poles,
- Adjusting or repairing safety equipment,
- inspecting and maintaining the competition surface.

The number of staff assigned must be sufficient to ensure timely maintenance of the entire course.
All work is carried out under the supervision of the course director.

12. Gate passage

12.1. Correct passage

A gate is considered to have been passed correctly if the competitor crosses the gate line outside the gate on the side of the turning pole with the entire luge trial course.
In the event of a fall or missing a gate, the competitor must, after getting back up, completely cross the gate line on the correct side of the gate for the gate to be considered correctly passed.

12.1.1. Gate line

The gate line corresponds to the line running through the outer gate pole and the turning pole.
This line is mentally extended beyond the gate poles.

12.2. Displaced or missing gate posts

If a gate post is displaced from its position or removed during the passage through the gate, the original gate line and position of the turning post remain decisive.

12.3. Continuation after a gate error

If a competitor misses a gate while passing through it and does not return to pass the gate correctly, they may not continue the run. In this case, the competitor must leave the course as quickly as possible or ride outside the marked course.
A gate error is considered intentional if

- two or more gates were passed incorrectly and
- the competitor has clearly deviated from a possible correct line.

13. Gate Judging

13.1. Gate Judge Report

The head of the gate judges/course director receives a gate judge's report containing the following information:

- Event
- Name of the head of the gate judges/target supervisor
- Gate numbers
- Name of the run (1st run, 2nd run, etc.).

13.2. Documentation of a gate error

If a competitor does not pass through a gate correctly, the course director must immediately enter the following information in the gate judge's log:

- Competitor's start number,
- Gate number,
- Indication of the error with the letter "F".

Reason:

New race format on the slopes

Which other paragraphs/sections would need to be amended accordingly?

§11, 12, 13

IRO Amendment 2026

Applicant: Commission Alpine Luge / Executive Board	§:Supplement 3 Motion No.: 12 ☐ Artificial Track ☒ Alpine Luge

Old text:

New Text:

Completely remove Supplement 3 from the IRO

Reason:
More flexibility is necessary in this area and the IRO should be dedicated to the sports regulations and not marketing. This should be handled in separate guidelines which can be adjusted as necessary

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

None

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General Motion to the FIL Congress 2026

Applicant: ***GER*** ***Motion No.: 1***

Motion:

For equipment transport organized by the FIL, it is mandatory to ensure a break of at least 12 hours between unloading and the first training session.

Reason:

Safety of athletes and coaches, thus ensuring that everyone can prepare their equipment accordingly.

General Motion to the FIL Congress 2026

Applicant: ***GER*** ***Motion No.: 2***

Motion:

Motion for a clear definition of the term “body protection.”

Motion for a clear definition of a racing suit, including the neckholder cover.

Reason:

Clear clarification of the regulations so that unclear statements, such as those prior to OWG 26, do not arise again.

General Motion to the FIL Congress 2026

Applicant: ***GER*** ***Motion No.: 3***

Motion:

The award ceremonies for the World Cup and Continental races should take place immediately after the race in the respective disciplines.

In addition, for continental championships with the same podium lineup as for the World Cup, a single award ceremony should be held.

Reason:

Better public image and more spectator-friendly.

General Motion to the FIL Congress 2026

Applicant: ***GER*** ***Motion No.: 4***

Motion:

The FIL start competition should be organized and held once a year by the FIL (similar to the Lake Placid start competition).

Only World Cup participants are eligible to compete.

Reason:

This provides financial and athletic incentives.

General Motion to the FIL Congress 2026

Applicant: ***GER*** ***Motion No.: 5***

Motion:

Helmet sizes must be expanded.

Larger helmet sizes are urgently needed, and the helmet shape must be adjusted accordingly for all sizes.

Reason:

The current helmet sizes do not fit.

General Motion to the FIL Congress 2026

Applicant: *Presidium / Executive Board* ***Motion No.: 1***

Motion*:*

In odd-numbered years, the FIL Congress and the preceding commission meetings are held as online or so-called hybrid meetings.

Reason*:*

The FIL's overall financial situation requires cost optimization at all levels. The costs of the congress have risen dramatically in recent years. It is difficult, if not nearly impossible, to find hosts for FIL congresses who are also able to make a significant financial contribution.

General Motion to the FIL Congress 2026

Applicant: Presidium / Executive Board ***Motion No.: 2***

Motion*:*

The Executive Board is requesting that the 2026 FIL Congress remove agenda items 8.4 and 8.5 from the agenda and address these items at an extraordinary online congress in the fall of 2026.

Reason*:*

At present, there is a lack of key information on which to base decisions or recommendations regarding these agenda items. It is recommended that we wait a few more months in the hope of obtaining more information on which the FIL Congress can base its decisions on these sensitive issues (including from the IOC). Further legal disputes regarding this matter should be avoided whenever possible.

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To: FIL Congress

From: Geoff Balme, VP for Finance

Date: 11 May 2026

Subject: 2026 Annual Financial Statements

Introduction

Attached are the Annual Financial Statements for 2026 (including Statement of Income & Expenditure and Statement of Assets) and set out below is an explanation on the significant variances of actual revenue and expenditure against the 2026 budget.

Background

The budget approved at the Tampere Congress included revenue of €1,617,000, expenditure of €7,301,000 and a draw from reserves of €5,684,000. In September 2025 the Executive Board, in accordance with the FIL's Statutes, approved the following changes to the budget:

- Increased the Legal & Consulting budget by €230,000 to €250,000

  The increase was due to legal matters regarding the Russian Luge Federation's participation in the 2026 OWG, liability issues with the reconstruction of the Igls track, tax matters and requirements to update and modernise our Statutes.

- Increased the TV Production budget by €100,000 to €950,000

  The organisers of the St Moritz World Cup had advised that they were unable to pay their full share of TV Production costs. Lengthy negotiations were unable to resolve the matter and rather than cancel the race the decision was made that the FIL would pay the shortfall.

- Increased the Milano Cortina 2026 budget by €150,000 to €400,000

  This included a €100,000 media strategy with planned measures for digital activation in the Olympic season with the goal of getting better marks in the IOC data collection for digital media. This was identified as a critical measure when considering future Games and our financial return from the Games. Strategies included activation of TikTok; Facebook activation for the period of the games; YouTube activation; content creation and athletes' stories; activation of Chinese market and social platforms; athletes, partner and race organizers activation; and digital activation with partners DHL and sponsors.

  The increase also included €50,000 for other costs (e.g. accommodation, food & beverage, outfitting & travel). Costs associated with the FIL's participation at MC2026 were continuing to increase and there remained much uncertainty regarding how many services would be provided by MC2026, including their cost, such as transport, parking and hospitality.

  These changes increased budgeted expenditure by €480,000 from €7,301,000 to €7,781,000 and the release of reserves from €5,684,000 to €6,164,000.

Discussion

The overall financial outcome compared to the revised budget and 2025 was:

	Actual 2025/26	**Budget 2025/26**	**Actual 2024/25**
Revenue	€1,930,623	€1,617,000	€1,475,000
Expenditure	€7,857,197	€7,781,000	€7,410,441
Release from Reserves	€5,926,574	€6,164,000	€5,474,442

For the 2026 financial year revenue was €313,623 above budget, expenditure €76,197 below budget and the release from reserves €237,426 below budget. The release from reserves for 2026 is more than 2025 by €452,132 which taking into account the expenditure for Milano Cortina 2026, including associated legal fees, is an acceptable outcome in the circumstances.

The significant variances against the 2026 budget are:

Key – Fav = Favourable, Unfav = Unfavourable

	Actual	Budget	Variance
1. TV & Advertising revenue	€1,475,690	€1,310,000	€165,690 Fav

Increase due to securing additional sponsorship and TV rights fees.

	Actual	Budget	Variance
2. Return on Investments	€286,172	€140,000	€146,172 Fav

We budget investment returns conservatively (1% to 1.5%) due to the nature of the investment market. This past year the actual return was 2.5%.

	Actual	Budget	Variance
3. FIL Office	€755,447	€838,500	€83,053 Fav

Wages were less than budgeted along with some smaller items of expenditure.

	Actual	Budget	Variance
4. Professional Services	€376,870	€345,000	€31,870 Unfav

As noted already the budget for Legal & Consulting Expenses was increased significantly by the Executive Board in September 2025. While much of the expected increase in expenditure has resulted, the FIL is waiting for CAS to award costs for the various cases it adjudicated on relating to the Russian Luge Federation's participation in the 2026 OWG. The FIL expects that costs will be forthcoming and a provision has been made for this. However it is not possible to accurately estimate the quantum of those costs. Such costs, should they be awarded, may impact our 2027 expenditure.

	Actual	Budget	Variance
5. Subsidies for Event Organisers	€865,340	€920,000	€54,660 Fav

The event organiser subsidy for St Moritz was reduced with the FIL covering the TV production costs along with reduced subsidies for Continental Cup races.

	Actual	Budget	Variance
6. TV Production	€1,284,582	€1,085,000	€199,582 Unfav

The FIL paid all the costs for TV Production in St Moritz and the relocation of the Igls World Cup to Winterberg resulted in increased TV Production costs to the FIL.

	Actual	Budget	Variance
7. Social Media	€197,839	€140,000	€57,839 Unfav

As already noted the FIL undertook a more expansive social media strategy in the Olympic season with the goal of getting better marks in the IOC data collection for digital media, a critical measure when considering future Games and our financial return from the Games.

	Actual	Budget	Variance
8. Strategy Plan – Standardised Sled components	€8,278	€50,000	€41,722 Fav

The full budget allocation wasn't needed.

	Actual	Budget	Variance
9. Development Program AT	€602,461	€503,000	€99,461 Unfav

Variance due primarily to increased costs for FIL Trainers including fees, travel, rental vehicles and accommodation.

	Actual	Budget	Variance
10. Flight & Travel Subsidies, Transportation Cost	€210,841	€360,000	€49,159 Fav

Increased transportation costs, offset by reduced flight support.

	Actual	Budget	Variance
11. Strategy Plan – Alpin Luge	€187,865	€242,000	€54,135 Fav

The full budget allocation wasn't needed.

	Actual	Budget	Variance
12. Expenses from Previous Season	€6,695	€50,000	€54,135 Fav

The budgeted amount was not required.

Conclusion

In my view we should be comfortable with the financial outcome for 2025/26 financial year given the cost pressures we have been under and the challenges we had with Milano Cortina 2026, including the cost for the matters that went to CAS.

I look forward to discussing this financial report at the Congress and answering questions.



Geoff Balme, VP for Finance

Income & Expenditure * Einnahmen & Ausgaben

International Luge Federation * Internationaler Rodelverband
For the year ended 31 March 2026

	2026 ACTUAL * TATSÄCHLICH	2026 BUDGET * HAUSHALT	2025 ACTUAL * TATSÄCHLICH
Income * Einnahamen			
Annual Membership Fee from National Federations * Jahresbeitrage der Nationalverbande	5,300	4,000	5,100
IOC & WOF * IOC & WOF			
Development Programme * Entwicklungsprogramm	67,502	65,000	64,797
Olympic Solidarity * Olympische Solidaritat	30,954	50,000	20,324
WOF * WOF	43,500	45,000	45,000
Total IOC & WOF * IOC & WOF	**141,956**	**160,000**	**130,121**
TV & Advertising * TV & Werbeeinnahmen	1,475,690	1,310,000	1,475,000
Other Revenue * Sonstige Einnahmen			
Other Revenue * Sonstige Einnahmen	15,500	-	15,000
Sales - Helmets, Visors & Miscellaneous * Verkauf - Helme, Visiere u. Sonstiges	6,005	3,000	3,314
Total Other Revenue * Sonstige Einnahmen	**21,505**	**3,000**	**18,314**
Return on Investments, Dividends, Interest * Ertrage aus Anlagen, Dividenden, Zinsen	286,172	140,000	307,464
Total Income * Einnahamen	**1,930,623**	**1,617,000**	**1,935,999**
Expenses * Ausgaben			
Governance * Governance			
Presidium * Präsidium			
President Official Function Expenses * Prasident Aufwandsentschadigung	100,000	100,000	100,000
Secretary General Official Function Expenses * Generalsekretar Aufwandsentschadigung	80,000	80,000	80,000
VP Finance Official Function Expenses * VP Finanzen Aufwandsentschadigung	30,000	30,000	30,000
Total Presidium * Präsidium	**210,000**	**210,000**	**210,000**
Executive Board & Hon. President * Vorstand & Ehrenpräsident			
4 x 6,000 (VPs) * 4 x 6,000 (VPs)	24,000	24,000	24,000
3 x 4,000 (Ex. Board Members, Athletes Rep) * 3 x 4,000 (Vorstandsmitglieder & Sportlervertreter)	12,000	12,000	12,000
1 x 2,000 (Continental VP) * 1 x 2,000 (Kontinentale VP)	-	2,000	-
Honorary President Official Function Expenses * Ehrenpraesident Aufwandsentschadigung	-	3,000	-
Total Executive Board & Hon. President * Vorstand & Ehrenpräsident	**36,000**	**41,000**	**36,000**
Travel Expenses Executive Board Members & Officials - Other * Reisekosten Exekutive u. Beauftragte - Sonstiges	107,083	130,000	159,467
FIL Meetings * FIL-Beratungen			
FIL Congress * FIL-Kongress	118,099	140,000	119,756
Executive Board & Presidium Meetings * Sitzungen der Exekutive & Prasidium	53,979	50,000	47,382
Total FIL Meetings * FIL-Beratungen	**172,078**	**190,000**	**167,138**
Strategy Plan - Other * Strategieplan - Sonstiges	8,478	20,000	-
Strategy Plan - Sustainability Projects * Strategieplan - Nachhaltigkeitsprojekte	5,991	-	-
Total Governance * Governance	**539,630**	**591,000**	**572,604**
Management * Management			
FIL Office * FIL-Büro			

	2026 ACTUAL * TATSÄCHLICH	2026 BUDGET * HAUSHALT	2025 ACTUAL * TATSÄCHLICH
Wages & Contractors incl. Additional Costs to Wages * Löhne & Auftragnehmer inkl. Lohnnebenkosten	644,027	705,000	648,281
Data Protection * Datenschutz	7,535	12,000	9,616
Internet FIL Office * Internet FIL Buro	1,063	1,000	858
Magazines, Specialized Literature, Subscriptions * Zeitschriften, Fachliteratur, Abonnements	1,511	2,000	1,190
Maintenance Costs, Equipment, Furniture * Instandhaltung, Gerate, Einrichtungen	634	10,000	3,222
Miscellaneous Expenses * Sonstiger Aufwand	1,525	5,000	271
Operating Costs, Additional Costs, IT * Betriebskosten, Nebenkosten,EDV	49,139	37,000	43,859
Postage, Telephone, Fax, Office Material * Porti, Telefon, Fax, Buromaterial	15,231	15,000	10,131
Rents (Office, Warehouse) * Mieten (Buro, Lager)	3,771	5,000	4,001
Salzburg Office (Operating Costs, Office Material) * Salzburger Büro (Betr.-Ko., Buromaterial)	2,300	4,500	2,947
Translation Expenses * Aufwand fur Ubersetzungen	-	7,000	1,315
Transportation & Custom Fees * Transport- und Zollgebuhren	-	5,000	-
Various Publishing Costs * Verschiedene Verffentlichungskosten	-	5,000	1,820
Vehicles Insurance, Taxes, Maintenance Costs * Autos Versicherungen, Steuern, Instandh.	28,711	25,000	27,825
Total FIL Office * FIL-Büro	**755,447**	**838,500**	**755,336**
Professional Services * Professionelle Dienstleistungen			
Bookkeeping, Accounting * Buchfuhrung, Rechnungswesen	49,370	40,000	67,499
External Audits FIL & FIL GmbH * Externe Audits FIL u. FIL GmbH	36,195	30,000	4,600
Legal & Consulting Expenses * Rechts- u. Beratungskosten	248,637	250,000	16,997
Tax Advisory Expenses * Steuerberatungskosten	42,668	25,000	31,120
Total Professional Services * Professionelle Dienstleistungen	**376,870**	**345,000**	**120,216**
Expenses for FIL Commissions/Working Groups * Aufwendungen für FIL-Kommissionen / AG´s			
Commission Youth/Development * Arbeitsgruppe Entwicklung / Jugend	1,841	12,000	9,427
Other Commissions, Working Groups, Legal Advice * Sonstige Komm., AGs, Rechtsberatung	21,961	24,000	38,629
FIL Sport Integrity * FIL Sport Integrity	26,095	35,000	69,793
Sport Commission AT * Sportkommission KB	10,977	12,000	15,835
Technical Commission AT * Technische Kommission KB	9,423	12,000	9,628
Track Commission & Experts OWG * Bahnbaukomm. und Experten OWS	24,058	12,000	10,328
Total Expenses for FIL Commissions/Working Groups * Aufwendungen für FIL-Kommissionen / AG´s	**94,355**	**107,000**	**153,640**
Total Management * Management	**1,226,672**	**1,290,500**	**1,029,192**
Events AT * Veranstaltungen AT			
Subsidies for Event Organizers AT * Zuschüsse für Ausrichter KB			
Subsidies for Event Organizers Approved International Races AT * Zuschuesse fuer Ausrichter Bestatigte intern. Rennen KB	20,090	30,000	17,580
Subsidies for Event Organizers CC AT * Zuschuesse fuer Ausrichter KC KB	40,000	55,000	34,787
Subsidies for Event Organizers JWC & JWCh AT * Zuschüsse für Ausrichter JWC & JWM KB	70,000	70,000	70,000
Subsidies for Event Organizers WC AT * Zuschuesse fuer Ausrichter WC KB	735,250	765,000	750,655
Subsidies for Event Organizers WCh AT * Zuschuesse fuer Ausrichter WM KB	-	-	120,000
Total Subsidies for Event Organizers AT * Zuschüsse für Ausrichter KB	**865,340**	**920,000**	**993,022**
Television Production AT * Fernsehproduktion KB			

	2026 ACTUAL * TATSÄCHLICH	2026 BUDGET * HAUSHALT	2025 ACTUAL * TATSÄCHLICH
Director/Agent for TV incl. Fee, Additional Costs, Support Staff AT * TV-Verantwortlicher/Regisseur KB inkl. Honorar, Nebenkosten u. Hilfskrafte	142,099	135,000	168,492
TV Expenses AT incl. Production & Live Streaming * TV-Ausgaben KB inkl. Produktion u. Live-Streaming	1,142,484	950,000	1,070,267
Total Television Production AT * Fernsehproduktion KB	**1,284,582**	**1,085,000**	**1,238,759**
Marketing/Public Relations Work AT * Marketing / Öffentlichkeitsarbeit KB			
Advertising, Public Relations, Services WCs, WCh AT * Werbung, PR, Dienstleistungen fuer WCs, WM KB	268,019	180,000	214,161
Advertising Material (Honorary Gifts, Flags, etc.) * Werbematerial (Ehrengeschenke, Fahnen, usw.)	14,732	3,000	5,137
DokuMe Database Development * Entwicklungskosten DokuMe Datenbank	3,410	20,000	5,844
Flags, Pennants, Pins * Fahnen, Wimpel, Abzeichen	-	1,000	-
Marketing Expenses * Marketing-Aufwendungen	61,161	85,000	67,922
Press Relations WC, WCh & OWG AT * Pressebetreuung WC, WM u. OWS KB	67,170	95,000	107,527
Support Service Guests of Honor * Betreuung Ehrengaste	17,932	25,000	30,287
Total Marketing/Public Relations Work AT * Marketing / Öffentlichkeitsarbeit KB	**432,425**	**409,000**	**430,877**
Social Media AT * Social Media KB			
Content for Scoopa Platform * Inhalte fuer die Plattform Scoopa	13,604	50,000	25,406
Social Media AT * Social Media KB	184,235	90,000	114,355
Total Social Media AT * Social Media KB	**197,839**	**140,000**	**139,762**
Expenses for Directors, Permanent TDs, etc. * Aufwand f. Direktoren, ständge TDs usw.			
FIL Consultant OWG * FIL Consulter OWS	11,627	9,000	45,239
Sport Director AT General Class * Sportdirektor KB Senioren	33,904	30,000	41,859
Strategy Plan - Standardized Sled Components AT * Strategieplan - Standardkomponenten f. Rodel KB	8,278	50,000	138
TD AT Juniors * TD KB Junioren	13,957	18,000	16,679
Technical Director AT General Class * Technischer Direktor KB Senioren	19,682	30,000	46,438
Technical Equipment * Technische Gerte	4,893	10,000	8,871
Total Expenses for Directors, Permanent TDs, etc. * Aufwand f. Direktoren, ständge TDs usw.	**92,341**	**147,000**	**159,223**
Prize Money, Trophies, Medals AT * Preisgelder, Pokale, Medaillen KB			
Prize Money AT * Preisgelder KB			
Prize Money * Preisgelder	581,506	560,000	649,870
Uvex Prize Money * Uvex Pramien	15,000	15,000	15,000
Total Prize Money AT * Preisgelder KB	**596,506**	**575,000**	**664,870**
Trophies, Medals AT * Pokale, Medaillen KB	39,868	35,000	39,125
Total Prize Money, Trophies, Medals AT * Preisgelder, Pokale, Medaillen KB	**636,374**	**610,000**	**703,995**
Doping Tests * Dopingkontrollen	271,578	230,000	237,220
Olympic Winter Games * Olympische Winterspiele	412,057	400,000	-
Purchase of Helmets * Ankauf von Schutzhelmen	41,590	42,000	38,485
Total Events AT * Veranstaltungen AT	**4,234,126**	**3,983,000**	**3,941,344**
NFs Support & Development Program AT * NFs Unterstützungs- und Entwicklungsprogramm AT			
Development Program AT * Entwicklungsprogramm KB			
Athlete Recruitment * Athletenrekrutierung	-	5,000	6,936
Fee for Development Director * Honorar fuer Entwicklungsleiter	67,667	65,000	65,760
Fee for Temporary Trainers * Honorar Zeittrainers	92,999	70,000	78,175

