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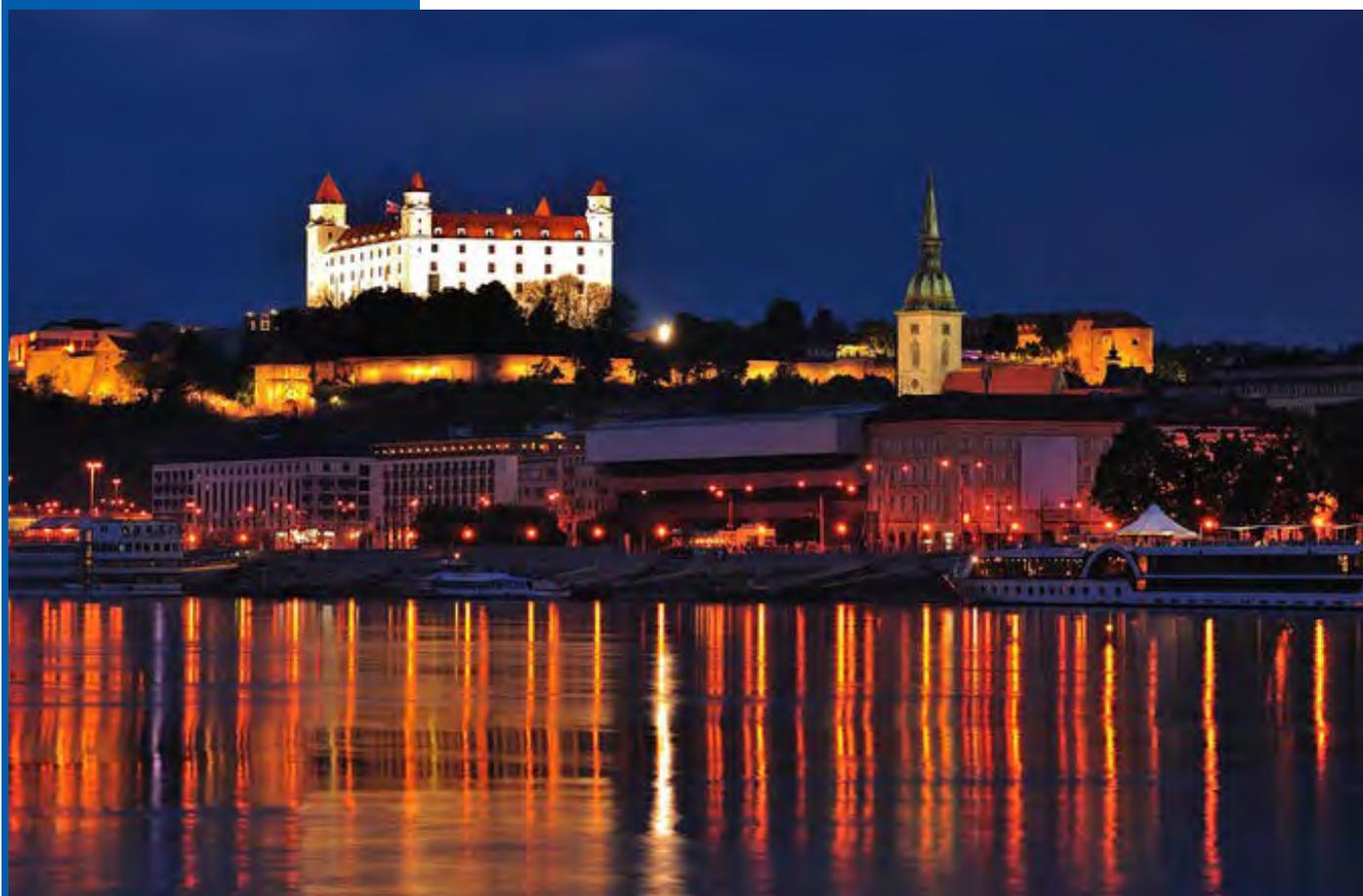


## **66th 2018 FIL Congress**

Bratislava – Slovakia  
14 – 17 June 2018



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## 66th FIL Congress in Bratislava/SVK

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**66<sup>th</sup> FIL Congress**  
**Bratislava, Slovakia**

<b>Beginning:</b>	<b>Friday, June 15, 2018</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
1. Opening and Welcome		J. Fendt
2. Roll call and right to vote		S. Romstad
3. Approval of minutes from the last Congress		S. Romstad
4. Awards J. Fendt / S. Romstad		
5. Reports from members of the Executive Board		
5.1 President ( <i>will be presented</i> )		J. Fendt
5.2 Secretary General ( <i>will be presented</i> )		S. Romstad
<i>All other reports are included in the dossier</i>		
6. Discussion on the reports		
7. Preliminary discussion on motions	J. Fendt / S. Romstad	
( <i>Immediate vote on motions that do not require a long discussion</i> )		
7.1 Motions to the Statutes		
7.2 Motions to the IRO		
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8. Financial Matters		H. Steyrer
8.1 Annual Statement of Accounts (April 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018)		
8.2 Proposed Budget (April 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019)		
9. Report of the Control Commission and release of the Executive Board		D. Prentice
10. Determination of membership fees		H. Steyrer