	2026 ACTUAL * TATSÄCHLICH	2026 BUDGET * HAUSHALT	2025 ACTUAL * TATSÄCHLICH
Material & Equipment * Material & Gerate	-	5,000	403
NF Programs * NF-Programme	27,043	40,000	75,316
Postage, Tel., other Expenses for Development Director * Telefonpauschale fuer Entwicklungsleiter	838	3,000	1,860
Rental Vehicles Development Program AT * Mietfahrzeuge Entwicklungsprogr. KB	61,044	20,000	33,495
Service Vehicle & Staff * Servicefahrzeug & Besatzung	11,480	5,000	1,558
Summer Training Camp * Trainingslager Sommer	32,519	20,000	18,900
Training Camps * Trainingslehrgange	85,967	50,000	48,904
Travel Expenses Temporary Trainers & Development Director * Reisekosten Zeittrainers u. Entwicklungsleiter	66,622	40,000	23,118
Vouchers Program * Freifahrtsscheine	156,282	180,000	164,580
Total Development Program AT * Entwicklungsprogramm KB	**602,461**	**503,000**	**519,006**
NFs Support * NF-Unterstützung AT			
Athletes Subsidy Junior WC & CC AT * Sportlerforderung Junioren WC & KC KB	195,250	210,000	211,750
Flight & Travel Subsidies, Transportation Costs * Flug- & Reisezuschsse, Transportkosten	210,841	260,000	272,938
Partnership Programs AT * Patenschaftsprogramme KB	42,600	40,000	40,200
Total NFs Support * NF-Unterstützung AT	**448,691**	**510,000**	**524,888**
Total NFs Support & Development Program AT * NFs Unterstützungs- und Entwicklungsprogramm AT	**1,051,152**	**1,013,000**	**1,043,894**
Alpine Luge incl. Lump Sum & Strategy Plan * Alpin rodel inkl. Pauschalbetrag & Stratieplan			
Program Alpine Luge - Lump sum * Alpenrodeln - Pauschalbetrag	487,966	490,000	540,056
Strategy Plan - Alpine Luge * Strategieplan - Alpin Rodel	187,865	242,000	115,914
Total Alpine Luge incl. Lump Sum & Strategy Plan * Alpin rodel inkl. Pauschalbetrag & Stratieplan	**675,831**	**732,000**	**655,970**
Financial Expenses * Finanzielle Aufwendungen			
Bank Charges & Foreign Exchange * Bankgebühren & Devisen	20,703	10,000	11,340
FIL Events & Marketing LLC Corporation Tax * FIL Vermarktungs- u. Veranstaltungs GmbH Koerperschaftsteuer	23,979	-	594
Finance Costs Berchtesgaden Office * Finanzierungskosten Berchtesgaden Buro	6,885	8,000	8,635
Fund Management Fee * Vermogensverwaltungsgebuhren	39,139	50,000	56,741
Insurances * Versicherungen	22,383	40,000	36,397
Total Financial Expenses * Finanzielle Aufwendungen	**113,089**	**108,000**	**113,707**
Other Expenses * Sonstige Ausgaben			
Allocation Hardship Cases Fund * Dotierung Hartefonds	10,000	10,000	10,000
Expenses from previous Season * Ausgaben der vorherigen Saison	6,695	50,000	43,180
Fees ("Fair Play" etc.) * Beitrage ("Fair Play" etc.)	-	1,500	550
Unforseen Expenses * Unvorhergesehenes	-	2,000	-
Total Other Expenses * Sonstige Ausgaben	**16,695**	**63,500**	**53,730**
Total Expenses * Ausgaben	**7,857,197**	**7,781,000**	**7,410,441**
Release of Reserves * Auflösung von Rücklagen	**(5,926,574)**	**(6,164,000)**	**(5,474,442)**

Statement of Assets * Vermögensaufstellung

International Luge Federation * Internationaler Rodelverband
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	2026 ACTUAL * TATSÄCHLICH	2025 ACTUAL * TATSÄCHLICH
Statement of Assets * Vermögensaufstellung		
Financial Assets * Finanzielle Vermögenswerte		
Cash on Hand * Kassenbestand	2,906	1,862
Salzburger Sparkasse Bank		
Salzburger Sparkasse	291,769	598,949
Salzburger Sparkasse USD	132,064	21,208
Salzburger Sparkasse FIL Events & Marketing LLC * FIL Vermarktungs- u. Veranstaltungs GmbH	641,494	661,685
Salzburger Sparkasse FIL Events & Marketing LLC Daily * FIL Vermarktungs- u. Veranstaltungs GmbH Täglich	7,119	3,562
Securities Account Erste Bank * Wertpapier Depot Erste Bank	2,537,487	-
Total Salzburger Sparkasse Bank	**3,609,934**	**1,285,404**
Berchtesgadener Sparkasse Bank		
Berchtesgadener Sparkasse	27,511	16,339
Berchtesgadener Sparkasse - Hardship Fund * Haertefallfonds	183,114	168,698
Total Berchtesgadener Sparkasse Bank	**210,625**	**185,037**
LGT Bank		
LGT - EUR	31,408	45,981
LGT - USD	23,390	3,130
LGT - CHF	21,023	31,463
LGT - Capital Consumption * Kapitalverzehr	57,515	2,335,417
LGT - Iron Reserve * Eiserne Reserve	3,391,743	7,143,445
Total LGT Bank	**3,525,080**	**9,559,437**
Total Financial Assets * Finanzielle Vermögenswerte	**7,348,544**	**11,031,740**
Other Assets * Sonstige Vermögenswerte		
Accounts Receivable & Prepayments * Forderungen u. Vorauszahlungen	795,173	256,038
Building, Motor Vehicles, Sleds, Office & Other Equipment at book value * Gebäude, Kraftfahrzeuge, Schlitten, Büro- u. andere Ausrüstung zum Buchwert	1,291,952	1,362,653
Right to use Bludenz track for 15 years * Gleisbenutzungsrecht fuer Bludenz fuer 15 Jahre	66,666	73,333
Total Other Assets * Sonstige Vermögenswerte	**2,153,792**	**1,692,025**
Liabilities * Verbindlichkeiten		
Accounts Payable, Provisions & Income in Advance * Verbindlichkeiten, Rückstellungen u. Einnahmen im Voraus	(740,927)	(367,578)
LGT - Loan FIL Office Purchase * Darlehen FIL Bürokauf	(330,970)	(462,052)
Total Liabilities * Verbindlichkeiten	**(1,071,896)**	**(829,630)**
Total Statement of Assets * Vermögensaufstellung	**8,430,440**	**11,894,135**

To: FIL Congress

From: Geoff Balme, VP for Finance

Date: 11 May 2026

Subject: 2027 Budget

Introduction

Attached is the budget proposal for 2027 (the 2026/27 financial year) with the 2026 budget and 2026 actual numbers included for comparative purposes. Also attached is an Olympiad Budget, a financial projection for the next four years, beginning with the proposed 2027 budget.

Background

Since the Covid pandemic and the more recent acts of aggression, costs have significantly increased and have impacted on many of our activities by more than 30%. Also as our largest item of income, our funding from the IOC, is received in a weakened US dollar, it has less purchasing power than it has in the past.

Unless the FIL can secure significantly more funding from the IOC or from TV & Sponsorship income, we must reduce our current level of expenditure or we will simply run out of money. Progress is being made to secure additional TV & Sponsorship income but there is still a lot of work to do, and we have not yet received any indication from the IOC as to what we will receive for our participation in the Milano Cortina 2026 OWG. As we receive the IOC funding in US$ and the US$ is currently weak, even if we receive the same amount as we did for the Beijing 2022 OWG it will mean we have less (≈ 15%) Euro to spend.

We will conclude the 2026 financial year with approximately €7.5M in financial assets, including the €2.5M recently received first payment from the IOC for the Milano Cortina 2026 OWG. Assuming, and that is still a big assumption at this stage, we will receive at least the same total funding from IOC for 2026 as we did for 2022, with the weaker US dollar that will mean we will receive a further €14.5M to help fund us for the next four years.

With our existing financial assets of €7.5M and a further €14.5M from the IOC we would have a total of approximately €22M to get us through the next four years, including to cover ongoing inflation and retain some reserves. We have used some of our Iron Reserve to fund our activities during the 2026 financial year which means that it has reduced from €7.1M at 31 March 2025 to €3.4M at 31 March 2026. It would good if we could retain this reserve and with investment returns grow it for inflation over the next four years. Keeping reserves gives us some ability to respond to a future financial crisis, e.g. reduced IOC funding, but it does mean that we must limit our drawdown of reserves over the next four years to approximately €18M, i.e. an average of €4.5M. over the four years. Over the last four years we have drawn an average of €5.8M from reserves.

The budget proposal for the 2027 financial year would result in a draw down from reserves of €4.481M. This is a reduction of €1.683M from the 2026 budget of €6.164M.

Discussion on the 2027 Budget

The philosophy adopted for preparing this budget is that activities and expenditure that directly support the FIL's participation in the 2030 and 2034 Olympic Winter Games must be our highest priority. This includes the delivery of our World Cups and World Championships, and protecting the associated revenue that is contingent on those events taking place and being well marketed and promoted. Our next priority is to provide events that underpin and provide pathways to these flagship events, e.g. junior, youth and other races. Other priorities are requirements we have for engaging with the IOC and WOF, and our responsibilities to WADA, safe sport, good governance (including reporting to our NFs), legal compliance, financial accountability (audits), data protection etc.

With these priorities, their associated expenditure and our current level of income from the IOC, TV & sponsorships, we are unable to give activities such as NFs & Development Programs and Alpine Luge the same level of priority or funding as we have done in the past. This could change if additional revenue can be secured, including from these activities themselves, and especially if the funding that will be provided for these activities can leverage funding from other sources (e.g. NFs securing funding for their development programs).

The 2027 budget proposal includes the following significant changes from the 2026 budget:

Income

1. **TV & Sponsorship Income – €819,000 increase**

   2027 Budget - €2,129,000. [Of the increase, approximately €170,000 comes back into the budget for the AT World Championships which aren't held in the Olympic year.] Work has been underway for some time to secure additional TV and Sponsorship income for the next four years, with already some positive results with new or potential new sponsors. With the significant increase in TV production costs over the last four years we also continue to seek increased revenue from TV rights. Of the budget, €1,325,000 remains to be secured.

Expenditure

2. **Travel Expenses Executive Board Members & Officials – €30,000 decrease**

   2027 Budget - €100,000. One Executive Board meeting will be held online reducing travel, accommodation and meeting costs. Some additional savings expected due to being at the beginning of the Olympic cycle.

3. **FIL Meetings – €20,000 increase**

   2027 Budget – €210,000. Includes a higher cost for the Congress being held in Berchtesgaden offset to some extent by a reduction in the cost of Executive Board and Presidium meetings with more of those meetings to be held online. We will propose to Congress that every second Congress, i.e. the non-election and non-IRO Congresses, be held online in order to reduce costs.

4. **FIL Commissions/Working Group – €72,000 decrease**

   2027 Budget - €35,000. We will increasingly hold Commission meetings online rather than face to face which reduces meeting and accommodation costs. Some additional savings expected due to being at the beginning of the Olympic cycle.

5. **Subsidies for Event Organisers AT (all classes) – €190,000 decrease**

   2027 Budget - €730,000. The FIL will pay a greater share of TV production costs therefore event subsidies have been reduced.

6. **Television Expenses including TV Production, Coordinator and Support Staff – €358,000 increase**

   2027 Budget - €1,440,000. The FIL will now pay all TV Production costs. The establishment of the Four-year FIL Calendar has enabled us to give some certainty to the production companies which has resulted in some savings, albeit in a market where costs continue to increase significantly. Work continues to refine and standard TV production in order to control costs.

7. **Marketing/Public Relations Work AT – €65,000 increase**

   2027 Budget €474,000. Includes €100,000 for sponsorship activation costs, the direct servicing of sponsors by the FIL, with a reduction in some other marketing expenses.

8. **Social Media – €50,000 increase**

   2027 Budget - €190,000. We will continue to grow the very successful initiatives undertaken before and during the Milano Cortina 2026 OWG noting that social media is a key matrix for the IOC.

9. **Prize Money AT – €103,000 increase**

   2027 Budget - €678,000. Increase for World Championships which were not held in the Olympic year.

10. **Olympic Winter Games 2026/30 – €390,000 decrease**

    2027 Budget - €10,000. It is anticipated that little expenditure will be incurred during 2027 for the 2030 OWG.

11. **NFs Support & Development Program AT – €483,000 decrease**

    2027 Budget - €530,000. Taken together, development and support initiatives to support NFs and athletes totalled €1,013,000 in the 2026 budget. These included "FIL Group" programs (including camps and schools), Athlete Subsidies Junior WC & CC AT, Flight, Travel & Transportation Subsidies, Partnership Programs and the Vouchers Program. Of this expenditure, in 2026, €115,000 was funded by the IOC through its Olympic Solidarity and Development programs.

    Work is currently being undertaken to determine how best this budget should be utilised to achieve the greatest benefit for the FIL and NFs and this will be reported on at the Congress.

12. **Alpine Luge (Program Alpine Luge – Lump Sum and Strategy Plan – Alpine Luge) – €302,000 decrease**

    [2026 budgeted expenditure for Program Alpine Luge – Lump Sum (€460,000) and Strategy Plan – Alpine Luge (€242,000) considered together for 2027.]

2027 Budget - €400,000. Beginning with the 2024 financial year the FIL has over the last three years invested over €1.8M into Natural Track and the new Alpine Luge concept. Our current finances make that continued level of investment impossible. Work is currently underway to refine the Alpine Luge strategy with a focus on securing new sources of funding.

Discussion on the Olympiad Budget

Careful financial management is required to get the FIL through the next four years with some reserves intact. The development of the Four-Year FIL Calendar means that we can better estimate two of our larger cost items, Event Organiser Subsidies and TV Production costs for the next four years. Against this background we have prepared a budget for the new Olympiad, the four years 2026/27 to 2029/30. This confirms the fiscal rigour required over the next four years by clearly illustrating the financial parameters within we must operate.

The attached Olympiad Budget continues the budget changes proposed for the 2027 year, reflects the Four-Year FIL Calendar and for routine items of expenditure includes annual inflation of 3%. The draw from reserves over the Olympiad is projected to be 2026/27 - €4.481M, 2027/28 - €4.630M, 2028/29 - €4.978M and 2029/30 - €5.001M. With the level of income projected over this period and these drawdowns, we will have an estimated €2.910M in reserves on the eve of the Olympic Winter Games in February 2030.

Like the 2027 budget, the Olympiad Budget has the same material risks as the 2027 budget, i.e. the need to secure further TV & Sponsorship revenue, the uncertainty associated with the IOC funding and other risks including inflation, travel costs and TV production costs.

Conclusion

Developing this budget has been challenging and its implementation will mean the end of some good work and expenditure that has been undertaken by the FIL over many years. However some of that work and expenditure cannot be considered the “core business” of the FIL (i.e. providing international events), rather it relates to our NFs and their athletes. The FIL will look to support our NFs to help them replace that funding from other sources.

Material risks to this budget, and our financial strategy for the next four years, are the need to secure a further €1,325,000 of TV & Sponsorship revenue and the uncertainty associated with the IOC funding. Other risks to the budget include inflation, travel cost increases and TV production cost increases.

Given the FIL’s current financial position this is a prudent budget for 2027. Budgeting for a greater level of expenditure, which would reduce the FIL’s reserves, has the risk of jeopardising our future.

I look forward to discussing this proposed budget at the Congress and answering questions.



Geoff Balme, VP for Finance

Budget - Congress * Haushalt – Kongress

International Luge Federation * Internationaler Rodelverband
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	2027 BUDGET * HAUSHALT	2026 BUDGET * HAUSHALT	2026 ACTUAL * TATSÄCHLICH
Income * Einnahamen			
Annual Membership Fee from National Federations * Jahresbeitrage der Nationalverbande	4,000	4,000	5,300
IOC & WOF * IOC & WOF			
Development Programme * Entwicklungsprogramm	65,000	65,000	67,502
Olympic Solidarity * Olympische Solidaritat	55,000	50,000	30,954
WOF * WOF	45,000	45,000	43,500
Total IOC & WOF * IOC & WOF	**165,000**	**160,000**	**141,956**
TV & Sponsorship * TV & Werbeeinnahmen	2,129,000	1,310,000	1,475,690
Other Revenue * Sonstige Einnahmen			
Other Revenue * Sonstige Einnahmen	-	-	15,500
Sales - Helmets, Visors & Miscellaneous * Verkauf - Helme, Visiere u. Sonstiges	3,000	3,000	6,005
Total Other Revenue * Sonstige Einnahmen	**3,000**	**3,000**	**21,505**
Return on Investments, Dividends, Interest * Ertrage aus Anlagen, Dividenden, Zinsen	168,000	140,000	286,172
Total Income * Einnahamen	**2,469,000**	**1,617,000**	**1,930,623**
Expenses * Ausgaben			
Governance * Governance			
Presidium * Präsidium			
President Official Function Expenses * Prasident Aufwandsentschadigung	100,000	100,000	100,000
Secretary General Official Function Expenses * Generalsekretar Aufwandsentschadigung	80,000	80,000	80,000
VP Finance Official Function Expenses * VP Finanzen Aufwandsentschadigung	30,000	30,000	30,000
Total Presidium * Präsidium	**210,000**	**210,000**	**210,000**
Executive Board & Hon. President * Vorstand & Ehrenpräsident			
4 x 6,000 (VPs) * 4 x 6,000 (VPs)	24,000	24,000	24,000
3 x 4,000 (Ex. Board Members, Athletes Rep) * 3 x 4,000 (Vorstandsmitglieder & Sportlervertreter)	12,000	12,000	12,000
1 x 2,000 (Continental VP) * 1 x 2,000 (Kontinentale VP)	2,000	2,000	-
Other Function Expenses * Sonstige Aufwandsentschadigung	3,000	3,000	-
Total Executive Board & Hon. President * Vorstand & Ehrenpräsident	**41,000**	**41,000**	**36,000**
Travel Expenses Executive Board Members & Officials * Reisekosten Exekutive u. Beauftragte	100,000	130,000	107,083
FIL Meetings * FIL-Beratungen			
Executive Board & Presidium Meetings * Sitzungen der Exekutive & Prasidium	30,000	50,000	53,979
FIL Congress * FIL-Kongress	180,000	140,000	118,099
Total FIL Meetings * FIL-Beratungen	**210,000**	**190,000**	**172,078**
Strategy Plan - Other * Strategieplan - Sonstiges	20,000	20,000	8,478
Strategy Plan - Sustainability Projects * Strategieplan - Nachhaltigkeitsprojekte	20,000	-	5,991
Total Governance * Governance	**601,000**	**591,000**	**539,630**
Management * Management			
FIL Office * FIL-Büro			

	2027 BUDGET * HAUSHALT	2026 BUDGET * HAUSHALT	2026 ACTUAL * TATSÄCHLICH
Wages & Contractors incl. Additional Costs to Wages * Löhne & Auftragnehmer inkl. Lohnnebenkosten	727,000	705,000	644,027
Data Protection * Datenschutz	12,000	12,000	7,535
Internet FIL Office * Internet FIL Buro	1,000	1,000	1,063
Magazines, Specialized Literature, Subscriptions * Zeitschriften, Fachliteratur, Abonnements	2,000	2,000	1,511
Maintenance Costs, Equipment, Furniture * Instandhaltung, Gerate, Einrichtungen	10,000	10,000	634
Miscellaneous Expenses * Sonstiger Aufwand	5,000	5,000	1,525
Operating Costs, Additional Costs, IT * Betriebskosten, Nebenkosten,EDV	40,000	37,000	49,139
Postage, Telephone, Office Material * Porti, Telefon, Buromaterial	15,000	15,000	15,231
Rents (Office, Warehouse) * Mieten (Buro, Lager)	5,000	5,000	3,771
Salzburg Office (Operating Costs, Office Material) * Salzburg Buro (Betr.-Ko., Buromaterial)	4,500	4,500	2,300
Translation Expenses * Aufwand fur Ubersetzungen	7,000	7,000	-
Transportation & Custom Fees * Transport- und Zollgebuhren	-	5,000	-
Various Publishing Costs * Verschiedene Verffentlichungskosten	5,000	5,000	-
Vehicles - Insurance, Taxes, Maintenance Costs * Autos - Versicherungen, Steuern, Instandh.	35,000	25,000	28,711
Total FIL Office * FIL-Büro	**868,500**	**838,500**	**755,447**
Professional Services * Professionelle Dienstleistungen			
Bookkeeping, Accounting * Buchfuhrung, Rechnungswesen	70,000	40,000	49,370
External Audits FIL & FIL GmbH * Externe Audits FIL u. FIL GmbH	30,000	30,000	36,195
Legal & Consulting Expenses * Rechts- u. Beratungskosten	250,000	250,000	248,637
Tax Advisory Expenses * Steuerberatungskosten	25,000	25,000	42,668
Total Professional Services * Professionelle Dienstleistungen	**375,000**	**345,000**	**376,870**
Expenses for FIL Commissions/Working Groups * Aufwendungen für FIL-Kommissionen / AG´s			
Commission Youth/Development * Arbeitsgruppe Entwicklung / Jugend	3,000	12,000	1,841
FIL Sport Integrity * FIL Sport Integrity	20,000	35,000	26,095
Other Commissions, Working Groups, Legal Advice * Sonstige Komm., AGs, Rechtsberatung	3,000	24,000	21,961
Sport Commission AT * Sportkommission KB	3,000	12,000	10,977
Technical Commission AT * Technische Kommission KB	3,000	12,000	9,423
Track Commission & Experts OWG * Bahnbaukomm. und Experten OWS	3,000	12,000	24,058
Total Expenses for FIL Commissions/Working Groups * Aufwendungen für FIL-Kommissionen / AG´s	**35,000**	**107,000**	**94,355**
Total Management * Management	**1,278,500**	**1,290,500**	**1,226,672**
Events AT * Veranstaltungen KB			
Subsidies for Event Organizers * Zuschüsse für Ausrichter			
Subsidies for Event Organizers Approved International Races AT * Zuschuesse fuer Ausrichter Bestatigte intern. Rennen KB	30,000	30,000	20,090
Subsidies for Event Organizers CC AT * Zuschuesse fuer Ausrichter KC KB	30,000	55,000	40,000
Subsidies for Event Organizers JWC & JWCh AT * Zuschuesse fuer Ausrichter JWC & JWM KB	80,000	70,000	70,000
Subsidies for Event Organizers WC AT * Zuschuesse fuer Ausrichter WC KB	490,000	765,000	735,250
Subsidies for Event Organizers WCh AT * Zuschuesse fuer Ausrichter WM KB	100,000	-	-
Total Subsidies for Event Organizers * Zuschüsse für Ausrichter	**730,000**	**920,000**	**865,340**
Television Production AT * Fernsehproduktion KB			

	2027 BUDGET * HAUSHALT	2026 BUDGET * HAUSHALT	2026 ACTUAL * TATSÄCHLICH
Director/Agent for TV incl. Fee, Additional Costs, Support Staff AT * TV-Verantwortlicher/Regisseur KB inkl. Honorar, Nebenkosten u. Hilfskrafte	50,000	135,000	142,099
TV Expenses AT incl. Production & Live Streaming * TV-Ausgaben KB inkl. Produktion u. Live-Streaming	1,390,000	950,000	1,142,484
Total Television Production AT * Fernsehproduktion KB	**1,440,000**	**1,085,000**	**1,284,582**
Marketing/Public Relations Work AT * Marketing/Öffentlichkeitsarbeit KB			
Advertising Material (Honorary Gifts, Flags, etc.) * Werbematerial (Ehrengeschenke, Fahnen, usw.)	3,000	3,000	14,732
Advertising, Public Relations, Services WCs, WCh AT * Werbung, PR, Dienstleistungen fuer WCs, WM KB	115,000	180,000	268,019
DokuMe Database Development * Entwicklungskosten DokuMe Datenbank	20,000	20,000	3,410
Flags, Pennants, Pins * Fahnen, Wimpel, Abzeichen	1,000	1,000	-
Marketing Expenses * Marketing-Aufwendungen	100,000	85,000	61,161
Press Relations WC, WCh & OWG AT * Pressebetreuung WC, WM u. OWS KB	110,000	95,000	67,170
Sponsorship Activation Costs AT * Kosten fuer die Sponsorenaktivierung bei KB	100,000	-	-
Support Service Guests of Honor * Betreuung Ehrengaste	25,000	25,000	17,932
Total Marketing/Public Relations Work AT * Marketing/Öffentlichkeitsarbeit KB	**474,000**	**409,000**	**432,425**
Social Media AT * Social Media KB			
Content for Scoopa Platform * Inhalte fuer die Plattform Scoopa	50,000	50,000	13,604
Social Media AT * Social Media KB	140,000	90,000	184,235
Total Social Media AT * Social Media KB	**190,000**	**140,000**	**197,839**
Expenses for Directors, Permanent TDs, etc. * Aufwand f. Direktoren, ständge TDs usw.			
FIL Consultant OWG * FIL Consulter OWS	12,000	9,000	11,627
Sport Director AT General Class * Sportdirektor KB Senioren	35,000	30,000	33,904
Strategy Plan - Standardized Sled Components AT * Strategieplan - Standardkomponenten f. Rodel KB	-	50,000	8,278
Technical Director AT General Class * Technischer Direktor KB Senioren	35,000	30,000	19,682
Technical Equipment * Technische Gerte	10,000	10,000	4,893
TD AT Juniors * TD KB Junioren	18,000	18,000	13,957
Total Expenses for Directors, Permanent TDs, etc. * Aufwand f. Direktoren, ständge TDs usw.	**110,000**	**147,000**	**92,341**
Prize Money, Trophies, Medals AT * Preisgelder, Pokale, Medaillen KB			
Prize Money * Preisgelder	678,000	575,000	596,506
Trophies, Medals AT * Pokale, Medaillen KB	45,000	35,000	39,868
Total Prize Money, Trophies, Medals AT * Preisgelder, Pokale, Medaillen KB	**723,000**	**610,000**	**636,374**
Doping Tests * Dopingkontrollen	240,000	230,000	271,578
Purchase of Helmets * Ankauf von Schutzhelmen	42,000	42,000	41,590
Olympic Winter Games * Olympische Winterspiele	10,000	400,000	412,057
Total Events AT * Veranstaltungen KB	**3,959,000**	**3,983,000**	**4,234,126**
NFs Support & Development Program AT * NFs Unterstützungs- und Entwicklungsprogramm AT			
NFs Support & Development Program AT * NFs Unterstuetzungs- und Entwicklungsprogramm KB	530,000	-	-
Development Program AT * Entwicklungsprogramm AT			
Athlete Recruitment * Athletenrekrutierung	-	5,000	-
Fee for Development Director * Honorar fuer Entwicklungsleiter	-	65,000	67,667
Fee for Temporary Trainers * Honorar Zeittrainers	-	70,000	92,999
Material & Equipment * Material & Gerate	-	5,000	-

	2027 BUDGET * HAUSHALT	2026 BUDGET * HAUSHALT	2026 ACTUAL * TATSÄCHLICH
NF Programs * NF-Programme	-	40,000	27,043
Postage, Tel., other Expenses for Development Director * Telefonpauschale fuer Entwicklungsleiter	-	3,000	838
Rental Vehicles Development Program AT * Mietfahrzeuge Entwicklungsprogr. KB	-	20,000	61,044
Service Vehicle & Staff * Servicefahrzeug & Besatzung	-	5,000	11,480
Summer Training Camp * Trainingslager Sommer	-	20,000	32,519
Training Camps * Trainingslehrgange	-	50,000	85,967
Vouchers Program * Freifahrtsscheine	-	180,000	156,282
Travel Expenses Temporary Trainers & Development Director * Reisekosten Zeittrainers u. Entwicklungsleiter	-	40,000	66,622
Total Development Program AT * Entwicklungsprogramm AT	**-**	**503,000**	**602,461**
NFs Support AT * NFs Unterstützungs AT			
Athletes Subsidy Junior WC & CC AT * Sportlerforderung Junioren WC & KC KB	-	210,000	195,250
Flight & Travel Subsidies, Transportation Costs * Flug- & Reisezuschsse, Transportkosten	-	260,000	210,841
Partnership Programs AT * Patenschaftsprogramme KB	-	40,000	42,600
Total NFs Support AT * NFs Unterstützungs AT	**-**	**510,000**	**448,691**
Total NFs Support & Development Program AT * NFs Unterstützungs- und Entwicklungsprogramm AT	**530,000**	**1,013,000**	**1,051,152**
Alpine Luge * Alpin Rodel			
Alpine Luge incl. Lump Sum & Strategy Plan * Alpin Rodel inkl. Pauschalbetrag & Strategieplan	400,000	-	-
Program Alpine Luge - Lump sum * Alpenrodeln - Pauschalbetrag	-	490,000	487,966
Strategy Plan - Alpine Luge * Strategieplan - Alpin Rodel	-	242,000	187,865
Total Alpine Luge * Alpin Rodel	**400,000**	**732,000**	**675,831**
Financial Expenses * Finanzielle Ausgaben			
Bank Charges * Bankaufwendungen	20,000	10,000	20,703
Insurances * Versicherungen	40,000	40,000	22,383
FIL Events & Marketing LLC Corporation Tax * FIL Vermarktungs- u. Veranstaltungs GmbH Koerperschaftsteuer	-	-	23,979
Finance Costs Berchtesgaden Office * Finanzierungskosten Berchtesgaden Buro	8,000	8,000	6,885
Fund Management Fee * Vermogensverwaltungsgebuhren	50,000	50,000	39,139
Total Financial Expenses * Finanzielle Ausgaben	**118,000**	**108,000**	**113,089**
Other Expenses * Sonstige Ausgaben			
Allocation Hardship Cases Fund * Dotierung Hartefonds	10,000	10,000	10,000
Expenses from previous Season * Ausgaben der vorherigen Saison	50,000	50,000	6,695
Fees ("Fair Play" etc.) * Beitrage ("Fair Play" etc.)	1,500	1,500	-
Unforseen Expenses * Unvorhergesehenes	2,000	2,000	-
Total Other Expenses * Sonstige Ausgaben	**63,500**	**63,500**	**16,695**
Total Expenses * Ausgaben	**6,950,000**	**7,781,000**	**7,857,197**
Release of Reserves * Auflösung von Rücklagen	**(4,481,000)**	**(6,164,000)**	**(5,926,574)**

Olympiad Budget * Olympiade-Haushalt

International Luge Federation * Internationaler Rodelverband
For the year ended 31 March 2027

	2026/27 BUDGET * HAUSHALT	2027/28 BUDGET * HAUSHALT	2028/29 BUDGET * HAUSHALT	2029/30 BUDGET * HAUSHALT
Income * Einnahamen				
Annual Membership Fee from National Federations * Jahresbeitrage der Nationalverbande	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
IOC & WOF * IOC & WOF	165,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
TV & Sponsorship * TV & Werbeeinnahmen	2,129,000	2,129,000	2,129,000	1,914,000
Other Revenue * Sonstige Einnahmen	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Return on Investments, Dividends, Interest * Ertrage aus Anlagen, Dividenden, Zinsen	168,000	208,000	155,000	81,000
Total Income * Einnahamen	**2,469,000**	**2,434,000**	**2,381,000**	**2,092,000**
Expenses * Ausgaben				
Governance * Governance				
Presidium * Präsidium	210,000	216,000	223,000	231,000
Executive Board & Hon. President * Vorstand & Ehrenpräsident	41,000	42,000	43,000	44,000
Travel Expenses Executive Board Members & Officials * Reisekosten Exekutive u. Beauftragte	100,000	103,000	106,000	109,000
FIL Meetings * FIL-Beratungen	210,000	81,000	152,000	83,000
Strategy Plan - Other * Strategieplan - Sonstiges	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Strategy Plan - Sustainability Projects * Strategieplan - Nachhaltigkeitsprojekte	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Total Governance * Governance	**601,000**	**482,000**	**564,000**	**507,000**
Management * Management				
FIL Office * FIL-Büro	868,500	893,000	920,000	947,000
Professional Services * Professionelle Dienstleistungen	375,000	279,000	283,000	286,000
Expenses for FIL Commissions/Working Groups * Aufwendungen für FIL-Kommissionen / AG´s	35,000	36,000	36,000	39,000
Total Management * Management	**1,278,500**	**1,208,000**	**1,239,000**	**1,272,000**
Events AT * Veranstaltungen KB				
Subsidies for Event Organizers * Zuschüsse für Ausrichter	730,000	819,000	843,000	687,000
Television Production AT * Fernsehproduktion KB	1,440,000	1,648,000	1,713,000	1,320,000
Marketing/Public Relations Work AT * Marketing/Öffentlichkeitsarbeit KB	474,000	488,000	503,000	517,000
Social Media AT * Social Media KB	190,000	196,000	202,000	208,000
Expenses for Directors, Permanent TDs, etc. * Aufwand f. Direktoren, ständge TDs usw.	110,000	113,000	117,000	120,000
Prize Money, Trophies, Medals AT * Preisgelder, Pokale, Medaillen KB	723,000	745,000	766,000	789,000
Doping Tests * Dopingkontrollen	240,000	247,000	255,000	262,000
Olympic Winter Games * Olympische Winterspiele	10,000	10,000	20,000	250,000
Purchase of Helmets * Ankauf von Schutzhelmen	42,000	43,000	45,000	46,000
Total Events AT * Veranstaltungen KB	**3,959,000**	**4,309,000**	**4,464,000**	**4,199,000**
NFs Support & Development Program AT * NFs Unterstützungs- und Entwicklungsprogramm AT	530,000	467,000	480,000	493,000
Alpine Luge * Alpin Rodel	400,000	412,000	424,000	437,000
Financial Expenses * Finanzielle Ausgaben	118,000	122,000	124,000	121,000
Other Expenses * Sonstige Ausgaben	63,500	64,000	64,000	64,000
Total Expenses * Ausgaben	**6,950,000**	**7,064,000**	**7,359,000**	**7,093,000**

Release of Reserves * Auflösung von Rücklagen	(4,481,000)	(4,630,000)	(4,978,000)	(5,001,000)

	2026/27 BUDGET * HAUSHALT	2027/28 BUDGET * HAUSHALT	2028/29 BUDGET * HAUSHALT	2029/30 BUDGET * HAUSHALT
Movement in Reserves * Bewegungen in den Reserven				
Reserves at beginning of Year * Reserven zu Jahresbeginn	7,500,000	15,019,000	12,889,000	7,911,000
Plus - Receipt from IOC * Quittung vom IOC	12,000,000	2,500,000	-	-
Minus - Release of Reserves * Freigabe von Reserven	4,481,000	4,630,000	4,978,000	5,001,000
Reserves at end of Year * Rücklagen zum Jahresende	15,019,000	12,889,000	7,911,000	2,910,000

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FIL Audit
Günther Beck
Derek Prentice

To the 74th FIL Congress 2026
in Berchtesgaden/GER

AUDIT REPORT of 18 April 2026

We, the undersigned members of the Control Commission, in accordance with our mandate and in the period 17 and 18 April 2026, in FIL office in Berchtesgaden/GER, examined the accounts, the annual financial statement for 31 March 2026 and all transactions for the business year 2025/2026.

We find that:
1. The accounts were correctly kept in accordance with the legal requirements.
2. All documentary evidence and bank statements are available and agree with the account entries.
3. We have checked the assets and liabilities as of 31 March 2026 for any impairment and established that they were correct on that date.
4. The annual statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026 and the statement of assets at 31 March 2026 agree with the figures in the accounting records.

The annual statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026 shows:

Revenue	**EUR**	**1,930,623**
Expenditure	**EUR**	**7,857,197**
Net outlay of resources	**EUR**	**5,926,574**

After the personnel and system challenges during the 2024 financial year the FIL's financial management continued to be settled during the 2025/2026 year. There continues to be a very strong working relationship between the FIL Office, Vice President for Finance Geoff Balme, BDO and ANA for the FIL's bookkeeping, accounting, audit and tax. As these relationships have developed the quality, timeliness and accuracy of reporting has improved.

The Presidium continues to monitor the FIL's banking, investment, bookkeeping, accounting, audit and taxation responsibilities to ensure they are efficient, cost effective and that the return on FIL's investments is being maximized within the parameters the Presidium believes are appropriate. The FIL's transactional banking remains primarily with Salzburger Sparkasse in Austria while investments are now with both LGT Liechtenstein and Sparkasse Private Banking. During the year BDO audited FIL Internationaler Rodelverband Vermarktungs und Veranstaltungs GmbH, the FIL's marketing and events company, and ANA audited the FIL.

As an Olympic year, the 2025/2026 financial year would always be impacted by that event however the well-publicized challenges presented by the Organizing Committee resulted in the transfer of significant activities and costs to the FIL. A further Olympic complication was the Russian situation, Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) involvement and the significant associated costs. A third complication was the cost for relocating two World Cup races and a World Cup organizer unable to pay their full share of the TV Production cost. Anticipating these situations and likely costs, in September 2025 the Executive Board approved increases to the 2025/26 budget. On a positive note, it was good to see recent initiatives to enhance the image of our sport resulting in new sponsorship and some additional television revenue.

While the financial outcome in the year 2025/2026 corresponded closely to budget for most budget items, significant deviations are:
- TV & Sponsorship revenue - €166,000 over budget.

- Return on investments - €146,000 over budget.
- FIL Office - €83,000 under budget.
- Professional Services (accounting, audit, bookkeeping, legal & tax) - €32,000 over budget.
- Subsidies for Event Organizers AT - €55,000 under budget.
- TV Production - €200,000 over budget.
- Social Media - €57,000 over budget.
- Strategy Plans (Standardized Sleds & Alpine Luge) - €96,000 under budget.
- Development Program AT - €99,000 over budget.
- Flight & Travel Subsidies - €49,000 under budget.

The annual financial statements include an analysis of the budget variances, and these will be further explained at the Congress as usual. In summary the variances included the aforementioned costs for the Olympic Winter Games and World Cups; general inflation increasing travel, accommodation and TV Production costs; and a more expansive social media strategy in the Olympic season with the goal of getting better marks in the IOC data collection for digital media, a critical measure when considering future Games and the FIL's financial return from the Games. We note that the FIL may have costs awarded against it by CAS, however those costs cannot be determined at this time.

At last year's Congress the Vice-President for Finance stated that the FIL had lived beyond it means for several years and that in the absence of significantly increased revenue, expenditure would need to be significantly reduced. The Presidium and Executive Board are to be commended for proposing a budget for 2026/27 that will significantly reduce expenditure, retain reserves and ensure the FIL's ongoing sustainability.

Comments on the audit

We find that, beyond the business transactions already discussed, there are no noteworthy changes relative to the financial report for 2025/2026 to be discussed.

Dear Delegates, we find that in the year 2025/2026 our FIL Vice-President for Finance, Geoff Balme, has managed the FIL's assets professionally, prudently and, together with the Presidium, with the usual commitment and success for the benefit of the entire FIL family. All documents required for our audit were made available for our work freely, in full and collated.

We find that the collaboration between the FIL office in Berchtesgaden and the Vice President for Finance works well. We would like to thank our staff in the FIL Office, headed by Executive Director Christoph Schweiger and his staff members for the excellent work they have done throughout the year. We would also like to thank BDO and ANA for their professional work, support and guidance.

For the year now ended, 2025/2026, it is therefore our earnest wish to thank the FIL Presidium with President Einars Fogelis at its head, and especially the Vice-President for Finance Geoff Balme, the whole Executive, the commissions and all officials and employees of the FIL for their outstanding and untiring work for the worldwide sport of luge.

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

For the Control Commission:

Günther Beck
Chairperson

Berchtesgaden, 18 April 2026

Derek Prentice
Member

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Antrag
auf Ausrichtung von FIL-Meisterschaften

- Bereich Kunstbahn-Rennrodeln -

BSD
Nationale Föderation:

Junioren-Weltmeisterschaften Saison 2029/2030
Vorgesehene Meisterschaft:

Oberhof
Geplanter Austragungsort:

1. Gewährte Vergünstigungen für die Teams in der Internationalen Trainingswoche:
(z.B. Übernahme Aufenthalt für eine bestimmte Anzahl von Athleten; Nutzung der Bahn ohne Gebühren oder mit Preisnachlass; Durchführung eines Sportlerabends)

Bisher keine Maßnahmen geplant

2. Gewährte Vergünstigungen für die Teams bei den Meisterschaften:
(z.B. Übernahme Aufenthalt für eine bestimmte Anzahl von Athleten; Durchführung eines Sportlerabends)

Eröffnungsveranstaltung geplant,

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

zu 100 %	Ja	☐	Nein	☒
zu 50 %	Ja	☐	Nein	☒

(zusätzlich TV-Produktion durch regionales Fernsehen vorgesehen)

Zuschuss in Euro _____

4. Kommt mindestens eine leistungsfähige Videowand (für Einsatz bei Tageslicht geeignet) zum Einsatz?
(*Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen)*

Ja	☒
Nein	☐

5. Steht an allen Wettkampftagen ein VIP-Zelt zur Verfügung?
(*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?

- Landesweite Werbestrategien
- Medienpräsenz in Rundfunk & TV
- Printmedien durch Partnerschaften
- Plakat- & Flyer-Werbung
- Zusammenarbeit mit Tourismus

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

Eröffnungsveranstaltung, wenn die Finanzierung steht wird auch das Rahmenprogramm besprochen

9. Besteht eine Vereinbarung mit einem Sponsor bezüglich Namensrecht am Austragungsort?
Ja ☒
Nein ☐

Wenn ja: Name des Sponsors: LOTTO

Vereinbarter Name des Austragungsorts: Oberhof LOTTO Thüringen Eisarena

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

10. Durchgeführte Meisterschaften in den letzten 5 Jahren

Jahr der Durchführung:	**Welche Meisterschaften:**
2008 _	40. FIL-Weltmeisterschaften
2011 _	26. FIL-Junioren Weltmeisterschaften
2013	44. FIL-Europameisterschaften
2013 _	34. FIL-Junioren-Europameisterschaften
2015	36. FIL-Junioren Europameisterschaften
2017	38. FIL-Junioren Europameisterschaften
2020 _____	35. FIL- Juniorenweltmeisterschaften
2023 _____	51. 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 2016)
  - § 6 der IRO „*Medizinischer Dienst“* (IRO 2016)

- **von den Meisterschaften im öffentlich-rechtlichen Fernsehen des Landes mindestens 60 Minuten übertragen werden (*gilt nur WM).***

_____01.02.2026_____ _____

Datum **Stempel** **Unterschrift des Präsidenten bzw. des Generalsekretärs der NF**

Sport Director Matthias Böhmer

Statement Application JWCh 2030

The Sport Commission supports Oberhof's (GER) bid to host the 2030 Junior World Championships. Oberhof is an experienced and exceptionally well-organized host, which will have a positive impact on both the athletic value of the World Championships and the athletes' experience.