**Continuation:**

**Saturday, June 16, 2018**

**9:00 a.m.**

11. Information from the Organizing Committee for the 2022 OWG on the preparation of luge competitions in Beijing, CHN
12. Presentation of the Committees on the FIL Championships 2019 Organizing Committees
13. Resolution to the motions J. Fendt / S. Romstad
  - 13.1 Motions to the Statutes
  - 13.2 Motions to the IRO
  - 13.3 Other motions
14. Awarding of FIL Championships up to the year 2022 J. Fendt
  - 14.1 Presentation by applicants (if desired)
  - 14.2 Vote
15. Vote according to statutes
16. Determination of location for the 2020 Congress
17. Miscellaneous

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# **65. FIL-KONGRESS**

Constanta / ROU  
16.-17. Juni 2017

# **65<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS OF THE FIL**

Constanta / ROU  
June 16-17, 2017

**Protokoll / *Minutes***

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

<b>Friday, 16.06.2017</b>	<b>9am</b>
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### **1. Opening and Greeting**

The President of the Romanian Luge, Bob and Skeleton Federation, **Mr. Sorin Buta**, welcomed the participants of the 65<sup>th</sup> FIL Congress and wished them a successful Congress as well as wishing the delegates and guests a wonderful time in Constanta.

**FIL President Josef Fendt** warmly welcomes the participants **and officially opens the 65<sup>th</sup> FIL Congress**, which also stands for **60 years of the FIL**. A celebration will take place tonight.

Special greetings go to honorary member **Hartmut Kardaetz** and to the representatives of the OC for the Olympic Winter Games 2018 (POCOG) **Jeeyoun „Jenny“ Lee and Seolah Han as Sport Managers for Luge**, the newly elected and re-elected Presidents of the National Federations, the Athletes' Representatives, the representative from RGS (Infront were unable to send a representative), as well as the hosts of the FIL events. The representatives from the next Olympic Winter Games 2022 in Beijing/CHN were also welcomed by the President.

**President J. Fendt thanked the Romanian Luge, Bob and Skeleton Federation under President Sorin Buta and his team including Florian Ticu und Sorina Ticu, as well as the staff in the FIL Office for the great preparation for this Congress.**

On the occasion of her birthday today, President J. Fendt and General Secretary Svein Romstad present a bouquet of flowers to **Natalia Gart** (FIL Executive Board member and President of the Russian Luge Federation).

**President J. Fendt** confirms that the invitations and the agenda were sent to the NFs in a timely manner and, after there are no requests to speak, **opens the 65<sup>th</sup> FIL Congress.**

**The President shared 2 amendments to the agenda:**

*Point 17 – Miscellaneous:*

- The host of the Olympic Winter Games in Beijing in 2022 has a presentation..
- Slovenia has applied for the 2019 Congress with Ljubljana as the host venue - further applications are also possible during this Congress.

The Congress participants take a moment to remember the Luge officials and former athletes who have passed away in the last year.

President J. Fendt names:

- **Dr. Milo Kriz (honorary member of the FIL since 2003), passed away on 10.07.2016 in Prague at the age of 93.**
- **Michael Walter/GER, passed away on 06.08.2016 at the age of 57**  
*World Champion 1985, Overall World Cup Winner 1983/84 Artificial track*
- **Josef Szymanski/POL, passed away on 24.8.2016 at the age of 90**

*Olympic participant Bob 1956, however also Coach for Luge in the Polish Federation*

- **Frank Masley/USA** passed away on **10.9.2016** at the age of **56**  
*Olympic participant 1980, 1984, 1988*
- **Anton Winkler/GER**, passed away on **8.10.2016** at the age of **62**  
*Bronze Medalist Olympic Winter Games 1980 in Lake Placid*
- **Gottfried Legler/GER** passed away on **04.11.2016** at the age of **83**  
*He was one of the most successful luge trainers of the former DDR in the years 1965 to 1981 in the army sport club Oberhof*
- **Karl Stiepan/GER** passed away on **27.03.2017** at the age of **85**  
*Official in Natural Track in the BSD for many years*
- **Hisaya Arai/JPN**, Managing Director of the Japanese Luge, Bob and Skeleton Federation passed away on **7.4.2017**
- **Margit Schumann/GER**, passed away on **11.4.2017** at the age of **64**  
*Olympic Champion 1976 in Innsbruck, Bronze Medalist Olympic Winter Games 1972 in Sapporo, World Champion 1973, 1974, 1975, 1977, 3x European Champion, Member of the FIL „Hall of Fame“*
- **Leonhard Nagenrauft/GER**, passed away on **22.5.2017** at the age of **79**  
*European Champion 1967, Vice World Champion 1971, Olympic participant 1968 and 1972*
- **Sergey Stepanenko/UKR**, Secretary General of the Ukraine Luge Federation

## **2. Attendance and Voting Rights (s. supplement 1)**

**Secretary General S. Romstad** did a roll call. At the time of the opening of the Congress, there were 34 members/NFs with a seat and a vote and 1 provisional member present.