Antrag
auf Ausrichtung von FIL-Meisterschaften

- Bereich Alpin Rodeln -

FISI — Junioren EM Alpinrodeln

Nationale Föderation: — Vorgesehene Meisterschaft:

Naturrodelbahn "Tonnerboden" Jaufental, Gemeinde Ratschings (ITA)

Geplante(r) Austragungsort/Rennstrecke:

ASV JAUFENTAL, FISI Kodex 01174

Name des ausrichtenden Vereins:

1. **Technische Daten der Rennstrecke**

   Homologierungsdatum: 06.05.2024 **Bahnlänge:** 675 m

   Seehöhe Start: 1.322 **Seehöhe Ziel:** 1.256

   Durchschnittsgefälle: 10% **Maximalgefälle:** 22%

   (Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen)

   Auffahrtstraße vorhanden: X **Fußweg an der Bahn vorhanden:** X

   Starthaus mit Wärmeraum: X **Starthütte:** X **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**

Jahr der Durchführung:	Name der Veranstaltung:
2020 u. 2021	Junioren Weltcup Rennrodeln NB
2021	Junioren EM Rennrodeln NB
2022	Junioren WM Rennrodeln NB
2023	Doppelweltcupveranstaltung allg. Klasse Rennr. NB
2024	Weltcup u. EM Rennrodeln NB allg. Klasse
2025	FIL Weltjugendspiele Rennrodeln NB
2026	Alpin Rodel Weltcup Finale allg. Klasse

4. **Gewährte Vergünstigungen für die Teams bei den Meisterschaften:**
(z.B. Übernahme Aufenthalt für eine bestimmte Anzahl von Athleten; Durchführung eines Sportlerabends)

Buffet im VIP Raum

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

Ja X (wenn ja: ungefähre Anzahl der Sitzplätze: .....)
Nein O

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

Ja O
Nein X

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

Abgrenzungszäune, Absperrungen, Ordnungsdienst

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 2024)*
  - *§ 6 der IRO „Medizinischer Dienst" (IRO 2024)*
  - *die „Werbeordnung der FIL" (IRO 2024)*
  - *das „Pflichtenheft für Veranstalter" (2022)*

- **die Möglichkeit einer Teilnahme von Athletinnen und Athleten aller Nationalen Verbände der FIL garantiert wird.**

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10.04.2026		
Datum	**Stempel**	**Unterschrift des Präsidenten bzw. des Generalsekretärs der NF**

13.04.2026

Fragebogen für Veranstalter - Alpin Rodelbahn

(Welche Leistungen wurden bei früheren Veranstaltungen realisiert bzw. sind bereits vorhanden oder geplant)

Rennbüro Ja, vorhanden ☑ Nein, geplant ☐

Ausstattung:

Stromanschluss	Ja ☑	Nein ☐	Anzahl ☐	vorhanden/geplant
WLAN	Ja ☑	Nein ☐	Anzahl ☐	vorhanden/geplant
Heizung	Ja ☑	Nein ☐	Anzahl ☐	vorhanden/geplant
Drucker	Ja ☑	Nein ☐	Anzahl ☐	vorhanden/geplant
Kopiergerät	Ja ☑	Nein ☐	Anzahl ☐	vorhanden/geplant

Zeitmessung Firma Sport EDV Mall

Anlage

Anzahl der Zwischenzeiten 3

Zeitinformationen

LED Wall	Ja ☐	Nein ☑	Anzahl ☐
Reihungstafel	Ja ☑	Nein ☐	Anzahl ☐
Zeittafel	Ja ☑	Nein ☐	Anzahl ☐

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Sprecher: Ja

Fremdsprachen (welche) ital., engl.

Dopingkontrolle Ja ☑ Nein ☐ welche Räumlichkeiten sind vorhanden:

Aufenthaltsraum, WC

Siegerpräsentation/-ehrung als eigene Veranstaltung geplant? Ja ☑ Nein ☐

Örtlichkeit und Rahmen:

Zielraum Rodelbahn

Hymnen vorhanden	Ja ☑	Nein ☐
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Fahnen größtenteils vorhanden	Ja ☑	Nein ☐

Vermarktung eigene Ja ☑ Nein ☐

Professionelle Ja ☐ Nein ☑

Agenturname:

Öffentlichkeitsarbeit

eigene Ja ☑ Nein ☐

professionelle Ja ☐ Nein ☑

Welche:

Pressebüro (unabhängig vom Rennbüro!)

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Fremdsprachen (welche): ital., engl.

Akkreditierungen mit Zoneneinteilung Ja ☑ Nein ☐

Unterkünfte:

Hotels mit WLAN ausreichend zur Verfügung Ja ☑ Nein ☐

Quartiere sind vorwiegend

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Durchschnittliche Entfernung von der Bahn: 1,5 - 10 km km

Fahrtmöglichkeit zur Bahn: Pkw, Vereinsbus

Verpflegung/Betreuung:

Jury/TD-Betreuung Ja ☑ Nein ☐

Eigener Juryraum Ja ☑ Nein ☐

Verpflegung für Jury und TD Hotel ☑ Gasthaus ☐

VIP-Zelt Ja ☐ Nein ☑ VIP-Raum Ja ☑ Nein ☐

Sonstiges

Ausschreibung-Einladung online/mail ☑ Post ☐

Programmheft extra Ja ☑ Nein ☐

Ergebnislisten Format A4 pdf Dateien

Gastgeschenk Ja ☑ Nein ☐

Gastgeschenke für Ehrengäste Ja ☑ Nein ☐

Anstecknadeln zur Veranstaltung Ja ☐ Nein ☑

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eigene Veranstaltung mit Kindern aus der Grundschule

Zuschauertribünen: Ja ☑ Nein ☐

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74th FIL Congress 2026 in Berchtesgaden
Summary of Nomination Proposals Executive Board

- **President**
  Einars FOGELIS/LAT

- **Secretary General**
  Dwight BELL/USA

- **Vice President forFinance**
  - Geoff BALME/NZL
  - Philipp TRATTNER/AUT

- **Vice President for Marketing**
  - Thomas SCHWAB/GER

- **Vice President for Sports- AT**
  - Hans-Jürgen KÖHNE/GER
  - Ashley WALDEN/USA

- **Vice President for Technical Affairs - AT**
  - Armin ZÖGGELER/ITA

- **Vice President for Alpine Luge**
  - Simon PAREGGER/AUT

- **Additional Executive Members (2)**
  - Nataliya GART/ RUS
  - Tomas HASEK/ CZE
  - Markus PROCK/AUT
  - Xing SHUO/ CHN
  - Elena Sorina TICU /ROU
  - *Ashley WALDEN/ USA (if not elected as VP Sports AT)*

Only if Mr. Xing Shuo is not elected as an Executive Member:

- **Vice President Asia**
  - Jieun Park /KOR

- ***Vice President Oceania (will only be elected if G. Balme is not elected as VP Finance!!!)***

  - Geoff Balme/NZL

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To:
International Luge Federation

No. 21
27.03.2026, Riga

The Latvian Luge Federation hereby officially nominates **Einars Fogelis** as a candidate for the position of President of the International Luge Federation (FIL) in the upcoming elections.

Over the past six years, serving as FIL President, Einars Fogelis has demonstrated himself to be an outstanding, forward-thinking, and highly professional leader. Under his leadership, the sport of luge has experienced significant development – international cooperation has been strengthened, competition organization has been improved, and the visibility and accessibility of the sport have been enhanced worldwide.

Einars Fogelis' leadership is characterized by his ability to make strategically important decisions while maintaining a strong connection with the luge community and its needs. His contribution has laid a solid foundation for future growth, and we are confident that he is the most suitable candidate to continue the work already initiated and to further advance the global development of luge.

The Latvian Luge Federation fully supports his candidacy and encourages other national federations to place their trust in his leadership, allowing him to continue the development path that has already been successfully established.

Sincerely,

President of the Latvian Luge Federation  Klavs Vasks

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FIL
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Berchtesgaden, 21.04.2026

Wahlen FIL-Kongress 2026
Kandidatenvorschläge

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,

der BSD schlägt folgende Kandidaten für das Präsidium/Exekutive der FIL vor:

Präsident	Einars Fogelis (LAT)
Generalsekretär	Dwigth Bell (USA)
VP- Marketing	Thomas Schwab
VP- Sport	Hans-Jürgen Köhne

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Thomas Schwab
Vorstand

high tech high speed high performance

Internationaler Rennrodelverband (FIL)
z.H. Herrn Christoph Schweiger
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DEUTSCHLAND

Innsbruck, am 17. April 2026

Betreff: Kandidatenvorschläge für die Wahl der Exekutivmitglieder

Sehr geehrter Herr Exekutivdirektor Schweiger,
lieber Christoph,

nachfolgend dürfen wir termingerecht die Kandidatenvorschläge des Österreichischen Rodelverbandes für die Wahl der FIL-Exekutive übermitteln:

Kandidatenvorschläge:

Präsidium FIL:

Vizepräsident Finanzen - AUT
Philipp Trattner

Exekutive FIL:

Vizepräsident Alpin Rodeln - AUT
Simon Paregger

Mitglied Exekutive - AUT
Markus Prock

Mit sportlichen Grüßen

Dipl. Ing. Helmut Ruetz
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22 April 2026

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Attention: Christoph Schweiger – Executive Director

Dear Mr Schweiger

NOMINATION FOR THE ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE (AND VICE PRESDIENT FOR OCEANIA, IF REQUIRED)

Please accept the nomination of Geoff Balme for the position of Vice President for Finance and if not successful for that position, for the position of Vice President Oceania.

See next section for German text / Siehe nächster Abschnitt für deutschen Text

For many years Geoff has worked tirelessly for the sport of luge and the FIL including as FIL Vice President for Oceania and for the last three years as Vice President for Finance. During this time he developed the sport of luge in New Zealand, built the only ice luge track in the Southern Hemisphere and ensured that New Zealand athletes have regularly competed in FIL competitions in both artificial and alpine luge. He has contributed to the governance of the FIL with financial and investment advice and was involved in the development of the FIL's Slide 2026 and 2030+4 Strategic Plans.

Since the FIL Congress in 2023 Geoff has held the role of Vice President for Finance for the FIL, taking over from his predecessor who resigned after one year in the role. This was then followed by the resignation of the FIL's in-house bookkeeper who had struggled to bring the FIL's financial functions inhouse and to provide timely and accurate reporting. While the past three years has had its challenges, many of which have been reported to Congresses, Geoff has worked closely with the FIL Office to ensure the FIL's financial functions and reporting are much closer to what is expected of an Austrian based international sports federation.

Geoff says there is still work to be done. As a professional accountant who has held senior financial, management and director roles in commercial, public sector and sporting organisations he has the skills and experience to successfully continue this work. Geoff stands by his hard work and record over the past three years and accordingly we respectfully request the support of the Congress for him to continue as Vice President for Finance.

German text / Deutscher Text

Geoff engagiert sich seit vielen Jahren unermüdlich für den Rodelsport und die FIL, unter anderem als FIL-Vizepräsident für Ozeanien und in den letzten drei Jahren als Vizepräsident für Finanzen. In dieser Zeit förderte er den Rodelsport in Neuseeland, baute die einzige Eisrodelbahn der Südhalbkugel und sorgte dafür, dass neuseeländische Athleten regelmäßig an FIL-Wettbewerben im Kunst- und Alpinrodeln teilnahmen. Er beriet die FIL in Finanz- und Anlagefragen und war an der Entwicklung der strategischen Pläne „Slide 2026“ und „2030+4“ beteiligt.

Seit dem FIL-Kongress 2023 bekleidet Geoff das Amt des Vizepräsidenten für Finanzen und übernahm es von seinem Vorgänger, der nach einem Jahr im Amt zurücktrat. Kurz darauf kündigte auch der interne Buchhalter der FIL, der Schwierigkeiten hatte, die Finanzfunktionen der FIL intern abzuwickeln und zeitnahe und korrekte Berichte zu erstellen. Die vergangenen drei Jahre waren zwar nicht ohne Herausforderungen, über die viele dem Kongress berichtet wurden, doch hat Geoff eng mit dem FIL-Büro zusammengearbeitet, um sicherzustellen, dass die Finanzfunktionen und das Berichtswesen des FIL den Erwartungen an einen in Österreich ansässigen internationalen Sportverband deutlich besser entsprechen.

Geoff betont, dass noch viel zu tun sei. Als professioneller Wirtschaftsprüfer mit langjähriger Erfahrung in leitenden Positionen im Finanz-, Management- und Aufsichtsratswesen in Wirtschaftsunternehmen, öffentlichen Einrichtungen und Sportorganisationen verfügt er über die nötigen Fähigkeiten und Erfahrungen, um diese Arbeit erfolgreich fortzusetzen. Geoff steht zu seinen Leistungen und Erfolgen der letzten drei Jahre, und wir bitten den Kongress daher höflich um seine Unterstützung für eine weitere Amtszeit als Vizepräsident für Finanzen.

Yours sincerely / Mit freundlichen Grüßen

C.J. Bennett

Camilla Bennett
Secretary
New Zealand Olympic Luge Association Inc.

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April 21, 2026

Dear Einars, Christoph, and members of the FIL Executive Board.

On behalf of the United States Luge Association, I would like to formally submit a nomination for Dwight Bell, III to continue in the position of Secretary General of the FIL

In his time as Secretary General, Dwight has demonstrated exceptional leadership – both within the FIL and with the IOC - to advance the sport of luge internationally. His commitment to teamwork and communication has created a culture of collaboration and creativity, allowing new ideas to be brought forward while opening doors to new opportunities for the FIL. His vision for the future is one we can all be excited about, as well.

Please accept this nomination for Dwight Bell to serve as Secretary General of the FIL.

Sincerely,

Scott Riewald
CEO/ Executive Director
United States Luge Association

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International luge Federation FIL
Executive Director
Mr. Christoph Schweiger

Nomination of Ms. Nataliya Gart for the position of the FIL Executive Board Member

Dear Mr. Schweiger,
Dear Christoph,

Russian Luge Federation hereby nominates Ms. Nataliya Gart as a candidate for election to the FIL Executive Board Member.

Ms. Gart has been serving as President of the Russian Luge Federation since 2012 and previously held the position of FIL Executive Board Member from 2014 to 2022. Throughout her tenure, she has consistently demonstrated strong leadership and a clear strategic vision, making a substantial contribution to the development of luge at both national and international levels.

As a member of the Executive Board, Ms. Gart has always actively contributed to the advancement of the sport in full alignment with the principles and objectives set out in the FIL Statutes. In particular, she consistently follows and implements the core mission of the FIL: to develop the sport of luge worldwide, to supervise, promote, and direct it, as well as to represent the sport of luge within the Olympic Movement.

She is the founder of the «Public Sledding» initiative, which has evolved into Alpine Luge at the international level and is currently experiencing dynamic growth in Russia. In the 2025–2026 season, the project was successfully implemented through a five-stage nationwide luge festival, creating a strong foundation for further expansion, with an extended calendar of events already planned for the 2026–2027 season. This initiative plays a key role in broadening participation, increasing visibility, and making luge more accessible to a wider audience.

Under Ms. Gart's leadership, this direction has become one of the most actively developing areas of the sport in Russia, clearly demonstrating her ability not only to support existing disciplines but also to initiate and scale new formats in line with international development priorities.

Russian Luge Federation firmly believes that Ms. Gart's experience, leadership, and forward-looking vision make her a highly qualified candidate for election to the FIL Executive Board Member.

Best regards,



Anna Savka
Secretary General
Russian luge Federation

FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA
SPORT INVERNALI

IL PRESIDENTE

Milano, 23rd April 2026

To the kind attention of

Mr. Cristoph Schweiger
FIL Executive Director

Subject: FIL Congress 2026 Berchtesgaden / GER – 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 to support the following candidacies:

LUGE ARTIFICIAL TRACK

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Vice President Technical Matters Artificial Track
Mr. Armin Zöggeler

Sport Commission – Luge Artificial Track
Member
Mr. Klaus Kofler

Technical Commission – Luge Artificial Track
Member
Mr. Oswald Haselrieder

Commission Youth/Development – Luge Artificial Track
Member
Mr. Kevin Fischnaller

ALPINE LUGE

Expert Commission – Alpine Luge
Member
Mr. Alex Gruber

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ITALIA Federazione Sportiva Nazionale Riconosciuta dal Coni

Track Construction Commission – Alpine Luge
Chairman
Dr. Martin Gruber

Member
Herbert Schwarz

Thank you for your kind attention

Best regards

Flavio Roda

NOMINATION FOR THE ELECTION - MEMBER OF FIL EXECUTIVE BOARD

April 2026
International Luge Federation
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Attention: Christoph Schweiger – FIL Executive Director
NOMINATION FOR THE ELECTION – MEMBER OF FIL EXECUTIVE BOARD

Dear Christoph,

On behalf of Romanian Bobsleigh and Luge Federation, please accept my nomination, Sorina Țicu for the position of member of FIL Executive Board.

With hopefully National Federations support at this year's election, the upcoming four years will be my second term as a member of FIL Executive Board and be assured that I am more motivated than ever to serve our luge sports.

At the end of the Olympic cycle for the Milan/Cortina 2026, as a specialist, leader of winter sports in Romania and as a president of Romanian Bobsleigh and Luge Federation, I want to share with you, responsibly, that our general goals started to became true.

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

With a view to my next four years as FIL Executive Board member, I presume that it might not be the easiest time, but I am always looking for solutions. My focus will be the optimization and acceleration of processes such as track usage, shared and centralized logistics and good governance.

I take proud in having fulfilled all challenging with a gender-balanced FIL Team. I would like to thank the Executive Board for supporting me to help to steer the FIL towards a bright future. I am also asking all NFs to play their part in finding solutions and staying committed to the values of the sport, so we can move forward and secure a long-lasting legacy.

During the last years of my term, I could realize that the well-being of the athletes is always in the center of the FIL Executive Board's attention. As an International Federation we must keep an eye on the whole and this may not be considered as an advantage by an individual athlete, but you may be assured that the focus is always on the sport and the athletes.

I also wish to thank all officials at national and international level who tirelessly provide the bases for the conduct of the luge sport. And, last but not least, thanks to all the athletes who are doing our beloved sports of luge in such a wonderful way and with great dedication!

I am looking forward to keeping on sliding together with all of you into a bright future!

NF Romania respectfully request votes for Sorina Țicu as member of FIL Executive Board.

Yours sincerely in sport,

Elena Sorina Țicu
President of Romanian Bobsleigh and Luge Federation

Dear President and Members of the Executive Board of the International Luge Federation,

On behalf of the Chinese Luge Association, it is our great honor to formally nominate Mr. Xing Shuo as a candidate for election to the Executive Board of the International Luge Federation (FIL).

Mr. Xing Shuo currently serves as Deputy Director of the Winter Sports Administrative Center of the General Administration of Sport of China, where he is responsible for the overall management and development of sliding sports, including luge. Since beginning his professional career in 2000, Mr. Xing has continuously worked within China's highest winter sports governing body, demonstrating long-term dedication and commitment to the advancement of winter sports.

With an academic background in Sports Management from Beijing Sport University, Mr. Xing has built extensive expertise across all key areas of sport governance. His professional experience spans grassroots sport development, competition management, and national team operations. Over the years, he has held multiple leadership roles covering training and competition management, national team support, and high-performance program administration.

Mr. Xing possesses comprehensive knowledge of the winter sports ecosystem, including athlete and coach development systems, technical rules and regulations, event organization, and international cooperation. His leadership in national team management has also provided him with deep insight into athlete welfare and support systems, ensuring a balanced and sustainable approach to high-performance sport.

We firmly believe that Mr. Xing's professional background, strategic vision, and extensive administrative experience will enable him to make meaningful contributions to the governance and future development of FIL. His perspective from a major winter sports nation, combined with his practical experience in building and managing high-performance systems, will add value to the global luge community.

The Chinese Luge Association fully supports his candidacy and respectfully invites the FIL Congress to give his application favorable consideration.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,



Yu Haiyan
President of Chinese Luge Association

XING Shuo

Gender： Male
Date of Birth: July 1978
Place of Birth: Tianjin, China

Education

- **Beijing Sport University**
  Bachelor's Degree in Sports Management

Current Position

- **Deputy Director**
  Winter Sports Administrative Center, General Administration of Sport of China
  (Responsible for sliding sports: bobsleigh, skeleton, and luge)

Professional Experience

- **2024 – Present**
  Deputy Director, Winter Sports Administrative Center, General Administration of Sport of China
- **2022 – 2024**
  Director, Training Division IV of sliding sports, Winter Sports Administrative Center
- **2018 – 2022**
  Director, National Team Management Department, Winter Sports Administrative Center
- **2015 – 2018**
  Deputy Director, Training and Competition Department for overall management of Chinese Winter Sports Competition
- **2000 – 2011**
  Deputy Director, Speed Skating Division

Key Areas of Expertise

- Sports governance and administration
- Athlete development systems and pathways
- Elite sport and national team management
- Competition organization and event operations
- Technical rules and regulatory frameworks
- International cooperation and federation engagement
- Athlete welfare and support systems

Professional Profile

Mr. Xing Shuo is a senior sports administrator with nearly 30 years of experience in winter sports governance. Since the start of his career in 2000, he has continuously

served within China’s highest winter sports authority, progressing from grassroots-level sport management to senior executive leadership.

He has accumulated extensive experience across the full spectrum of winter sports management, including athlete development, coaching systems, competition organization, and international collaboration. His leadership roles in national team management and support have provided him with a comprehensive understanding of high-performance systems and athlete welfare.

With a strong academic foundation in sports management and a career-long commitment to winter sports, Mr. Xing brings both strategic insight and practical experience to the governance and development of sliding sports at the international level.

Personal Statement

Xing Shuo – Candidate for the Executive Board of the International Luge Federation

It is a great honor for me to stand as a candidate for the Executive Board of the International Luge Federation. Having devoted my entire professional career to winter sports administration since 2000, I have witnessed the transformative power of sport—not only in elite performance, but also in connecting people, inspiring youth, and fostering international cooperation.

If elected, my core vision is to **advance the global development of luge through broader participation, stronger legacy utilization, and more inclusive pathways for young athletes**.

Expanding Global Reach Through Olympic Legacy

The future of luge depends on our ability to expand beyond traditional strongholds and create sustainable growth in emerging regions. In this regard, I strongly believe that Olympic legacy venues should play a central role.

The sliding track at Yanqing National Sliding Centre, built for the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics, represents one of the most advanced facilities in the world. It offers a unique opportunity to serve as a regional hub for training, development, and international exchange.

At the same time, strengthening cooperation with the legacy of the PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics will be essential. By connecting these venues and resources across Asia, we can build a more integrated and accessible development network for sliding sports.

Developing Youth Pathways in Emerging Regions

A sustainable future for luge must be built on the development of young athletes. I am committed to promoting initiatives that enable **youth from Asia and other emerging regions to access professional sliding tracks**, where they can experience, learn, and improve in a structured and safe environment.

This includes:

- Expanding training camps and development programs at Olympic legacy venues
- Creating more opportunities for first-time exposure to luge
- Supporting long-term athlete development pathways with technical and educational components

By lowering barriers to entry and increasing access to high-quality facilities, we can nurture the next generation of athletes and ensure a more diverse and vibrant global luge community.

Strengthening Cooperation and Shared Growth

International cooperation is fundamental to the success of our sport. I believe that closer collaboration among member federations, particularly in Asia, will unlock new opportunities for growth. By sharing expertise in coaching, sport science, and event organization, we can accelerate development in emerging nations while strengthening the global structure of luge.

A Commitment to Inclusive and Sustainable Development

My professional experience across athlete development, competition management, and national team operations has given me a comprehensive understanding of the sport ecosystem. I am committed to contributing this experience to FIL, with a focus on:

- Promoting balanced development between elite sport and grassroots participation
- Enhancing athlete welfare and support systems
- Ensuring that growth is sustainable, inclusive, and aligned with the values of international sport

Luge has great potential to grow as a truly global sport. By leveraging Olympic legacy, empowering youth, and strengthening international cooperation, we can open new horizons for our sport and inspire future generations.

I would be honored to contribute to this mission as a member of the FIL Executive Board.

FIL Office
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Subject: Nomination of Candidate for Executive Board

Dear Christoph,

On behalf of the Czech Luge Federation, we hereby submit the nomination of Mr. Tomáš Hašek as a candidate for the position of Executive Board Member (Member at Large) for elections at the 74th FIL Congress to be held in Berchtesgaden (GER).

Best Regards,

David Rýdl
Czech Luge Federation

Czech Luge Federation
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PROPOSAL FOR THE ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Dear representatives of national federations, friends of sledding, and readers of this dossier,

Please allow me to introduce myself briefly, as I am sure some of you may not know who Tomáš Hašek is. I am a luge lover from the Czech Republic, and some of you may know me as the youngest president of the Czech Luge Federation, a position to which I was elected in 2023 at the age of 24. Some of you know me as a member of the Czech national team in Alpine Luge, a sport I have been involved in since 2016, and since 2017 I have been leading the luge club at TJ DUKLA Liberec.

In addition to sports, I work as a researcher at the University of Chemistry and Technology in Prague, where I am currently finalizing a second master's degree and doctoral studies. My academic background includes an MSc (Dott. Mag.) from Italy and, most recently, a coaching license for luge sports from Charles University.

As president of the Czech Luge Federation, my team and I have faced many challenges, which we have successfully overcome year after year. We took over the Federation at a time when there was a negative atmosphere among the clubs and staff, which led to the decline of the luge community. Today, relationships have been restored, and thanks to the support of our Federation, the government, and the FIL development program, the clubs are thriving once again and nurturing new luge talents who were previously largely overlooked. Czech luge is now more visible on the sporting map, especially thanks to the track in Smržovka, which most of you probably know. We are continuing its renovation, and one day we would like to rebuild it to a standard similar to the track in Bludenz, because all sports, luge included, need new talents, namely children.

Some may argue that I am too young, but I would like to point out that the age is only a number. In my opinion, the FIL Executive Board is mature enough to accept even rookie representatives from smaller federations, such as the Czech one. Let's give young people, some of whom actively participate in competitions and are in daily contact with athletes, the opportunity to contribute to the running and development of the International Luge Federation.

Thank you for reading. I wish you all the best and hope you enjoy your stay at the Congress in Berchtesgaden.

Tomáš Hašek
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To. International Luge Federation

From. Korea LUGE Federation

Dear Sir or Madam,

Korea Luge Federation (Hereby KLF') would like to recommend **MRS. Park Ji-Eun (South Korea)** for the position of the **FIL Regional Vice President Asia.**

MAINLY ACCOMPISHED WORKS

During her period as the Regional Vice President Asia since 2018, she has done excellent jobs to bring passion into the Asia region by hosting below mentioned international level events.

- ODA (Official Development Assistance) Program in coordination with Koran Sports & Olympic Committee
- FIL Regional Luge School in coordination with 2018 PyeongChang Legacy Foundation
- Asian Luge Championships in Coordination with Local Government and several inner organizations
- Continental Cups Youth A as the test event for the 2024 Gangwon Youth Winter Olympic Games

As the relevant positions she has taken are

- Regional Vice President Asia of International Luge Federation (2018~Current)
- Executive Board member of Korean Sports & Olympic Committee (2016 ~ 2025)
- President of Korea Luge Federation (2016.08~2025.01)
- Executive Board member of the PyeongChang Winter Olympic Organizing Committee (2016~2018)

- Deputy director of the PyeongChang Winter Olympic Korea House (2018. 02)

REPRESENSATIVE RELAVANT ACHIEVEMENTS

[Test Event 2024 Gangwon -Continental Cups Youth A 2023]

Hosting of Continental Cups Youth A (2024 YOG Test event) in 2023 as the test event for the 2024 Gangwon Youth Winter Olympic Games is the representative case that showed her influence and leadership. Despite the absence of support from 2024 Gangwon Youth Winter Olympic organizing Committee, she proceeded responsibly with hosting the event, putting athlete's safety first and with duty as the Regional Vice President Asia and NF President. She took the lead in working to host the test event with her human network to secure required finance and properly organize it.

[Opening PyeongChang track]

One of her great achievements as the Regional Vice President Asia is **"Opening PyeongChang track to any Asian team for joint training with Korean team".** To make less burden on their budget, track fee was fully covered. Team JPN and TPE, they took full advantage of this chance by coming to PyeongChang many times for the training. This was her initiative to maintain certain level of performance of Asian team for competing in international stage.

PROMISE FUTURE

1. She would continuously work hard to open PyeongChang track for as many international event as possible through the cooperation with the current President of Korea Luge Federation.
2. She would support organizing NF in certain Asian Nations who has the eager to build one.
3. Always aligned with the vision of FIL to work forward for one shared goal in Asia.

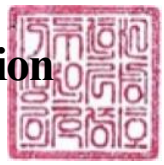
Korea Luge Federation sincerely wishes her previous period with great work is recognized by luge family and could take honor to serve once more as the FIL Regional Vice President Asia.

If there is anything you need, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

Korea LUGE Federation

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April 23, 2026

Dear Einars, Christoph, and members of the FIL Executive Board.

On behalf of the United States Luge Association, I would like to formally submit a nomination for Ashley Walden to be considered for the position of VP, Sport ***and*** for a Member-at-Large position on the FIL Executive Board.

Ashley brings a wealth and diversity of experience that would make her an ideal candidate for either position; Ashley has been a luge athlete, is an Olympian, has worked for a sport governing body (USA Bobsled - Skeleton), has organized large-scale events (2023 FISU World University Games), and as the head of the New York Olympic Regional Development Authority, she oversees operations, facilities, and events for a range of sports, including luge. Through these experiences, Ashley has built a unique skillset that makes her an ideal candidate for the position of Vice President, Sport or to serve as a Member-at-Large on the FIL Executive Board. Ashley is willing and able to serve and will bring her passion and expertise to the FIL Board.

Please accept this nomination of Ashley Walden for the positions of Vice President, Sport and Member-at-Large on the FIL Executive Board.

Sincerely,

Scott Riewald
CEO/ Executive Director
United States Luge Association

74th FIL Congress 2026 in Berchtesgaden
Summary of Nomination Proposals (Other FIL Bodies)

- **Sport Commission AT(3):**
  - Sergey Chudinov/RUS
  - Sam Edney/CAN
  - Christian Eigentler / AUT
  - Mark Grimmette/USA
  - Klaus Kofler/ITA
  - Patrick Leitner/GER
  - Mr. Wu Rongzhao/CHN
  - Juris Šics / LAT
  - Åshild Høva Sporsheim/NOR

- **Technical Commission AT (3):**
  - Oswald Haselrieder/ITA
  - Mr. Xu Jincheng/CHN
  - Inārs Kivlenieks/LAT
  - Mikhail Kuzmich/RUS
  - Lubomir Mick/USA
  - Peter Penz / AUT
  - Marek Skowroński/POL
  - Robert Taleanu/KOR
  - Christian Thurner/GER

- **Alpine Luge Commission (3):**
  - Alex Gruber / ITA
  - Gerald Kammerlander / AUT
  - Andrei Knyr/RUS
  - Thomas Niemetz / GER
  - *Åshild Høva Sporsheim/NOR (if not elected as a member of the AT Sports Commission)*
  - Keith Whitman / USA

Alternate Member of the Audit Commission

Only if Thomas HASEK is NOT elected as an Executive Member:

- **Vlasta Vavruskova/CZE**

If Thomas HASEK is elected as an Executive Member:
Candidates to be selected from among the delegates

FIL Court of Arbitration

- *Chair*
  - Ben Heijmeijer/NL
- *Vice Chair*
  - Dr. Manfred von Call / ITA
- *Members of the Arbitration Panel (3):*
  - Dr. Michał Kuliński/POL
  - Roman Staudinger/AUT
  - Erin Warren/USA

FIL Legal Committee = FIL Ethics Commission (3)

- Martin Abt/GER
- Dr. Andreas Ruetz/AUT
- Gennady Rodionov/RUS
- Shin Sung-Sik/KOR
- Klavs Vasks /LAT

FIL Ethics Authority

- Dr. Christian Krähe/GER

Youth / Development Commission AT (2)

- Kevin Fischnaller/ITA
- Mr. Yu Guo/CHN
- Mark Hatton / GBR
- Dmitry Kasatkin/RUS
- *Hans-Jürgen Köhne/GER (if not elected to the VP Sport position)*
- Mike Lane/CAN
- Sandra Lembert/AUT
- Riks Kristens Rozītis / LAT
- Zianibeth Shattuck-Owen/USA
- *Åshild Høva Sporsheim/NOR (if not elected as a member of the Alpine Luge Commission)*
- Raluca Stramaturaru/ROU
- Jani Tilvis/FIN
- Mr. Jeon Yong-Seong/KOR

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International luge Federation (FIL)
President
Mr. Einars Fogelis
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RE: Submission of Candidates for the FIL Commissions

Dear Mr. President,
Dear Mr. Fogelis,

Russian luge Federation has the honor to submit the following nominations for consideration for membership in the FIL Commissions. Each candidate represents a high level of professional expertise, long-term contribution to the sport of luge.

- FIL Sport Commission for Artificial Track: Sergey Chudinov – a highly experienced coach and specialist in artificial track luge. Contributed extensively to the development of luge sport at both national and international levels and co-authored a scientific training manual on strength development methods for high-level athletes.

- FIL Technical Commission for Artificial Track: **Mikhail Kuzmich –** an experienced coach and former three-time Olympian with extensive knowledge of high-performance luge sport. Combines top-level competitive experience with deep technical expertise in sled preparation and continuous monitoring of technical regulations and innovations.

- FIL Youth and Development Commission for Artificial Track: Dmitry Kasatkin - a long-term junior team coach and former FIL Youth and Development Commission member with extensive experience in youth development. Chairman of the Coaches Council of Russian luge Federation, actively involved in youth development strategy and athlete preparation system. He has been awarded the FIL Medal of honor in bronze.

- FIL Committee for legal affairs – FIL Ethics Commission: **Gennady Rodionov –** a honorary member and Vice-President of Russian luge Federation with decades of service in FIL structures. Former member of FIL Executive Board, FIL Natural Track Sport Commission, FIL Court of Arbitration with long-standing legal and organizational expertise. He has been awarded the FIL Medals of honor in bronze, silver, and gold.

- FIL Alpine luge Commission: **Andrei Knyr –** an experienced natural track specialist and coach. Former member of the FIL Commission Natural track, with extensive experience in international competitions and recognized contributions to luge on natural track. His experience and expertise contribute to the development of Alpine luge. He has been awarded the FIL Medals of honors in bronze and silver.

- FIL Medical Commission: **Ruslan Sikmashvili –** a team doctor of Russian national team since 2014/2015 and former FIL Medical Commission member. Experienced in sports medicine and emergency management during international competitions, including the Olympic Games.

Russian luge Federation strongly believes that the above candidates, through their professionalism, integrity and extensive experience, will make a meaningful contribution to the work and development of luge sport.

Faithfully yours,

Nataliya Gart
President of Russian luge Federation



CANADIAN LUGE ASSOCIATION
CANADIENNE DE LUGE

May 19, 2026

FIL Office
Nonntal 10
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Germany
Attention: Christoph Schweiger

Re: Nominations of Candidates to the Commissions

Dear Christoph,

Luge Canada would like to submit the following individuals for FIL Commissions.

For Sport Commission for Artificial Track

Mr. Sam Edney

For Youth and Development Commission Artificial Track

Mr. Mike Lane

Yours in Sport,

Tim Farstad
Executive Director
Canadian Luge Association

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Internationaler Rennrodelverband (FIL)
z.H. Herrn Christoph Schweiger
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DEUTSCHLAND

Innsbruck, am 17. April 2026

Betreff: Kandidatenvorschläge für die Wahl in die Kommissionen

Sehr geehrter Herr Exekutivdirektor Schweiger,
lieber Christoph,

nachfolgend dürfen wir termingerecht die Kandidatenvorschläge des Österreichischen Rodelverbandes für die Wahl der Kommissionen übermitteln:

Kommissionen der FIL:

Sportkommission Kunstbahn RODELN
Eigentler Christian (AUT)

Technische Kommission Kunstbahn RODELN
Peter Penz

Kommission Entwicklung / Jugend Kunstbahn
Lembert Sandra (AUT)

Bahnbaukommission Kunstbahn
Manzenreiter Robert (AUT)
Dipl. Ing. Ruetz Helmut (AUT)

Alpin Rodeln (Naturbahn/Breitensport)
Kammerlander Gerald (AUT)

Bahnbaukommission Alpin Rodeln
Gerhard Götschl
Manfred Markt

Medizinische Kommission
Dr. Neuhüttler Stefan (AUT)

Rechtsausschuss - FIL EthiK Kommission
Dr. Ruetz Andreas (AUT)

Schiedsgericht
Roman Staudinger

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Dipl. Ing. Helmut Ruetz
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May 19, 2026

Dear Einars and Christoph,

The United States Luge Association would like to nominate and support Mark Grimmette for ***two*** positions on FIL Commissions:

1. The FIL Sport Commission, and
2. The FIL Artificial Track Construction Commission

Mark brings a unique skillset that makes him an ideal candidate for both roles.

- Mark has competed in the sport of luge at the highest level, having won medals in two Olympic Games, and has also worked as a coach.
- He serves as the Director of Sport for USA Luge, overseeing the sport operations for the United States Luge Association.
- He brings an understanding of athlete development to complement his experiences working at the elite level. This guides his approach to sport but also allows him to bring a unique perspective to track construction.

Mark has contributed substantially to the development of the sport of luge, and the USLA is excited to have him continue to serve the FIL

Please accept this nomination for Mark Grimmette to serve as a member of **both** the FIL Sport and Artificial Track Construction Commission.

Sincerely,

Scott Riewald
CEO/ Executive Director
United States Luge Association

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Berchtesgaden, 05.05.2026

Wahlen FIL-Kongress 2026
Kandidatenvorschläge

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,

der BSD schlägt folgende Kandidaten für die Ausschüsse/Kommissionen der FIL vor:

Sportkommission	Patric Leitner
Technische Kommission	Christian Thurner
Rechtsausschuss	Martin Abt
Med. Kommission	Dr. Lutz Kistenmacher
Jugend Kommission	Hans-Jürgen Köhne bzw. Steffen Meyer (im Falle, dass H.J. Köhne als Vorsitzender der Sportkommission gewählt wird)
Alpin Rodel Kommission	Thomas Niemetz
Ethik-Beauftragter	Christian Krähe
Bahnbaukommission	Markus Aschauer

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Vorstand

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IL PRESIDENTE

Milano, 23rd April 2026

To the kind attention of

Mr. Cristoph Schweiger
FIL Executive Director

Subject: FIL Congress 2026 Berchtesgaden / GER – 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 to support the following candidacies:

LUGE ARTIFICIAL TRACK

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Vice President Technical Matters Artificial Track
Mr. Armin Zöggeler

Sport Commission – Luge Artificial Track
Member
Mr. Klaus Kofler

Technical Commission – Luge Artificial Track
Member
Mr. Oswald Haselrieder

Commission Youth/Development – Luge Artificial Track
Member
Mr. Kevin Fischnaller

ALPINE LUGE

Expert Commission – Alpine Luge
Member
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ITALIA Federazione Sportiva Nazionale Riconosciuta dal Coni

Track Construction Commission – Alpine Luge
Chairman
Dr. Martin Gruber

Member
Herbert Schwarz

Thank you for your kind attention

Best regards

Flavio Roda

Dear President and Members of the Executive Board of the International Luge Federation,

The Chinese Luge Association hereby respectfully nominates **Mr. Xu Jincheng** as a candidate for the **Artificial Track Technical Commission**, and **Mr. Wu Rongzhao** as a candidate for the **Artificial Track Sport Commission**. In addition, we kindly request the Executive Board to consider appointing **Mr. Yu Guo** to serve on the **Youth Development Commission**.

Mr. Xu Jincheng is currently serving as the Team Leader of the Chinese National Luge Team and possesses extensive experience in sport management as well as strong technical expertise in the field of luge.

Mr. Wu Rongzhao has worked with the Chinese National Luge Team for many years and has accumulated substantial experience in project management, competition management, and athlete development. He is an outstanding young professional with significant potential to contribute to the international development of the sport.

Mr. Yu Guo previously served as the Team Leader of the Chinese National Luge Team and is currently responsible for youth athlete development, organization of youth competitions, and the training of professional personnel in China's bobsleigh and luge programs.

Should they have the opportunity to join the working bodies of the International Luge Federation, we firmly believe they would bring diversified expertise, fresh perspectives, and the energy of a younger generation to the Federation. Furthermore, China's world-class luge facilities could also contribute more effectively to the development and promotion of international luge sports.

The Chinese Luge Association expresses its full support for their candidacies and nomination and sincerely hopes that the Executive Board will give favorable consideration to their appointments.