## **3. Approval of the minutes from the last Congress 2016 (Lake Placid/USA)**

### **Congress Resolution 01/17**

**The minutes from the 64th Congress were approved.**

**-unanimous-**

## **4. Honors**

**President J. Fendt and Secretary General S. Romstad** presented the following honors to the representatives of the Russian Luge Federation.

### **FIL Medals in Bronze for:**

**Ivan Ivanov/RUS**

**Antonina Kuznezova/RUS**

**Natalia Yudina/RUS**

**Lubov Belokur/RUS**  
**Vladimir Krachevsky/RUS**

### **5. Admission of New Members**

There is a motion from **Portugal for admission as a proper member of the FIL**. Portugal fulfils the requirements – one athlete has already participated in FIL events in Artificial track in the last season. Portugal was already awarded provisional membership by the Executive Board.

<p><b><u>Congress Resolution 02/17</u></b></p> <p><b>Portugal was accepted as a proper member of the FIL.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>-unanimous-</b></p>
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**Therefore there are now 35 members/NFs with a seat and vote participating in the Congress.**

### **6. Work Reports from the Members of the Executive Board**

**President J. Fendt and Secretary General S. Romstad** present their reports. **(S. supplement 2)** of the Congress dossier, where the reports from the other members of the Executive Board and the officials can be found. These reports were also already sent by email to all participants on time.

**President J. Fendt placed the focus of his speech under the title „FIL Image“:**

- The FIL's image is excellent.
- The cooperation with the IOC and other international sports organizations is very good.
- Long term partnerships with agencies, suppliers, sponsors, TV.
- Many participants at the FIL events.
- A sophisticated development program, which other federations are envious of.

### **7. Discussion Regarding the Work Reports**

**Thomas Schwab/GER** believes that critical points are not mentioned in the work reports, rather only the positive aspects are highlighted. He complained that in the coming season Junior World Cups will only take place in Germany and Austria, refers to declining TV ratings, and believes that in its current form the sport is no longer modern. He repeats his request for the work reports of the Vice Presidents Artificial Track and Natural Track be submitted verbally to Congress.

**President J. Fendt** does not entirely agree with this opinion. The FIL is always open to detailed analysis of weak points and/or detailed criticism.

The request for verbal presentation of the work reports of the Vice Presidents Artificial Track and Natural Track is not accepted as all reports are sent to all delegates before the Congress. Therefore, there is ample time to prepare for the Congress and to prepare requests to comment/discuss the work reports.

**Nizar Zaciragic/BIH** thanks the FIL for their support. Without which the sport of luge in Bosnia and Herzegovina could not continue.

**Dwight Bell / USA** is concerned about the location of the Olympic track for the Olympic Winter Games 2022 in Beijing / CHN. He fears that the unfavorable location will lead to criticism also in the media because of high operating costs and because of the expensive buildings required to ensure adequate shading. In addition, Dwight Bell asks what concrete measures are being taken at the PyeongChang track in terms of improvements up to the 2018 Olympic Winter Games.

**President J. Fendt** informs that the location for the track in Beijing, which has now been definitively chosen by track construction experts from the FIL and the IBSF, is not the one that Dwight Bell visited with the IOC Evaluation Commission. The OC team (BOCOG) has now presented plans for this sporting facility to be used as an all-year event location. We hope to see more tomorrow in the already announced project presentation from BOCOG.

Regarding the planned improvements on the track in PyeongChang, President J. Fendt explained that on the basis of the experience gained during the Olympic test events, a detailed joint report from the Track Construction Commissions of the FIL and the IBSF has already been sent to POCOG.

**Jim Leahy/USA** believes that the TV coverage figures in Germany are insufficiently reflected in the sponsorship fees for the FIL. He is of the opinion that the sponsorship fees for the FIL are too low in relation to other sports.

**President J. Fendt** replies that the USA Federation is welcome to present a sponsor who is willing to pay more. But so far, all efforts in this direction have not been successful. Britta Semmler Dzoesch adds that the ratings given in the FIL TV analysis for the German broadcasters are sent to the FIL by the broadcasters themselves.

**Reinhard Poller/AUT** supports the comments from Th. Schwab - critical issues should appear in the work reports. He proposes to prepare questions about the work reports ahead of time and bring them to Congress.

**President J. Fendt** welcomed this proposal, which was gladly accepted.

## **8. Pre-discussion of the Motions**

### **8.1 Motions to the Statutes**

- **Motion 1** (Applicant Executive Board) **Paragraph 4.2,7 of the Statutes** (deadline for motions)

*These motions – outside of the Executive Board, the Audit Commission, and the expert commissions – must be given to the President in writing and with reasons at least twelve weeks before the beginning of Congress. (currently it is 10 weeks).*

**President J. Fendt** explained the motion from the Executive Board:

The motions from the federations must be prepared and translated for the FIL Commission Meetings.

In the past, there have been bottlenecks in the preparation and translation for the meetings caused by late submissions. Through this new deadline, these bottlenecks will be avoided.

**Th. Schwab/GER** mentions that after the season the federations need adequate time to discuss the motion proposals internally and then to submit them.

**Vice President C. DelNegro** says that two years would be available for the creation of IRO amendments.

There was then a compromise proposal decided:

- *Deadline for motions for IRO amendments: 12 weeks before the beginning of Congress*
- *Deadline for General Motions and Motions to the Statutes: 10 weeks as currently*

**Congress Resolution 03/17**

**The deadline for Congress as in paragraph 4.2,7 of the Statutes will be amended as follows:**

**Deadline for IRO amendments: 12 weeks before the beginning of Congress. All other deadlines for motions remain unchanged.**

**-unanimous-**

- **Motion 2** (Applicants Sport Commission AT, Executive Board) **Paragraph 4.7.1 of the Statutes** (tasks of the expert commissions)

*By “Sport – Artificial Track“ the point/word “calendar“ should be removed.*

**Vice President C. DelNegro** explains this motion:

The events calendar will now be created in a professional manner by a small group of people. The sports area will be represented by the Sport Director who is in charge. The creation takes place in coordination with the IBSF and in consideration of the feedback from the TV and sponsors. This will facilitate an earlier publication and not only after the Commission Meetings. This Statute amendment reflects the manner in which the calendar will now be created.

This change in the Statutes reflects the way the calendar is actually created today.

**Congress Resolution 04/17**

**The Statute amendment motion regarding paragraph 4.7.1 (removal of the point/word “calendar“) is approved.**

**-unanimous-**

**8.2. General Motions**

**Motion 1** (Applicant GER)

*Creation of a minimum standard for first aid rooms at artificial tracks*

**Thomas Schwab/GER** explained the background of this motion. There are first aid rooms which have little to no equipment. Even basic injuries cannot be treated there. Th. Schwab is of the opinion that a minimum standard should be able to be agreed without the IBSF.

**President J. Fendt** points out that there are legal considerations and different regulations from country to country that must be considered. He sets this as a work assignment to the FIL, to draft the minimum standards.

**Congress Resolution 05/17**

**The Congress task the FIL with the assignment to work on minimum standards for first aid rooms at the tracks.**

**-unanimous-**

**Motion 2 (Applicant GER)**

*International training courses in the preparation of FIL Championships and OWG are in preparation, organization, and execution, the responsibility of the FIL.*

**Norbert Loch/GER** remarks regarding this motion that in practice this is how it is already carried out, it is just not written anywhere.

**President J. Fendt** explains that this motion, which is presented as a "General Motion" should be incorporated into the IRO next year.

**Congress Resolution 06/17**

**The Congress vote on the motion from Germany, that international training courses in the preparation of FIL Championships and Olympic Winter Games are in preparation, organization, and execution, the responsibility of the FIL.**

**-unanimous-**

**9. Finances****9.1 Annual Report (01.04.2016 – 31.03.2017)**

**Vice President Harald Steyrer** explains the **2016/17 Annual Report**.

**VP H. Steyrer** then presents the status of the FIL assets and thanks all members of the Executive Board and other responsible parties for their high level of financial discipline in what is still an economically difficult environment.

Harald Steyrer mentions the very low administrative costs (only about 8% of the yearly budget) of the FIL. This means that most of the money goes directly to the sport.

He provides information on the external audit of the financial statement, which will be sent to any interested national federation upon request.

**Congress Resolution 07/17**

**The Annual Report 2016/2017 was approved.**

**-unanimous-**

**9.2 Budget Proposal (01.04.2017 – 31.03.2018)**

In his explanation of the **2017/18 budget proposal**, **VP H. Steyrer**, mentions that there are no major changes compared to last year's budget. This means that the EUR 8 million "iron financial reserve of the FIL" can be guaranteed even after the end of the next financial year.