Thank you very much for your attention and consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Yu Haiyan
President
Chinese Luge Association

WU RONGZHAO

Gender： Male
Date of Birth: Jan 1995
Place of Birth: Guangzhou, China

Education

- **Winter Olympic College, Harbin Sport University**
  achelor of Education, Major in Sports Training

Current Position

- **Deputy Director**
  Winter Sports Administrative Center, General Administration of Sport of China
  (Team Manager of Chinese Luge Team)

Professional Experience

- **2017.9 – Present**
  Team Manager of Chinese Luge Team, Winter Sports Administrative Center, General Administration of Sport of China
- **2017.7 – 2017.9**
  Team Manager of Chinese Figure Skating Team, Winter Sports Administrative Center
- **2016.10 – 2017.7**
  Clerk of the Chinese Ice Hockey Department, Winter Sports Administrative Center

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Key Areas of Expertise

- Sports governance and administration
- Athlete development systems and pathways
- Elite sport and national team management
- Competition organization and event operations
- Technical rules and regulatory frameworks
- Athlete welfare and support systems

Professional Profile

Mr. Wu Rongzhao With nearly a decade of front-line management experience in national winter sports, he has served at the Winter Sports Management Center of the General Administration of Sport of China since 2016. He has participated in the construction and implementation of the national team's Olympic preparation system for 2.5 Olympic cycles, and undertaken team management work for three Winter Olympic national teams, including the Chinese Luge Team, Figure Skating Team and Ice Hockey Team. He is fully responsible for the full-process core work such as daily operation and management of national teams, selection and training of elite

athletes, construction and maintenance of coaching systems, organization of domestic and foreign competitions, training camp support, team style construction and comprehensive logistical support. He has accumulated extensive practical experience in event organization and Olympic preparation management, and is proficient in the operation mechanisms, competition rules and talent training systems of national winter sports teams. Graduated with a professional background in winter sports training, he possesses solid professional knowledge and rare comprehensive industry experience covering multiple mainstream Winter Olympic events. He has excellent overall planning, coordination and professional management capabilities, enabling efficient completion of national-level winter sports team management and event guarantee work.

Personal Statement

Wu Rongzhao – Candidate for the Technical Commission Artificial Track, International Luge Federation

It is my great honor to stand as a candidate for the Technical Commission Artificial Track of the International Luge Federation (FIL). Graduated from the Winter Olympic College of Harbin Sport University with a Bachelor of Education in Sports Training, I have devoted nearly 10 years to national‑level winter sports management since 2016. I have been engaged in the preparation work for Chinese national luge, figure skating and ice hockey teams, gaining profound on‑ground experience in national team operation, athlete development, coaching system building and international event organization. Having closely worked with the Yanqing National Sliding Centre built for Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics, I fully understand the core role of artificial tracks in luge development, safety standardization, youth training and cross‑regional cooperation.

If elected, my core mission is to support FIL in advancing the global development of artificial‑track luge through standardized track management, optimized safety systems, expanded youth training platforms and deeper Asian‑European cooperation, making luge more inclusive, sustainable and globally competitive.

Optimizing Track Safety Standards & Technical Specifications

Safety is the foundation of artificial‑track luge development. Drawing on my long‑term experience in national team management and Olympic preparation, I will actively contribute to the revision and implementation of FIL artificial‑track technical rules, ice‑surface maintenance standards and operation specifications. I will promote unified technical requirements for new and legacy sliding tracks worldwide, strengthen risk assessment and accident prevention mechanisms, and ensure all athletes compete under safe, fair and consistent track conditions.

Leveraging Olympic Legacy Tracks for Global Youth Development

Olympic legacy artificial tracks are key hubs for global luge growth. I will promote the long‑term utilization of legacy venues such as Yanqing National Sliding Centre and PyeongChang sliding track, turning them into regional centers for youth training, international exchange and technical research. By organizing regular training camps, junior events and technical workshops on these world‑class tracks, I will lower barriers for young athletes from Asia and other emerging regions to access high‑standard artificial‑track resources, nurture future talent, and diversify the global luge community.

Boosting Asian‑European Technical Exchange & Balanced Global Development

Asia is a fast‑growing region for luge. I will bridge technical communication between Asian and European member federations, share track operation experience, coaching knowledge and event management expertise, and support emerging nations in artificial‑track construction, certification and operation. I will advocate balanced development between traditional strongholds and emerging markets, ensuring technical resources and opportunities are accessible to all member federations.

Committing to Long‑Term, Inclusive Technical Governance

With comprehensive experience covering national team administration, Olympic preparation and cross‑event winter sports management, I bring practical insights into athlete needs, track operation and event delivery. I will strictly uphold FIL values, focus on athlete welfare, sustainable track development and inclusive technical governance, and support the Technical Commission Artificial Track in delivering professional, forward‑looking and practical technical advice for FIL's global strategy.

Artificial‑track luge has enormous global potential. By standardizing track technology, empowering youth through legacy venues, and strengthening cross‑continental technical cooperation, we can unlock new opportunities for this sport worldwide. I am fully prepared to dedicate my professional expertise and international vision to the International Luge Federation. Should I be elected, I will commit myself wholeheartedly to the work of the commission and contribute my utmost to the high‑quality global development of luge sports.

Curriculum Vitae



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Education and training

Beijing Sport University/Istituto Ortopedico Galeazzi, PhD in Sport Science (Joint PhD program funded by China Scholarship Council), 2011-2015
Tsinghua University, MSc in Sport Management, 2019-2024
Beijing Sport University, MSc in Sport Science, 2007-2010
Beijing Sport University, BSc in Sport Rehabilitation and Health, 2003-2007

Work experience

General Secretary/Associate Professor, Chinese Luge Association, **January 2026-Present**
Team Leader/Associate Professor, China National Luge Team, Winter Sports Administration Center, General Administration of Sport of China, **May 2022-Present**
Deputy Director/Associate Professor, Department of National Teams Management, Winter Sports Administration Center, General Administration of Sport of China, May **March 2021-May 2022**
Associate Professor/Head of Department (Science&technology in Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games), Winter Sports Administration Center, General Administration of Sport of China, **May 2018-March 2021**
Assistant Professor (football health and promotion), China Institute of Sport Science,

July 2015-May 2018
Interpreter and Coach's Assistant (PhD student), Beijing Baxy Football Club, **March-November 2013**

Skills
Languages Chinese Mandarin – Native
English – Advanced, fluent in writing and speech
Italian – Basic
Software Microsoft Office Suit

Research and Work Interests
1) National team management and performance enhancement;
2) Science and Technology Support for Olympics Preparation
3) Football science and health

Selected publications:
Xu J, Gao C, Zhao J. National football promotion in China: Opportunities and challenges in public health. J Sport Health Science. 2016, 5(2):250-1.
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Personal Statement

Application for the FIL Technical Committee – Artificial Track

I am honored to submit my application for the Technical Committee of Artificial Track of the International Luge Federation. With over a decade of experience in high-performance sport management, Olympic preparation, and winter sport administration, I am committed to contributing my expertise to the continued development, safety, and global promotion of artificial track luge.

Currently, I serve as General Secretary of the Chinese Luge Association and Team Leader of the China National Luge Team under the Winter Sports Administration Center of the General Administration of Sport of China. In these leadership roles, I have been deeply involved in athlete development, international cooperation, event coordination, technical support, and strategic planning for elite luge performance. My work has focused particularly on integrating sport science, technology, and management systems into high-performance winter sport programs.

My academic background includes a PhD in Sport Science jointly completed at Beijing Sport University and Istituto Ortopedico Galeazzi through a China Scholarship Council program, as well as advanced studies in sport management at Tsinghua University. This interdisciplinary education has provided me with both scientific and administrative perspectives essential for the technical governance of international sport.

Throughout my career, I have participated in the scientific and operational preparation for the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic Games, including leadership responsibilities related to technology support and national team management. These experiences strengthened my understanding of athlete safety, track operations, equipment management, performance optimization, and international collaboration within winter sports.

I believe that the future development of artificial track luge depends on innovation, athlete-centered governance, technical excellence, and broader international engagement. As a member of the FIL Technical Committee for Artificial Track, I would actively contribute to initiatives involving technical development, international communication, competition operations, and the sustainable growth of luge worldwide, particularly in emerging luge nations.

With strong international communication skills, multilingual working ability, and extensive practical experience in both administration and sport science, I am confident in my ability to support the objectives and values of the FIL and to contribute effectively to the global luge community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jincheng Xu, PhD
Associate Professor
General Secretary, Chinese Luge Association
Team Leader, China National Luge Team

YU Guo

Gender： Male

Date of Birth: September 1988
Place of Birth: Beijing, China

Education

- **Tsinghua University**
  Master of Physical Education
- **Tianjin Medical University**
  Bachelor's Degree in Sports Medicine

Current Position

- Member
  Winter Sports Administrative Center, General Administration of Sport of China
  (Responsible for sliding sports: bobsleigh, skeleton, and luge)

Professional Experience

- **2025 – Present**
  Member, Bobsleigh,Skeleton and Luge Department, Winter Sports Administrative Center
- **2022 – 2025**
  Member, Training Base Management Department, Winter Sports Administrative Center
- **2020 – 2022**
  Member, Technology Work Department, Winter Sports Administrative Center
- **2018 – 2020**
  Deputy leader （in charge of the ministry）， National Luge Team， Winter Sports Administrative Center
- **2011 – 2018**
  Director, Medical Department， Winter Sports Administrative Center

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Key Areas of Expertise

- Sports governance and administration
- Athlete development systems and pathways
- Elite sport and national team management
- Competition organization and event operations
- Technical rules and regulatory frameworks

- International cooperation and federation engagement
- Athlete welfare and support systems

Professional Profile

Mr.Yu Guo has long served at China’s top authority for winter sports since starting his career in 2011,boasting extensive working experience across various fields of competitive sports.
His professional experience covers the full spectrum of winter sports administration, with expertise in athlete development, coaching team building, event organization, and international sports cooperation. He has long been engaged in work related to skeleton, bobsleigh, and luge, and possesses a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of the high-performance elite sports development system and athlete welfare protection for these sports.
With a strong academic foundation in sports management and a career-long commitment to winter sports, Mr. Xing brings both strategic insight and practical experience to the governance and development of sliding sports at the international level.

Personal Statement

Yu Guo – Candidate for the Executive Board of the International Luge Federation

It is my great honor to stand as a candidate for the Executive Board of the International Luge Federation. Since embarking on my professional journey in 2011, I have dedicated myself entirely to the development of winter sports in China, accumulating over a decade of hands-on experience across elite sports management, athlete support, and sliding sports development. Rooted in professional expertise and driven by a passion for winter sports, I aspire to contribute my insights and practice to the global growth of luge.

If elected to the FIL Executive Board, I will focus on three core priorities: **promote scientific and safe development of luge, advance youth development and emerging region growth,and strengthen inclusive international cooperation.**

Promote Scientific and Safe Development of Luge

Drawing on my background in sports medicine and physical education, I will advocate for the integration of sports science, sports medicine and technical innovation into daily training and competition, ensuring athletes compete in a healthy and safe environment while continuously raising performance levels.

Advance Youth Development and Emerging Region Growth.

I will support initiatives to lower participation barriers, expand youth development programs, and share China's experience in talent cultivation, helping more young athletes from Asia and other emerging regions to access professional training and realize their potential.

This includes:

- Expanding training camps and development programs at Olympic legacy venues
- Creating more opportunities for first-time exposure to luge

- Supporting long-term athlete development pathways with technical and educational components

Strengthen Inclusive International Cooperation.

I will actively facilitate exchanges among member federations, promote experience sharing in coaching, event organization and athlete support, and work together to build a more open, inclusive and connected global luge community.

I firmly believe that luge can become a more accessible, diverse and globally influential sport. With my professional knowledge, practical experience and unwavering commitment, I am ready to work with all stakeholders to shape a brighter future for luge.

It would be my profound honor to serve as a member of the FIL Executive Board and contribute to the sustainable development of our sport.

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To:
International Luge federation

No. 19
27.03.2026, Riga

On behalf of the Latvian Luge Federation, we would like to sincerely thank all commissions for their work over the past four years. Your efforts have greatly contributed to the development of luge at all levels, from youth development to elite sport.

As we approach the upcoming elections, we would like to nominate the following candidates for positions within the FIL commissions:

Juris Šics – Candidate for the Sport Commission. Juris Šics has been a well-known and respected figure in the luge community for more than two decades. He has represented Latvia in five Olympic Games and, together with his brother Andris Šics, has won three Olympic medals. In addition, he has achieved numerous podium finishes at World Championships, European Championships, and World Cup competitions.

Following his athletic career, Juris has remained actively involved in the sport. He has worked with the Italian National Luge Team and is currently serving as Sports Director at the Latvian Olympic Committee. His experience, knowledge, and strong passion for luge make him a very strong candidate for the Sport Commission.

Inārs Kivlenieks – Candidate for the Technical Commission. Inārs Kivlenieks has participated in three Olympic Games as an athlete and in two Olympic Games as a coach and mechanic for the Latvian National Team, where Latvia won an Olympic medal at both events. He is a highly skilled sled mechanic and has contributed to the construction and development of sleds for many Latvian athletes.

He has also personally developed and implemented his own ideas in sled building and design. Inārs is a technically skilled specialist with a strong vision for the future development of technical solutions in luge, making him a very suitable candidate for the Technical Commission.

Riks Kristens Rozītis – Candidate for the Youth Commission. Riks Kristens Rozītis is an excellent candidate for the Youth Commission. He competed in luge for many years at a high level and brings valuable experience from his athletic career.

Currently, he works as a coach at a youth luge school, training around 30 children on a daily basis. With his enthusiasm and passion, he is able to motivate and inspire young athletes.

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In addition, during the winter season he supports the Latvian junior and youth national teams, helping to strengthen the coaching staff. Riks has strong ambition and a clear vision for developing luge at the youth level.

We are confident that these candidates will bring valuable experience, dedication, and fresh perspective to the work of the FIL commissions. Their involvement would contribute positively to the continued growth and future development of luge worldwide.

Sincerely,

President of the Latvian Luge Federation  Klavs Vasks

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Dear Christoph!

That is correct.
My first choice is a seat in Sports Commission

If not elected as Sport Commission member: 2nd choice is a seat in Alpine Luge Commission

If not elected as Alpine Luge Commission member: 3rd choice is a seat in Commission Youth and Development

Looking forward to see you all soon!

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Dear Ashild,

Thank you for your nominations below.

For my understanding, according to the order of the elections:

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Could you please confirm?

Best regards,

Christoph

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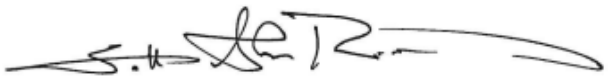
Dear Einars and Christoph,

The United States Luge Association would like to nominate and support Lubomir Mick for a position on the FIL Technical Commission.

Lubo is a current member of the FIL Technical Commission and serves as an active contributor to the work done by this group. Lubo brings an expansive technical knowledge and draws from his experiences as a coach to provide a skillset that contributes positively to the advancement of the sport. The USLA would like to see him continue as a member of the Technical Commission and continue to push the sport forward over the next four years.

Please accept the nomination for Lubomir Mick to serve as a member of the FIL Technical Commission.

Sincerely,



Scott Riewald
CEO/ Executive Director
United States Luge Association

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Mr Christoph Schweiger

Executive Director

International Luge Federation

Dear Christoph,

I hereby inform you that the Board of the Polish Luge Federation has approved the proposal to submit the Federation's candidates to the FIL for positions on the Court of Arbitration and the Technical Commission for the 2026–2030 term:

1. For the FIL Arbitration Tribunal – dr. Michał Kuliński, assessor of the FIL Court of Arbitration in the 2022–2026 term.
2. For the FIL Technical Commission – Marek Skowroński, Head Coach of the senior national team, member of the FIL Technical Commission in the 2022–2026 term.

Both candidates have given their consent to stand for nomination.

Best regards
Janusz Tatera

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To. International Luge Federation / From.. Korea LUGE Federation

Dear Sir or Madam,

Korea Luge Federation (Hereby KLF') would like to recommend **MR. Taleanu Robert-Constantin (Romanian)** for the position of the **FIL Technical Commission member.**

Considering his abundant expertise throughout every aspect of Luge, he could be very supportive of FIL for the operation of new trials to make more exciting and safer sports. He has been serving as the coach for several national teams as well as FIL team during his career. And he is now having another contract with KLF considering top level of expertise he has brough to the team during his previous period with Korean team. He is the coach with very strength core of mechanical and technical knowledge. We believe his various experience and professional aspects will allow commission to secure even more credit from outside.

Korea Luge Federation sincerely wishes his great expertise and passion can be the asset of FIL Expert Committee member.

Best regards,
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May 21, 2026

Dear Einars and Christoph,

The United States Luge Association would like to nominate Keith Whitman for a position on the FIL Alpine Luge Commission.

Keith is one of the most accomplished individuals in alpine luge/ natural track luge in the United States, having competed as a member of the first ever US Natural Track/ Alpine Luge team. He then served as the US Team's first coach before taking on leadership roles within the United States Luge Association. Keith has since returned to coaching, and has led the US team for the last eight years. I feel Keith would be an asset to the Alpine Luge Commission.

Here in the United States, we see alpine luge as a true growth opportunity for sliding sports in North America. We would like to have the opportunity to help shape the vision, strategy development, and delivery of alpine luge, and Keith would bring a perspective of what will help the sport take root and grow in North America; this would be a strong complement to the European expertise that already exists within the Commission. The United States presents unique challenges that should be considered as alpine luge is developed, but also promises great opportunity! Keith can be a link between North America and the larger alpine luge community while contributing valuable insights.

Please accept our nomination of Keith Whitman to serve as a member of the FIL Alpine Luge Commission.

Sincerely,

Scott Riewald
CEO/ Executive Director
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To

Executive Director
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Nomination of Vlasta Vavrušková to the Control Commission

Dear Executive Director, Dear Christoph,

I am writing to you with a proposal to nominate a member of the Control Commission for the elections at the 74th FIL Congress in Berchtesgaden.

I am truly pleased that Vlasta Vavrušková has agreed to be nominated as a member of the Control Commission. With all due respect, there is no doubt that Vlasta is an excellent candidate, as we have seen over the many years she has worked for FIL without any issues. I am confident that she will be elected at the Congress and will thus be able to successfully continue her work.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Tomáš Hašek
President of the Czech Luge Federation

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Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,

im Namen des Niederländische Bobschlitten, Skeleton und Rodel Verband (BSBN), möchten wir Ihnen hiermit offiziell die Nominierung unsere Kandidat , Herr Ben Heijmeijer als Vorsitzenden des FIL – Scheidsgerichtes nominieren.
Herr Heijmeijer erfüllt die erforderlichen Voraussetzungen und hat seine Bereitschaft zur Kandidatur bestätigt.

im Namen von BSBN,

W. Noorman
Präsident

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Hallo Christoph,

Italien schlägt für die Position des stellvertretenden Vorsitzenden des FIL -Schiedsgerichtes Herrn **Dr. Manfred von Call** vor.

Viele Grüße

Karl Damian

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- Jahrgang 1954, wohnhaft in 39100 Bozen (Südtirol-Italien);
- Doktorat in Rechtswissenschaften, Spezialisierung „Zivil- und Sportrecht“;
- eingetragen im Berufsverzeichnis der Journalisten/Publizisten (Nr. 822/1994);
- eingetragen in der Handelskammer als Sachverständiger für Non-Profit (Nr. 362 am 10.07.2000);
- 18 Jahre Amateurfußballspieler; 3 Einberufungen in die Regionalauswahlmannschaft;
- absolvierte Fußballtrainerprüfung in ITA (3. Kat.) und AUT;
- abgeleisteter Militärdienst: 5/1975-6/1976 (Gebirgsjäger u. Hubschrauberstaffel „Ale Altair“ BZ)

Beruflicher Werdegang

- 1977 - 1979 Berufspraxis Anwaltskanzlei;
- 1979 - 1988 leitender Beamter im Sportamt der Südtiroler Landesverwaltung;
- 1989 - 2010 Geschäftsführer des Verbandes der Sportvereine Südtirols (VSS);
- 2009 - 2015 Geschäftsführer der Calma GmbH (Beratung u. Organisation von Sportevents);
- 1989 - 2023 Sportmanagement & Sportconsulting im In- und Ausland.

Beratungs- und Referatstätigkeit

- Beratungstätigkeit in allen Bereichen des Vereinswesens u. NPO, mit Schwerpunkt Sport: (Steuer- und Vereinsrecht, Finanzierung und Marketing, Veranstaltungsmanagement, Versicherung und Haftungsangelegenheiten, Sportstättenbau, Führung von Sportanlagen, Sportmedizin, PR-Arbeit und neue Medien, u.a.m.)
- Referent bei Aus- und Weiterbildungsveranstaltungen für Vereinsfunktionäre;
- Referent bei Fachtagungen und Seminare im In- und Ausland (z.B. Referent bei der EU-Fachtagung in Karlsruhe über „Ehrenamt im Sport“, Dez. 1996)
- Referent beim parauniversitären Ausbildungslehrgang „Experten im Bereich Sport- und Trainingswissenschaften“ in der Sportoberschule Mals (2004);
- Referent bei der Fachtagung „*ambitions*“ in Meran (15/09/2010).
- Referent an der Universität Bozen (Wirtschafts-Fakultät) am 11.11.2019: int. Tagung „Olympische Spiele 2026“.

Fachbücher und Broschüren

- Verfasser von verschiedenen Fachbüchern/Broschüren über das Vereinswesen, u.a.m.:
  - *Leitfaden zum Bau von Sportanlagen (1983)*
  - *Leitfaden für das Vereinssteuerrecht (1989)*
  - *Gesetze für die Sportvereine (1993)*
  - *Die Vereinssatzung I (1994)*
  - *Sport und Versicherung (1995)*
  - *Die Vereinssatzung II (1996)*

- *Der „Volontariatsverein“ (1996)*
- *Die Aufwandsentschädigungen im Sport (1998)*
- *Die sportmedizinischen Untersuchungen (1999)*
- *Die Steuerneuheiten für Sportvereine (2001)*
- *Die Steuererklärung für Sportvereine (2001)*
- *Die Jahresabschlussrechnung (2003)*
- *Die Vergütungen im Sport (2003)*
- *Die sportmedizinischen Untersuchungen, 2. Auflage (2004)*

- Mitautor des 1. Südtiroler Sportstättenleitplanes der Autonomen Prov. Bozen (1983);
- Verfasser der Machbarkeitsstudie „*Olympische Winterspiele 2006 in Südtirol*“, im Auftrag der Südtiroler Landesregierung (Jänner 1996);
- Machbarkeitsstudie „Landessportzentrum Südtirol“ (2006/2009).

Gutachtertätigkeit

- In der Handelskammer Bozen als Sachverständiger für Non-Profit-Organisationen eingetragen (Nr.362 vom 25.07.2000).
- Überarbeitung des Antidoping-Code des internationalen Rodelverbandes (F.I.L.) 2005;
- Ausarbeitung von Gutachten und Stellungnahmen zu wichtigen Gesetzesentwürfe des Vereinswesens und des NP-Bereiches, u.a.:
  - L.G. Nr. 19/1990: Sportförderungsgesetz
  - L.G. Nr. 11/1993: „Volontariatsgesetz“
  - Natur- und Umweltgesetz
  - Reisebürogesetz
  - L.G. Nr. 13/1993: Öffentliche Veranstaltungen
  - Landesraumordnungsgesetz
  - Ausarbeitung des Reglements der Gem. Bozen „Gewährung Beiträge an Sportvereine“
  - Ausarbeitung von Anfragen an das Finanzministerium Rom in Bezug auf die Auslegung und Anwendung von Steuerbestimmungen im Non-Profit Bereich (Ges. Nr. 266/1991, staatliches Rahmengesetz über das Volontariatswesen; Leg. Dek. Nr. 460/1997, Reform des NP-Sektors; u.a.m.)
  - Förderkriterien L.G. 19/1990 (2002-2005);
  - Verordnung Benutzung Schulsportanlagen für die außerschulischen Tätigkeiten (L.G. Nr.37/1992)
  - Straßenverkehrsordnung: „Abschaffung Werbeverbot auf Vereinsfahrzeuge“ (2010)
  - Gesetzentwurf der Abg. Kammer: Reform der Bestimmungen des ZGB über die „anerkannten und nicht anerkannten“ Vereine (April 2010).

Fachkommissionen und Beiräte

- Mitglied und/oder Vorsitzender von verschiedenen Schiedsgerichten im Vereinswesen (außergerichtliche Schiedsgerichtverfahren)
- Mitglied in verschiedenen Kommissionen und Beiräte (Landessportbeirat, Landesschulsportbeirat, Landesbeobachtungsstelle Volontariatswesen, ARGE-ALP Sportkommission, Arbeitsgruppe „Sportmedizin“, u.a.m.)
- Mitglied der Fachkommission des Int. Eishockeyverbandes IIHF (Umsetzung des „Bosman-Urteil“, 1995, Helsinki).

Mitglied in Organisationen, Verbände und Vereinigungen

- Mitglied bzw. (ehrenamtlicher) Funktionär u.a.:
  - 1979-1988 ehrenamtliche Tätigkeit VSS (Geschäftsleitung)
  - 1987 bis 2015 Mitglied/Vorsitzender des Gutachterausschusses Südtiroler Sporthilfe
  - 1991-1997 Gründungsmitglied, Vorstands- und später Aufsichtsratsmitglied der größten Sportgenossenschaft Südtirols (Pfarrhof Gen.m.b.H., Bozen)
  - 1979-1982 Revisor im regionalen Fußballverband (F.I.G.C.)
  - 1992 - 1996 Revisor im provinzialen Leichtathletikverband (F.I.D.A.L.)
  - 1996 - 1997 Vorstandsmitglied des italienischen Eissportverbandes (F.I.S.G.)

- 20 Jahre Vorstandsmitglied/Vizepräsident Bozner Fußballclub
- 2000 - 2010 Vorsitzender der Rechnungsprüfer „Förderverein Wintersport“ (F.I.S.I.);
- 2001 - 2014 Revisor des ELKI Bozen;
- 2002 - 2012 Vorsitzender des Schiedsgerichtes des BESV;
- 2002 - 2006 Vizepräsident der Rechtskommission des Weltrodelverbandes (F.I.L.)
- 2007 - 2017 Revisor der NPO “Südtiroler Ärzte für die Dritte Welt”.

Organisation von Events

Seit über 35 Jahren in der Organisation von nationalen und internationalen Sportveranstaltungen tätig, als Event-Manager oder als Berater von Organisationskomitees. Nachfolgend eine Auswahl:

- 1986 bis 1995 Generalsekretär des OK int. Bozner **Silvesterlauf**; 1996 Präsident des OK.
- 1989 Organisator Fußballspiel **VfB Stuttgart-Südtirol Auswahl** in Bozen.
- Juni 1990 Organisator **Trainingslager der deutschen Fußball-Nationalmannschaft** in Kaltern anlässlich der Fußball WM `90 in ITA.
- 1993 Mitorganisator **Trainingslagers der dt. Damen-Fußball-Nationalmannschaft** in Kaltern.
- 1994 Generalsekretär des OK der **Eishockey WM** in Italien (Bozen/Canazei/Mailand).
- 1994 Verantwortlicher Organisation **Fußballauswahl ST gegen Karlsruher SC** in Deutschnofen.
- 1995 OK Mitglied **Biathlon WM** in Antholz (Verantw. Akkreditierung).
- 1996 Mitglied **Kandidaturen-Komitee für die Rad WM 1999** in Trentino-Südtirol.
- 1998 Vize-Präsident des OK der **Eiskunstlauf EM** in Mailand.
- 1998 Beratung OK Fecht-EM 1999 in Bozen
- 1998 OK Mitglied **Rodel Weltcup** Mölten.
- 1998 Mitglied **Kandidatur-Komitee MTB WM 2001** in Sarntal.
- 1998 OK Mitglied **Handball EM** (Bozen/Meran).
- 1999 OK Mitglied **Rodel Weltcup** Tiers.
- 1999 OK Mitglied **Eisschnelllauf Weltcup** Ritten.
- 2000 OK Mitglied **Mountain-Bike Weltcup** Sarntal.
- 2001 OK Mitglied **Mountain-Bike Weltcup** Sarntal.
- 2001 OK Mitglied **Junioren Rodel EM** Tiers.
- 2001 OK Mitglied **Frauen Handball-WM** Italien, (Bozen, Meran, Brixen, Trient).
- 2002 OK Mitglied **Junioren-Eisschnelllauf WM**, Klobenstein-Ritten.
- 2002 Mitglied **Kandidatur-Komitee Eisstock WM 2008.**
- 2002 – 2010 OK Mitglied **FIS-WC Abfahrt Gröden.**
- 2003 OK Mitglied **„Giro di Italia“,** Etappenziel Bozen (Zeitfahren ME-BZ).
- 2004 OK Mitglied **Eisschnelllauf WC**, Klobenstein-Ritten.
- 2005 OK Mitglied **Mountain-Bike ITA MS** Sarntal.
- 2006 **Olympische Winterspiele Turin**–OK Eishockey.
- 2006 **Fußball WM Deutschland**–OK Leiter Akkreditierung Spielort/Stadium Frankfurt.
- 2007 Berater Kandidatur-Komitee „**Landesgartenschau Südtirol 2008**“.
- 2007 OK Mitglied **Biathlon WM** Antholz.
- 2007 OK Berater **Eisschnelllauf EM** Klobenstein/Ritten.
- 2007 OK Mitglied **int. Sportlehrerkongress** Mals.
- 2010 OK Verantwortlicher **Trainingslager dt. Fußball Nationalmannschaft**/Eppan.
- 2000 – 2013 Präsident OK **Icegala** Bozen (internationale Eiskunstlaufveranstaltung).
- 2014 OK Verantwortlicher **Trainingslager dt. Fußball Nationalmannschaft**/Passeiertal.
- 2015 OK Verantwortlicher **25-Jahrfeier WM Titel 1990** dt. Fußball Nat. in Kaltern.
- 2018 OK Verantwortlicher **Trainingslager dt. Fußball Nationalmannschaft**/Eppan.
- 2019 OK Verantwortlicher **Trainingslager dt. U`21 Fußball Nationalmannschaft**/Natz.
- 2021 OK Verantwortlicher **Trainingslager dt. U`21 Fußball Nationalmannschaft**/Natz.
- 2023 OK Verantwortlicher **Trainingslager dt. U`21 Fußball Nationalmannschaft**/Prad a. St.

Ehrungen - Auszeichnungen

13.12.1984	Ehrenurkunde Bozner Fussballclub
10.05.1994	Ehrenurkunde des int. Eishockeyverbandes IIHF
30.04.1995	Ehrenurkunde OK Biathlon WM Antholz
12.03.1998	Ehrenurkunde des int. Eiskunstlaufverbandes ISU
06.01.1999	Ehrenurkunde des int. Rodelverbandes FIL
30.06.2006	Urkunde Mitgled OK FIFA Fussball WM Deutschland
30.12.2009	Ehrenmitgliedschaft des int. Bozner Silvesterlaufes
04.05.2012	Ehrenurkunde des Verbandes der Sportvereine Südtirols - VSS
07.07.2015	Ehrenurkunde des Deutschen Fussball Bundes DFB
15.05.2016	Verdienstmedaille des Landes Tirol

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May 19, 2026

Dear Einars and Christoph,

The United States Luge Association would like to nominate and support Erin Warren for a Assessor position on the FIL Court of Arbitration.

Ms. Warren is currently serving as an Assessor and the USLA would like to nominate her to continue in that role for the coming term. Ms. Warren has been a strong supporter and advocate of luge domestically and internationally, and continues to make positive contributions to the sport.

Please accept this nomination for Erin Warren to serve as an Assessor within the FIL Court of Arbitration. If additional information is needed, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Scott Riewald
CEO/ Executive Director
United States Luge Association

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To. International Luge Federation

From. Korea LUGE Federation

Dear Sir or Madam,

Korea Luge Federation (Hereby KLF') would like to recommend **MR. Shin Sung-Sik (South Korea)** as the **Committee for Legal Affairs / Ethics Commission in FIL.**

ETHICAL ASPECT

While living as a pastor for most of his life, living ethical life being a good example has been always his priority. He has experienced many circumstances in which he should judge people who did anti-ethical things. He always thought that any judgement is not primary to punish people, but to build cleaner and fairer organization.

RELAVANT EXPERIENCE

By his rich relevant experiences while working as Secretary General of C&MA Korean Assembly, he knows how committee is organized and what has the utmost importance. He showed full of decisive leadership based on the existing Rules during several races he served in PyeongChang as Race Director. To be fine committee members, discussing always with the existing terms and evidence is significantly important especially when it comes to Legal Affairs / Ethics. His mentioned ability will be great asset of committee for a fair and ethical decision.

PASSION AND DEDICATION

He purely loves Luge. He was involved in Luge as judge. Nevertheless, his influence has achieved many different tasks for sport. He travelled to several Asian countries and looking for rookies who has potential to take part in ODA program in PyeongChang. He is also taking the lead on working for building local federation here in South Korea. This could have been done because he purely loves Luge.

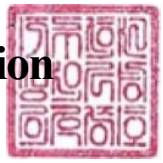
Korea Luge Federation sincerely wishes his recognition, passion and expertise can be brought to the International Luge Federation for better sport.

His resume is attached. If there is anything you need to know better, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

Korea LUGE Federation

Slide Together, shine Forever with LUGE

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EDUCATION

State of NewYork Univ. in U.S.A

Bachelor of Science

(09/1988~05/1994)

Alliance Theological Seminary in U.S.A

Master of Divinity

(09/1994~05/1996)

LUGE RELAVANT EXPERIENCE

12/2015 – CURRENT

International Luge Federation (FIL)

International Judge (Technical Delegate)

02/2018 - CURRENT

Korea Luge Federation (KLF)

Chairman of the Judge

11/2016

PyeongChang Olympic Pre-Homologation

National Technical Officer

02/2017

Luge 1st ITW PyeongChang

National Technical Officer-Start Leader

10/2017

Luge 2nd ITW PyeongChang

National Technical Officer-Finish Leader

02/2017

2017 8th Viessmann Luge World Cup PyeongChang

Federation International Luge Technical Delegate (TD)

02/2018

2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympic Luge Event

Federation International Luge Technical Delegate (TD)

02/2025-CURRENT

Korea Luge Federation (KLF)

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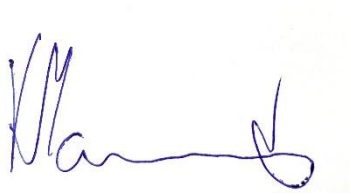
The Latvian Luge Federation would like to formally nominate and express its full support for the continued service of our President, **Klavs Vasks**, on the Committee for Legal Affairs – FIL Ethics Commission.

Throughout his involvement in the commission so far, he has demonstrated a high level of professionalism, responsibility, and commitment to the development of ethical and legal standards within the sport of luge. His extensive professional experience, broad knowledge, and strong competencies — including expertise gained outside the sports sector — have provided valuable contributions to the work of the commission and have helped ensure well-balanced and objective decision-making.

We are confident that his analytical skills, understanding of governance and legal matters, as well as his ability to cooperate effectively in an international environment, will continue to be of significant value to the commission and its future activities.

The Latvian Luge Federation highly appreciates the work carried out by the Committee for Legal Affairs – FIL Ethics Commission and believes that Klavs Vasks' continued involvement would further contribute to the successful and professional development of the commission's work.

Sincerely,

Secretary General of the Latvian Luge Federation  Kristaps Maurins

Von: Gavin Arnold
An: Anja Fischer
Betreff: Re: 74. FIL Kongress 2026 Berchtesgaden/GER - 74th FIL Congress 2026 Berchtesgaden/GER
Datum: Sonntag, 12. April 2026 20:59:56

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Hi Anja,

We would like to nominate Mr Mark Hatton for reelection to the Youth Development Comission. Please let me know if you require any further information from me.

Yours in Sport,

Gavin Arnold
General Secretary
Great Britain Luge Association

> On 25 Mar 2026, at 00:42, Anja Fischer <fischer@fil-luge.org> wrote:
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> Dear Gavin,
>
> Thank you for the nomination.
> The format is perfectly fine as it is – no changes needed.
>
> Best regards,
> Anja
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> **Anja Fischer**
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Von: Gavin Arnold <gavinarnold130@gmail.com>
Gesendet: Dienstag, 24. März 2026 17:31
An: Anja Fischer <fischer@fil-luge.org>
Betreff: Re: 74. FIL Kongress 2026 Berchtesgaden/GER - 74th FIL Congress 2026 Berchtesgaden/GER

Hi Anja,

I hope all is well with you and all at the FIL Office. I'm not sure what format the nominations for the FIL Medal of Honour is supposed to be in so please see the text below and let me know if you need it sent in a specific form. If you need any more information in support please also let me know.

Yours in Sport,

Gavin Arnold
Chief Executive
GB Luge

The Great Britain Luge Association would like to nominate the following:

Derek Prentice: Gold

Derek has been involved in luge for 50 years as an athlete, coach and highly respected official. He competed in both the men's singles and doubles at the 1980 Lake Placid Olympic Games finishing 22nd and 14th respectively. He coached and managed the British Luge team through much of the 1980s and 90s. He became President of the GB Luge Association in the 1990s fulfilling that role for the next 20 years. He has also greatly contributed to the FIL as an elected member of the FIL Control Committee. He continues to coach within the sport in particular with the British military teams which he has helped develop and nurture over many decades. His contributions to the sport of luge in Great Britain are unmatched across his 5 decades in the sport and he was rightly awarded the UK honour of MBE by King Charles III last year. The 2026 represents his 50th anniversary of involvement in luge and given his tremendous contribution to the sport we would like to nominate Mr Derek Prentice for the FIL Medal of Honour in Gold.

Mr Mark Armstrong: Silver

Mark Armstrong has been involved in luge for over 35 years having first been introduced through the British Army team. He served as the General Secretary of the Great Britain Luge Association for 20 years from 1998-2018 after which he was elected as the GBLA president, a role in which he continues today. His contribution to sport in Great Britain has been extensive, serving as the luge representative to the British Olympic Association for several Olympic Cycles as well as being involved in the organisation of the London 2012 Summer Games. He has attended FIL Congress numerous times as the Great Britain representative and has been a constant advocate for the development of smaller nations within the sport. For his extensive contribution to the sport of luge in Great Britain the GBLA would like to nominate Mark Armstrong for the FIL Medal of Honour in Silver.

Mark Hatton: Bronze

Mark Hatton has been involved in luge for almost 30 years as an athlete and coach and has served as the GB Luge Performance Director since 2018. He competed at the 2002 and 2006 Winter Olympic Games finishing 25th in Salt Lake. After relocating to Canada he served as the luge event manager for the 2010 Vancouver Games and as the GB Luge Team managed at the 2018 games in PyeongChang and 2022 games in Beijing. In 2018 he was elected to the FIL Youth Development Committee, a position he continues to hold. He also sits on the Board of the British Colombia Luge Association in Canada. For his contributions towards the sport of luge in Great Britain as well as his contributions to the FIL, the Great Britain Luge association would like to nominate Mark Hatton for the FIL Medal of Honour in Bronze.

On Tue, 3 Mar 2026 at 06:35, Anja Fischer <fischer@fil-luge.org> wrote:

> Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,
>
> anbei erhalten Sie Informationen zum 74. FIL-Kongress in Berchtesgaden / GER.
>
> Bitte beachten Sie, dass die Kongressanträge zu den Statuten sowie die allgemeinen Anträge durch die NFs bis spätestens **29.03.2026** eingereicht werden müssen.
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> Für alle Teilnehmer am IBSF-Kongress im Anschluss:
> Bitte berücksichtigen Sie bei Ihrer Anmeldung, dass der 09.06.2026 als offizieller Anreisetag für den IBSF-Kongress in Salzburg vorgesehen ist.
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> Mit freundlichen Grüßen
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> **********
>
> *Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,*
>
> *Please find the attached information regarding the 74th FIL Congress 2026 in Berchtesgaden / GER.*
>
> *Kindly note that all Congress motions to the Statutes, as well as general motions, must be submitted by the NFs to the FIL office no later than* ***March 29, 2026.***
>
> *For all participants in the IBSF Congress afterwards:*
> *When registering, please note that June 9, 2026, is the official arrival date for the IBSF Congress in Salzburg 2026.*
>
> *With best regards,*
>
> Anja Fischer
> *Deputy Executive Director*
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May 19, 2026

Dear Einars and Christoph,

The United States Luge Association would like to nominate and support Zianibeth Shattuck-Owen for a position on the FIL Youth and Development Commission – Artificial Track.

Zianibeth is an engaged member of the current FIL Youth and Development Commission and brings a wealth of experience as an official, event manager, and as someone tied into the fabric of the luge athlete development via her connections with the FIL, USA Luge, and the luge club in Park City, Utah. The USLA would like to see Zianibeth continue as a member of the Youth and Development Commission for the coming term to continue the good work being done by the Commission.

Please accept our nomination of Zianibeth Shattuck-Owen to serve as a member of the FIL Youth and Development Commission – Artificial Track.

Sincerely,

Scott Riewald
CEO/ Executive Director
United States Luge Association

Dear Members of the International Luge Federation,

My name is Raluca Strămăturaru, and I am a former high-performance luger representing Romania. Through this letter, I would like to formally express my interest in becoming a member of the Youth and Development Commission of the FIL.

My years in elite sport have provided me not only with valuable competitive experience at the international level, but also with a deep understanding of the challenges, expectations, and needs of young athletes. Throughout my career, I learned the importance of guidance, support, education, and strong communication between athletes and sports organizations.

Following my retirement from competitive sport, my goal is to remain actively involved in the luge community and contribute to the future development of our sport. I strongly believe that former athletes can bring an important perspective to decision-making processes, especially when it comes to youth development and athlete support.

As a candidate for the Youth and Development Commission, I would like to contribute to:

- supporting and motivating young athletes
- promoting luge among new generations
- improving communication between athletes and governing bodies
- encouraging educational and development opportunities for athletes
- helping create a modern, safe, and sustainable environment for future generations.

I am a dedicated, responsible, and team-oriented person, motivated to work alongside the FIL community for the continued growth and development of luge worldwide.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be honoured to have the opportunity to contribute to the future of our sport through the FIL Youth and Development Commission.

Respectfully,

Raluca Strămăturaru

Von: Suomen Kelkkailuliitto
An: Daniela Schwab
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Hi Daniela!

Finnish Luge Federation is nominating Mr. Jani Tilvis for Youth and Development Commission for Artificial Track. Thank you for your attention!