**Congress Resolution 08/17**

**The Annual Budget 2017/2018 was approved in its current form.**

**-unanimous-**

**President J. Fendt** thanked **VP H. Steyrer** for his conscientious and careful management of the finances for more than 21 years, for the financial benefit of the FIL.

**10. Report of the Audit Commission and Release of the Executive Board**

The Chairman of the Audit Commission D. Prentice presented the audit report, in which the professional and prudent management of the finances by VP H. Steyrer was highlighted.

He thanked the members of the Presidium, the Executive Board, the Commissions, the officials, and the FIL office for their cooperation and recommended the release of the Executive Board.

Finally, D. Prentice presented the motion to the Congress for the release of the Vice President for Finance, the Presidium, the whole of the Executive Board, as well as the Audit Commission.

**Congress Resolution 09/17**

**The Vice President for Finance, the Presidium, the whole of the Executive Board, and the Audit Commission of the FIL was released.**

**-unanimous-**

**11. Determination of the Member Fee**

**Congress Resolution 10/17**

**As previously, the annual membership fee was set at € 100.**

**-unanimous-**

Ahead of tomorrow's Congress day, **President J. Fendt** proposes the following line up for the Election Commission:

- *Dr. Ch. Krähe, Chairman of the Legal Committee*
- *D. Bell*
- *G. Beck*

There are no alternative or additional proposals from the delegates.

**President J. Fendt** closed the first meeting day and wished all Congress participants a nice evening and reminds them once again about the "60 year FIL" celebration which takes place this evening.

***Saturday, 17.06.2017***

***9am***

At the beginning of the second day of the Congress, **President J. Fendt** reminded once more yesterday's evening "60 years of the FIL", which ended in a dignified and



**Congress Resolution 11/17**

With 20 out of a possible 35 votes, the Congress chose Calgary/CAN as the host of the FIL World Championships 2021 Artificial Track.

- JWCh 2020                      Oberhof/GER
- JWCh 2021                      Winterberg/GER

As there was only one applicant for these Championships, it was voted on openly and in a block:

**Congress Resolution 12/17**

The Congress awarded the Junior World Championship Artificial Track as follows:

- JWCh 2020                      Oberhof/GER
- JWCh 2021                      Winterberg/GER

-unanimous-

**NATURAL TRACK:**

- JWCh 2018                      Laas/ITA
- WCh 2021                        Umhausen/AUT

As there was only one applicant for these Championships, it was voted on openly:

**Congress Resolution 13/17**

The Congress awarded the World Championship Natural Track as follows:

- JWCh 2018                      Laas/ITA
- WCh 2021                        Umhausen/AUT

-unanimous-

**16. Elections****16.1 Chairman of the Legal Committee (= Chairman of the FIL Ethics Commission)**

**President J. Fendt** proposes that for this election of the Chairman of the Legal Committee, D. Bell should act as Chairman of the Election Commission. Dr. Ch. Krähe appears as a candidate for the position that is to be elected. Only for this election N. Hiedl is appointed as a member of the Election Commission.

**D. Bell** informs that only one candidate appears for all positions to be elected and asks the Congress to conduct these elections by means of an acclamation / show of hands.

**Congress Resolution 14/17**

The election for Point 16 of the agenda will be carried out by means of an acclamation/ show of hands.

-unanimous-

The election of the Chairman of the Legal Committee is carried out (Candidate: Dr. Christian Krähe).

**Congress Resolution 15/17**

**Dr. Christian Krähe is elected as Chairman of the FIL Legal Committee and therefore also Chairman of the FIL Ethics Commission.**

**-unanimous-**

**16.2 Members of the Legal Committee (= Members of the FIL Ethics Commission)**

Candidates: Dr. Andreas Ruetz/AUT

Dr. Alexander Shakhnazarov/RUS

Dr. Andreas Ruetz (not present) has submitted to Dr. Ch. Krähe, Chairman of the Election Commission a written confirmation of his acceptance of the position in the event of his election.

**Congress Resolution 16/17**

**Dr. Andreas Ruetz and Dr. Alexander Shakhnazarov are elected as members of the FIL Legal Committee and therefore also Members of the FIL Ethics Commission.**

**-unanimous-**

**16.3 Ethics Authority**

The only candidate for this position, Norbert Hiedl/GER informed the Congress of his resignation as Chairman of the FIL Court of Arbitration effective as of 00:00 today.

**Congress Resolution 17/17**

**Norbert Hiedl is elected as Ethics Authority.**

**-unanimous-**

**16.4 Chairman of the FIL Court of Arbitration**

Ben Heijmeijer/NL, current member of the FIL Court of Arbitration stands as a candidate for this position.

**Congress Resolution 18/17**

**Ben Heijmeijer is elected as Chairman of the FIL Court of Arbitration.**

**-34 for, 1 abstention-**

**16.5 Member of the Court of Arbitration**

The candidacy of Gennadii Rodionov / RUS is submitted for this position. This election is necessary because Ben Heijmeijer, as a former member of the Court of Arbitration, has now been elected as the Chairman of this body.

The current members of the Court of Arbitration remain in their function until the end of the regular function period (Congress 2018).

**Congress Resolution 19/17**

**Gennadii Rodionov is elected as a member of the FIL Court of Arbitration.  
-unanimous-**

**17. Miscellaneous**

As **President J. Fendt** already mentioned at the beginning of Congress, this point on the agenda will be the election of the location for Congress 2019.

**Milan Sirse/SLO** presents the application from Slovenia with the town of Ljubljana as the host venue for Congress.

There are no other candidates.

**Congress Resolution 20/17**

**The FIL Congress 2019 was awarded to Slovenia with Ljubljana as the Congress city.**

**-unanimous-**

The host (BOCOG) of the Olympic Winter Games 2022 in Beijing/CHN has prepared a presentation. Mr. Herr **Zhang Xudong** (Sport Department BOCOG) was able to share with the delegates a first impression regarding the planning and conception of the Olympic Sliding Center 2022.

**Manfred Heinzlmaier/BEL** informs about the current situation regarding the artificial track in Bludenz/AUT. A completion date for the track is now predicted for 2018; many authoritative procedures, the request for expert opinions amongst other things caused delays to this project.

**Natalia Gart/RUS** shared information about an “Extreme Sport Park“ concept, which will be implemented in Russia. Natural Track sport could find its place here and therefore make the sport of luge a mass sport. Natalia Gart is happy to share detailed information with any National Federations that are interested. **Finally, N. Gart presented President J. Fendt a gift to mark 60 years of the FIL.**

**Sorin Buta/ROU** and **Dace Gods-Romanovska/LAT** congratulated the FIL on their 60 years and presented President J. Fendt with a commemorative gift.

**Ch. Mazdzder (FIL Athletes' Representative)** reiterates the importance of integrating athletes into the highest decision-making bodies of national federations.

In his closing words **President J. Fendt** thanked the organizers for the excellent Congress conditions, the delegates for the friendly and constructive atmosphere during the days in Constanta, and the interpreters for their arduous work.

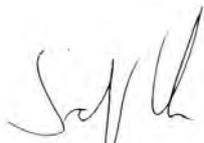
He presents thank you gifts to:

- **Sorin Buta** /President of the Romanian Federation
- **Florian Ticu** /Secretary of the Romanian Federation
- **Sorina Ticu** /Congress management for the Romanian Federation
- **the interpreters Christa Zander and Andreas Berning**

**President J. Fendt** officially closed the 65th FIL Congress and wished all participants a lovely afternoon and evening in Constanta (invitation from the Romanian Federation for a trip to Mamaia and evening program)

**See you on June 15th & 16th 2018 in Bratislava/SVK for the 66th FIL Kongress!**

For the minutes:



Christoph Schweiger

The President



Josef Fendt

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FIL - Exekutivsitung  
FIL Executive Board Meeting

Constanta, ROU  
June 15, 2017

ANWESENHEITSLISTE - ROLL CALL - LISTE DE PRESENCE

EXEKUTIVE - EXECUTIVE BOARD - COMITÉ EXÉCUTIF

Name Name Nom	Land Country Pays	Funktion Function Fonction	Unterschrift Signature Signature
1 J. Fendt	GER	Präsident	
2 S. Romstad	USA	Generalsekretär	
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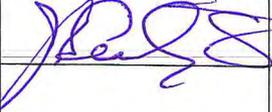
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## Supplement 2

### Report by the President at the 65th FIL Congress 2017 in Konstanta, Romania

on June 16/17, 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen, sports enthusiasts:

This year in my report, which happens to be my 23rd as the President of the FIL, I would like to address the image of the FIL. I have gathered that some of our colleagues feel that the image of the FIL and luge is not what it could be and needs to be improved.

Suggestions for improvement are, of course, always welcome.

Nonetheless, I believe that many of our activities are not sufficiently well-known or appreciated. It is also my belief that people's actual perception of our sport is fairly positive. I will therefore take it upon myself to shed some light on our various areas of responsibility.

The FIL as an international Olympic association has become quite large with a current annual budget of about 6.5 million euros. These funds allow us to carry out a wide range of activities. Responsible budgeting has always allowed us to maintain a solid financial base. Our Vice-President of Finance will provide details on this later in his report.

To fulfil the responsibilities of the Federation, we maintain a Presidium, Executive Board, office, and 10-12 expert commissions and working groups that are all staffed with experts. In addition, we work with professional agencies that assist us with sponsoring, television and other media. To take one example, we immediately adopted the proposal from the Marketing and Publicity working group for educating for athletes and trainers in media relations; the

media training week before the world championships at Innsbruck-Igls proved to be a great success.