Greetings, Finnish Luge Federation

ti 19.5.2026 klo 13.52 Daniela Schwab <d.schwab@fil-luge.org> kirjoitti:

> **IMPORTANT** (If this already been done, you don´t need to do anything else.)
>
> Dear National Federation,
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> We would like to take this opportunity to remind you once again that the **deadline for submitting nominations for the 2026 FIL Congress for the following commissions and positions is May 22, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. CEST**:
>
> - **Sport Commission for Artificial Track**
> - **Technical Commission for Artificial Track**
> - **Alpine Luge Commission**
> - **Youth and Development Commission for Artificial Track**
> - **Legal Committee (= Ethics Commission)**
> - **FIL Ethics Representative**
> - **Arbitration Tribunal:**
>   - o **Chairperson**
>   - o **Vice Chairperson**
>   - o **Member**
> - **Alternate Member of the Audit Commission**
>
> We look forward to receiving your nominations!
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> **********
>
> Liebe Nationalverbände,
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> wir möchten Sie auf diesem Wege noch einmal erinnern, dass die **Deadline für die Einreichung von Wahlvorschlägen zum FIL Kongress 2026 für folgende Fachkommissionen und Funktionen am 22.5.2026 23:59 CEST** endet:
>
> - **Sportkommission Kunstbahn**
> - **Technische Kommission Kunstbahn**

Kommission Alpinrodeln
- **Kommission Jugend und Entwicklung Kunstbahn**
- **Rechtsausschuss (= Ethikkommission)**
- **Ethikbeauftragter der FIL**
- **Schiedsgericht:**
  - **Vorsitzender**
  - **Stellvertretender Vorsitzender**
  - **Beisitzer**
- **Ersatzmitglied der Revisionskommission**

Wir freuen uns auf Ihre Wahlvorschläge!

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To. International Luge Federation

From. Korea LUGE Federation

Dear Sir or Madam,

Korea Luge Federation (Hereby KLF') would like to recommend **MR. Jeon Yong-Seong (South Korea)** as the **commission member of Youth / Development in FIL.**

RECOGNITION IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

He is the one who has always emphasized the importance of Youth Development in South Korea. He is one of very supportive KLF board members on Youth Development program. FIL Regional Luge School in PyeongChang is a representative case. He is very closely working with KLF and 2018 PyeongChang Legacy Foundation to keep the event in a place

RELAVANT EXPERTISE

Expertise from his over 30 years career in Korean Air Force, such as aerodynamics, speed and Materials, will also be a huge asset for the Youth Development commission. His top level of knowledge will allow commission to create more efficient, entertainment and most importantly safer race among Youth classes.

ATTITUDE AND MINDSET

It has been a journey, full of passion to become the person with current position of Vice Chairperson for

KLF's Judge Commission and TD role for FIL events. We would like to put highlight on **'Spontaneity'** of him. He is doing this because he feels happy while doing Luge related-works. His eagerness to be better supporter for Luge brough himself to FIL Congress, covering his own flight cost. Also, he is an excellent team player. He is type of person who could embrace majors' decisions to get everyone aligned.

Korea Luge Federation sincerely wishes his recognition; passion and expertise can be brought to international Federation to make our sport better.

His resume is attached. If there is anything you need to know him better, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,
Korea LUGE Federation

Slide Together, shine Forever with LUGE

Korea LUGE Federation



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Soongsil University / IT Policy Management (Doctoral)

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PERSONAL WORKING CAREER

02/1985-02/2018

Air force of Republic of Korea / ***Discharged as Colonel***

2023-CURRENT

HanGil ENG / ***CEO***

03/2025-CURRENT

Korea Luge Federation / ***Board member***

LUGE RELAVANT EXPERIENCE

02/2017 – CURRENT

International Luge Federation (FIL) / ***International Judge***

02/2018 - CURRENT

Korea Luge Federation (KLF) / ***Vice Chairman of the Judge***

02/2018

2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympic Luge Event / ***National Technical Officer (NTO)***

02/2024

Gangwon Youth Winter Olympic Games Luge Event / ***Technical Delegate (TD)***

02/2025

8th Eberspacher Luge World Cup PyeongChang / ***Technical Delegate (TD)***

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Preliminary FIL Sports Calendar Sesaon 2026 / 2027

LUGE WORLD CUP

2026		SEP / OCT / NOV				2026		NOV				2026		DEC / JAN				2027		JAN				2027		FEB				2027		MAR			
Series		WC	JWC	CC	CC	Series		WC	JWC	CC	CC	Series		WC	JWC	CC	CC	Series		WC	JWC	CC	CC	Series		WC	JWC	CC	CC	Series		WC	JWC	CC	CC
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CW 41	7.					CW 46	11.					CW 50	8.	PyeongChang	Lillehammer 1 & 2	Bludenz 2		CW 02	13.	Altenberg		Igls 3		CW 06	10.	Cortina ECH / APCH	Winterberg 2027 JWCHs			CW 10	10.				ITW
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CW 42	15.					CW 47	19.	ITW Winterberg				CW 51	16.	Yanqing ACH				CW 03	21.	Oberhof	Königssee 3 JECH / JAPCH			CW 07	18.	La Plagne		Altenberg 4 & 5 YECH		CW 11	18.				Lake Placid YAPCH
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CW 43	22.	ITW Sigulda				CW 48	26.	Winterberg	ITW Königssee Juniors	ITP Cortina YOG		CW 52	23.					CW 04	28.	ITP WCHs	Bludenz 4			CW 08	25.			Oberhof 5 & 6		CW 12	25.				
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MX - Mixed Event

TD = Travel Day

TR - Team Relay

RACE CALENDAR - FIL ALPINE LUGE 2026/2027

ALPINE LUGE WORLD CUP

December 2026				January 2027				February 2027			
day		World Cup	Junior World Cup	day		World Cup	Junior World Cup	day		World Cup	Junior World Cup
1	Tue			1	Fri			1	Mon		
2	Wed			2	Sat	3. World Cup Laas (ITA)		2	Tue		
3	Thu			3	Sun			3	Wed	World Championships Innsbruck Igls (AUT)	
4	Fri			4	Mon		2. JWC Laas (ITA)	4	Thu		
5	Sat		Slope Cup AL Kühtai (AUT)	5	Tue			5	Fri		
6	Sun			6	Wed			6	Sat		
7	Mon	ITW Kühtai (AUT)		7	Thu			7	Sun		
8	Tue			8	Fri		3. JWC Umhausen (AUT)	8	Mon		
9	Wed			9	Sat			9	Tue		
10	Thu			10	Sun			10	Wed		
11	Fri			11	Mon			11	Thu		
12	Sat	ITW Winterleiten (AUT)		12	Tue			12	Fri		Junior European Championships Jaufental (ITA)
13	Sun			13	Wed			13	Sat	FIL Youth Games Jaufental (ITA)	
14	Mon			14	Thu			14	Sun		
15	Tue			15	Fri	4. World Cup Latsch (ITA)		15	Mon		
16	Wed			16	Sat			16	Tue		
17	Thu	1.+.2. World Cup Winterleiten (AUT)		17	Sun			17	Wed		
18	Fri			18	Mon		ITW Igls Innsbruck (AUT)	18	Thu	6. World Cup Umhausen (AUT)	
19	Sat			19	Tue			19	Fri		
20	Sun			20	Wed			20	Sat		
21	Mon	FIL School Winterleiten		21	Thu			21	Sun	Eliminator	
22	Tue			22	Fri	5. World Cup Deutschnofen (ITA)		22	Mon		
23	Wed			23	Sat		Slope Cup AL ()	23	Tue		
24	Thu			24	Sun			24	Wed		
25	Fri			25	Mon			25	Thu		
26	Sat		1. JWC Winterleiten (AUT)	26	Tue			26	Fri		
27	Sun			27	Wed			27	Sat	Slope Cup Alpine Luge Ski Slope ()	
28	Mon			28	Thu			28	Sun		
29	Tue			29	Fri		JWC finals Ried (AUT)				
30	Wed			30	Sat						
31	Thu			31	Sun						

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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).

May 2023

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FIL Strategy

WE SLIDE FORWARD 2034



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About the Strategy



The strategy document “We Slide Forward 2030+4” sets the direction for the next four years, with a longer-term view across two Olympic cycles. It defines the Mission, Vision, and Values, as well as the Strategic Priorities, Main Objectives, Core Strategic Approaches, and Key Initiatives.

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

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

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

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

Mission
Vision
Values



FIL MISSION

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

FIL VISION

Our vision is to make luge accessible to a wider audience and to support athletes, coaches, and the wider community in reaching their full potential.
We aim to establish luge as a leading and globally recognised winter sport.

FIL VALUES

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

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

FIL Strategic Priorities



Expand and Modernise Artificial Track Luge

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

Develop and Scale Alpine Luge

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

Strengthen National Federations

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

Place Athletes at the Centre

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

Enhance Media, Visibility, and Commercial Growth

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

Strengthen FIL Governance and Financial Sustainability

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

Strategic Priority

Expand and Modernise Artificial Track Luge



Main objectives

Attract, develop, and retain athletes at all levels

Core strategic approaches	Key initiatives
Attract new athletes by making the sport accessible and appealing	• Expand entry-level competitions and participation formats, particularly at the junior level • Develop short tracks and luge centres to increase accessibility and first contact with the sport • Use the Youth Olympic Games and similar events as development milestones
Develop athletes through structured pathways with support from coaching, competitions, and National Federations	• Establish a structured athlete development pathway across all levels • Strengthen coach education and support systems • Support National Federations in developing training infrastructure
Retain athletes through long-term development and career support	• Develop athlete support programmes, including career transition and dual career pathways • Strengthen athlete support services (education, career, well-being)
Improve affordability and reduce barriers to participation	• Develop cost-efficient equipment and access models • Support shared infrastructure and equipment schemes • Reduce participation barriers through targeted support mechanisms

Strategic Priority

Expand and Modernise Artificial Track Luge



Main objectives

Transform luge events into high-quality, engaging experiences

Core strategic approaches	Key initiatives
Redesign competition formats to create more engaging events	• Develop innovative race formats • Strengthen the role of the World Championships as a flagship event
Implement a coordinated event delivery model with clear roles and standards	• Implement a centralized event delivery model led by FIL • Use regional hubs to optimize event planning and delivery
Enhance the on-site and digital fan experience	• Strengthen TV production and broadcasting standards across events • Invest in digital content, storytelling, and audience engagement
Ensure financial sustainability of events while improving quality and efficiency	• Develop financing models and incentive systems for race organizers • Support cost-efficient event delivery while maintaining quality standards

Strategic Priority

Expand and Modernise Artificial Track Luge



Main objectives

Develop accessible, safe, and cost-efficient equipment and infra-structure

Core strategic approaches	Key initiatives
Ensure accessibility with standardized and widely available equipment and infrastructure	• Implement standardized racing sleds that are accessible and affordable • Improve access to equipment and facilities through shared usage models
Strengthen safety by implementing clear standards across equipment and facilities	• Define and enforce unified safety standards for equipment and infrastructure • Promote safe design and operation across all facilities
Improve cost-efficiency while maintaining performance and quality standards	• Promote cost-efficient equipment design and production models • Strengthen knowledge-sharing and technical cooperation with manufacturers

Strategic Priority

Develop and Scale Alpine Luge



Main objectives

Position Alpine Luge as a visible, accessible, and commercially viable discipline

Core strategic approaches

Develop attractive and scalable race formats to drive participation and engagement

Key initiatives

- Develop and standardise Alpine Luge race formats and regulations
- Establish race series linking recreational participation to elite competition
- Develop and scale pop-up parks as entry points to the sport

Ensure consistent and professional event delivery across all locations

- Implement event delivery standards and guidelines for all organisers
- Strengthen cooperation with track and slope operators for event execution

Establish a sustainable commercial model for Alpine Luge

- Develop a clear commercial and partnership model for Alpine Luge
- Attract dedicated sponsors and build sustainable revenue streams

Strategic Priority

Develop and Scale Alpine Luge



Main objectives

Establish a structured and scalable global development model for Alpine Luge

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

Strategic Priority

Develop and Scale Alpine Luge



Main objectives

Increase awareness, education, and institutional engagement in Alpine Luge

Core strategic approaches	Key initiatives
Strengthen communication and marketing to improve visibility and awareness of Alpine Luge	• Implement structured communication and marketing campaigns for Alpine Luge • Develop a dedicated marketing concept and targeted partnerships • Secure commercial partnerships to increase visibility and reach
Develop education and knowledge systems to support sustainable growth	• Create and distribute educational materials and programmes in cooperation with National Federations • Provide tools and guidance for coaches, organisers, and new participants • Establish a clear development model from local participation to competition
Strengthen institutional cooperation with National Federations and key stakeholders	• Strengthen cooperation with National Federations for local implementation • Align roles and responsibilities between FIL and National Federations

Strategic Priority

Strengthen National Federations



Main objectives

Provide targeted assistance for National Federations

Core strategic approaches

Establish a structured and scalable support framework for National Federations

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

Strengthen governance, accountability, and active engagement of National Federations

Key initiatives

- Develop a “Luge Toolbox” including standardised guidelines, templates, and best practices
- Establish FIL as a central coordinator for sport development across National Federations
- Create and maintain a centralised digital platform for information, resources, and knowledge sharing

- Allocate financial and technical resources based on clear criteria (needs, performance potential, strategic priorities)
- Introduce tailored development pathways and individual development plans for selected National Federations

- Establish clear governance standards and expectations for National Federations
- Promote active participation of National Federations across all FIL disciplines and initiatives

Strategic Priority

Strengthen National Federations



Main objectives

Establish and strengthen regional hubs to coordinate and accelerate development

Core strategic approaches

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

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

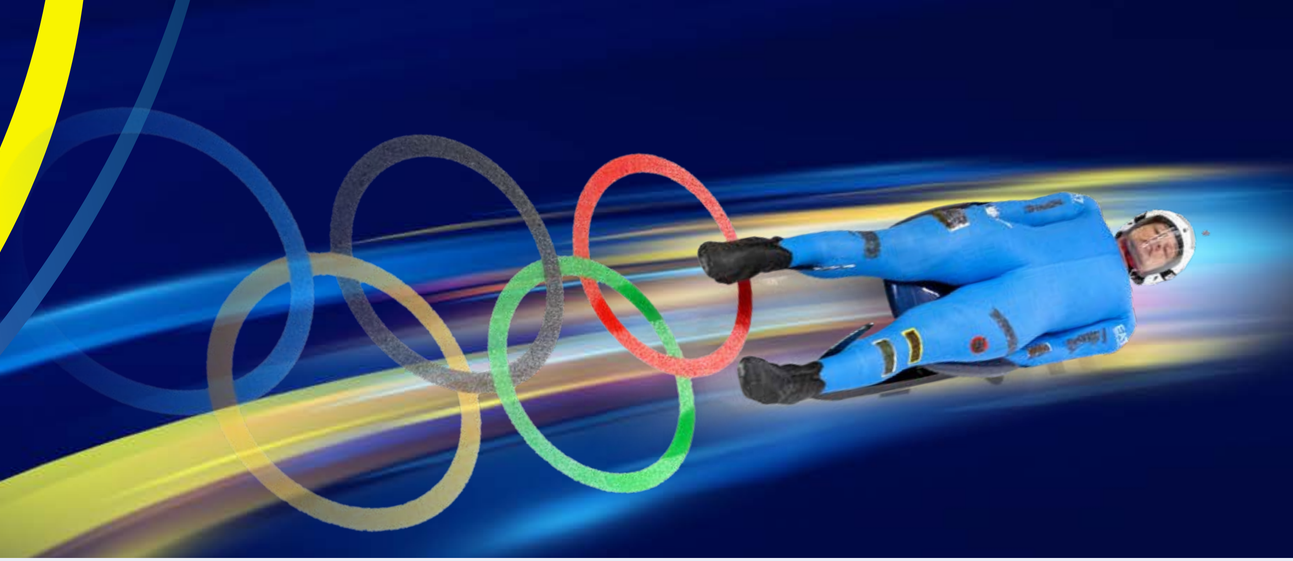
Key initiatives

- Provide shared access to tracks, equipment, and coaching expertise within each hub
- Organise regular regional training camps and joint development programmes
- Facilitate structured knowledge transfer between advanced and developing National Federations

- Coordinate regional competition calendars and event planning
- Support joint initiatives and collaborative projects between neighbouring National Federations
- Optimise use of existing infrastructure through shared and cross-border access models

Strategic Priority

Strengthen National Federations



Main objectives

Strengthen coach education and knowledge-sharing systems

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

Strategic Priority

Place Athletes at the Centre



Main objectives

Place athletes at the centre of the FIL strategy

Core strategic approaches

Strengthen athlete representation and influence in FIL governance structures

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

Key initiatives

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

Strategic Priority

Place Athletes at the Centre



Main objectives

Establish a comprehensive athlete support framework

Core strategic approaches	Key initiatives
Continuously enhance athlete safety and safeguarding standards across all FIL activities	• Continuously develop, update, and strengthen athlete safety and safeguarding policies in line with IOC and international standards • Ensure safe competition and training environments across all events
Ensure safe, high-quality training and competition environments across all levels of the sport	• Regularly assess and improve safety and quality conditions across facilities and events • Promote consistent implementation of safety and operational standards
Integrate data and technology into athlete development, safety, and well-being systems	• Implement performance analytics tools to support athletes and coaches • Use data to monitor athlete development, workload, and well-being
Develop an integrated athlete support system covering education, health, and career development	• Develop structured athlete support programmes (education, dual career, and post-career transition) • Develop partnerships with education, health, and career institutions • Introduce regular monitoring of athlete well-being and satisfaction

Strategic Priority

Enhance Media, Visibility and Commercial Growth



Main objectives

Develop and implement a financially sustainable and integrated FIL marketing model

Core strategic approaches	Key initiatives
Establish a unified and integrated media, marketing, and commercial strategy across all FIL activities	• Develop integrated advertising, sponsorship, and partnership models across all FIL platforms • Introduce new technologies to enhance content presentation • Develop and implement innovative content formats (e.g., POV cameras, immersive content)
Strengthen FIL's digital and social media presence to increase reach, engagement, and content relevance	• Develop and implement a structured digital content strategy across platforms • Increase the frequency and consistency of digital content delivery • Enhance audience engagement through interactive and platform-specific content formats
Develop a consistent FIL brand and storytelling approach across all channels	• Define and implement a unified storytelling concept across competitions and media channels • Strengthen athlete-driven content and behind-the-scenes narratives • Align branding and visual identity across all media outputs
Leverage data, digital platforms, and innovative technologies to enhance content, reach, and engagement	• Introduce data-driven storytelling and enhanced broadcast formats • Use audience data and analytics to optimize content distribution and fan engagement • Develop digital platforms to strengthen direct engagement with global audiences

Strategic Priority

Enhance Media, Visibility and Commercial Growth



Main objectives

Modernise and centralise FIL TV production

Core strategic approaches

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

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

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

Key initiatives

- Transfer and consolidate TV production leadership under FIL to ensure consistency and quality
- Optimise production cost structures and develop cost-efficient production models
- Develop and enhance FIL live streaming capabilities and platforms

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- Implement advanced broadcast solutions (e.g., tracking, data overlays, immersive camera technologies)
- Integrate real-time data and analytics into broadcast content

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- Enhance content quality through integration of data, analytics, and enriched broadcast elements
- Improve viewer experience through more dynamic and informative broadcast formats

Strategic Priority

Enhance Media, Visibility and Commercial Growth



Main objectives

Expand global media distribution and audience reach

Core strategic approaches	Key initiatives
Expand media distribution by increasing geographical coverage	• Develop and implement international content distribution strategies across priority markets
Strengthen partnerships with broadcasters, digital platforms, and media partners	• Expand partnerships with broadcasters and digital platforms to increase global reach • Establish long-term strategic media partnerships in priority regions
Ensure financial sustainability of media activities through optimised rights, partnerships, and revenue models	• Attract new commercial partners and sponsors to support media growth • Strengthen monetisation models across media channels (broadcast, digital, partnerships)

Strategic Priority

Strengthen FIL Governance and Financial Sustainability



Main objectives

Ensure a transparent, efficient, and accountable FIL governance structure

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

Strategic Priority

Strengthen FIL Governance and Financial Sustainability



Main objectives

Strengthen financial governance and long-term sustainability

Core strategic approaches	Key initiatives
Maintain structured multi-year financial planning	• Maintain and regularly update four-year (and eight-year) financial projections • Integrate financial planning with strategic priorities and operational plans • Introduce scenario-based financial planning (best / base / worst case) • Align investment planning with long-term strategic development goals
Ensure financial discipline, transparency, and accountability across all activities	• Establish a transparent and standardised financial reporting and control framework • Strengthen internal control systems, including budgeting discipline and expenditure monitoring • Implement financial performance tracking linked to strategic objectives
Diversify and strengthen the revenue base to support long-term strategic objectives	• Develop a diversified and sustainable revenue model aligned with strategic priorities • Align commercial strategy with governance and financial planning principles

Strategic Priority

Strengthen FIL Governance and Financial Sustainability



Main objectives

Institutionalise ethics, compliance, and stakeholder governance standards

Core strategic approaches

Enforce high standards of ethics, integrity, and transparency

Key initiatives

- Extend the FIL Ethics Code with clear policies, procedures, and enforcement mechanisms
- Define and implement robust conflict-of-interest rules across all governance levels

Strengthen compliance frameworks and risk management mechanisms

- Establish an integrated compliance and risk management system aligned with IOC, WADA, and international standards
- Establish a structured risk management system (identification, assessment, mitigation, monitoring)
- Introduce regular compliance and risk reporting to governance bodies



Key progress indicators

Expand and Modernise Artificial Track Luge

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

Develop and Scale Alpine Luge

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

Strengthen National Federations

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

Place Athletes at the Centre

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

Enhance Media, Visibility and Commercial Growth

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

Strengthen FIL Governance and Financial Sustainability

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

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