Our connections and international collaboration with the IOC, international federations, organizational committees for Olympic Games, etc. are all very healthy, and we are able to maintain an ongoing exchange of current information on this level. Through the IOC, we are steadily integrating international federations in a variety of processes. The FIL is always represented in these processes on a high level.

Pictures of our sport of luge always feature prominently in a variety of well-known international publications and magazines such as IOC and SportAccord.

In terms of our sponsors, we can proudly note that we have been collaborating with our partners for a surprisingly long time. We have worked with Uvex, our valued partner in the production of special luge helmets, for 35 years. Viessmann has sponsored us for 25 years, and this year marks a 15 year milestone for Eberspächer as a sponsor. We concluded an extension to our contract with both sponsors for another four years through the agency RGS, with which we have maintained a working relationship for 20 years. With our agency Infront, we have also had a decade-long working relationship which began under its previous name CWL, and through which we maintain ties with BMW. We have also sustained a partnership with our sponsor DKB for years. Due to a fundamental realignment by corporate management, a positive relationship that had extended over years with Adidas unfortunately concluded after the 2018 Olympic Winter Games. And not just us, many other winter sports federations felt the consequences of this realignment.

With regard to television, we have also maintained a decade-long favourable partnership with the agency Sport A (for the television networks ARD/ZDF), and with Eurosport as well.

I think it would be appropriate to take some pride in our sustained trustworthy relationships with all of our contractual partners over so many years. This is also an indication that the FIL is perceived as a reliable federation and testifies at least that our image can't be all that bad. It must be also borne in mind that we do not have an advertising industry that promotes our sport, and we do not boast of a market for selling sports equipment or clothes like many other sports.

With regard to the core business of the FIL, our sport, we can note with satisfaction that another successful season lies behind us. Through our targeted subsidy programs, the quantity and quality of participants in FIL events has reached a high level and stayed there. Athletes from 36 nations were involved in our sport last season, and 33 nations from four continents participated in the 29 official FIL events (championships, world cups, team relay and sprint). 26 nations were present at the world championships in Igls, and 30 nations were present at the World Cup in PyeongChang, the largest number of participants ever. Our relatively new and interesting Olympic discipline, the team relay, has developed satisfactorily, and last season we reached our initial goal of 15 full teams. The broad distribution of medals in Olympic artificial track competitions is also very satisfying. A total of nine nations won medals, and medals were distributed to 10 different nations in the Nations Cup.

The picture is just as positive with the youth and juniors which, as with every sport, are an important guarantee for the continued existence of the sport. Young athletes from a total of 30 nations

participated in our official FIL events, and medals were distributed among 10 different nations. One particular highlight was the Junior World Championships in Sigulda with 22 nations participating, which was broadcast live on TV from Latvia. The vexed problem for the organizers of the large number of participants was discussed in detail by the Youth Commission, but a practical solution was unfortunately not achieved. Many sports federations were, however, thrilled to see so many young athletes.

The generally healthy number of participants in all disciplines is doubtless a consequence of our tailored FIL subsidy programs with which you are doubtless all familiar. I would, however, like to mention a few programs. The support provided by FIL trainers in the various FIL groups and training camps, the 18-year-old track voucher program (with 15,000 vouchers distributed to 36 nations) and the highly successful partner programs (many thanks in this regard to the current sponsor federations AUT, GER, ITA, LAT and USLA).

I would like to take this occasion to acknowledge and express my heartfelt thanks to the Director of our Development Department, Ioan Apostol, who meticulously lists and monitors all subsidy programs with athletes' truly an enormous task. Of course, we are unable to guarantee that all FIL subsidies will be beneficial and successful. Nonetheless overall, the elevated quantity and quality of the athletes indicates that we have embarked on the right path.

With regard to development work, I would like to express my sincere thanks to our Vice President for Oceania, Geoff Balme. He works unceasingly to ensure that our sport (both artificial and natural track) is pursued in Oceania as well. The Naseby Luge Truck in New Zealand, the only Luge Truck in the southern hemisphere, has been operative for nine years already. Last winter (summer for us), two camps were held in New Zealand with 52 participants (children and youth). A

great time was had by all. Two athletes from Oceania have already reached an international level. Alex Ferlazzo from Australia (sponsored by the LAT) successfully participated in 8 artificial track World Cups last season and wants to qualify for the 2018 Olympic games in PyeongChang. The New Zealander, Jack Leslie, has been participating in natural track competitions in Europe for five years (presently sponsored by Italy) and achieved fifth place in the Natural Track World Championships.

The level of quality of FIL events is also consistently rising. In the previous season, we had the greatest number of rankings in the highest categories ever. This costs the FIL more organizer subventions, but it was a goal that we felt was worth achieving.

The fact that the FIL management can react quickly and flexibly was demonstrated for example in our response to the weather-related transportation problems at the Whistler World Cup. Within a few hours, the FIL Presidium, together with our on-site officials and transport logistics company ....., decided to free-up significant funds to transport the sleds on a charter flight in order to save the Whistler World Cup.

With the aim of reactivating the former Olympic track in Sarajevo, we are in close contact with our President for Bosnia-Herzegovina (BIH), Senad Omanovic, who is doing yeoman's work in preparing the track for rolling sled training courses. In September of last year, we were able to hold a trainer session in Sarajevo with the support of IOC Solidarity and NOC BIH with eight nations. The FIL provided experts for this event. This activity was held under the motto of "sports connects" since former enemies participated in the event.

We can note with satisfaction that we have not had a single incident of doping to date. We are a clean Olympic sport! With regard to the well-known McLaren Report, we are in ongoing contact with WADA,

the IOC Sports Department and our international federation colleagues. General Secretary, Svein Romstad, will offer comments in his report.

The fact that the FIL is an innovative federation and ready to adopt new race formats was demonstrated by the development of the team relay which we have advanced to the level of an Olympic discipline. We are now refining the new and intriguing sprint race format which we will be raising to a new level by offering it in four World Cup weekends over the coming season. If the improvements to the sprint racing format are successful in the coming season, we will submit a request to the IOC to include it in the Olympic program for 2022 in Peking.

Our Technical Department was faced with a major challenge in coming up with a new race shoe after Adidas severed ties. The subject was addressed in numerous meetings and discussions. Rass Sports Shoes is now our new shoe manufacturer. Sincere thanks to Vice President Einars Fogelis, and his Technical Director Christian Eigentler, who undertook all the necessary steps to ensure a smooth transition.

The worldwide television broadcasting of artificial track competitions remained highly satisfactory. Nonetheless, the increasingly tough competition among various winter sports for television time represents a major challenge. The primary channels with the most viewers remain ARD and ZDF in Germany. We reached top ratings for our sport on a number of weekends. With regard to television, we were able to make major inroads in North America. For the first time, we were broadcast live by NBC, the largest network in the United States, at a World Cup in Salt Lake City (second women's run), and other reports were also provided by this network. In Canada, CBC

reported on the Whistler World Cup and Igls World Championships in hour-long summaries.

I would like to take this opportunity to mention the engaging compilation by our television coordinator, Britta Semmler-Dzösch, in the dossier, and expressly thank her for her dedicated work.

I would also like to mention that the FIL has reached a cooperative agreement with the Olympic Channel of the IOC. This will provide us with a large public footprint for our sport outside of Europe.

We also continue to offer our highly successful live streaming of artificial and natural track luge. Co-commentaries by our athletes have also received highly positive responses.

Our FIL social media (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) have also developed very positively and experienced strong growth. The new Director, Margit Dengler-Paar, is working diligently and producing results.

Although many of my previous comments apply equally to natural track luge, I would like to now address a few topics in particular. Our natural track luge season was also positive with many successful events and a highly gratifying number of participants. The juniors in particular experienced a record number of participants. Athletes from 18 nations participated in the Junior World Cups, and 10 nations were represented in the Youth Games. 15 countries were represented as the starting line in the Junior European Championships in Umhausen. The field of starters rose to 21 nations for the General Class World Cups. This very welcome development is clearly the fruit of the excellent work by the Natural Track Development Program and the highly successful tour bus. I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation of those responsible for natural track development under the management of Evi Mitterstieler and

Karl Flacher. The new agreement with the U.S. and Canadian federations allowed us to hold a first-ever natural track training camp, which proved to be highly successful.

The high point of the natural track season was the World Championships in Vatra Dornei here in Romania. The responsible individuals in the Romanian Federation did an excellent job with preparations and related events. I was personally present at the beginning of the World Championships and can bear witness to their hard work. Unfortunately, the third day of competitions had to be cancelled due to the weather.

It must also be noted that the increasing number of participating nations in natural track luge would not have been possible without massive financial support on the part of the FIL. Over the long term, it is however unsustainable for natural track luge to be supported at the top by a few national federations and broadly only by the FIL. I would like to emphatically reaffirm the strong commitment of the FIL management to natural track luge. More engagement on the part of the national federations will be needed in the future, however. Special recognition goes to our Russian federation President, Natalia Gart, for her activities relating to natural track luge, and for being the main sponsor with her company GRM.

For the coming Olympic season, I would like to wish all the participants, whether they be athletes, trainers, organizers or officials, all the best and much success.

In the 2017/18 season, we will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of our World Cup which was launched in 1977/78.

This evening, we will also celebrate the 60-year anniversary of the FIL, to which you are all cordially invited.

In conclusion, I would like to express my thanks to the FIL executives, all national federations, our FIL organizations, our partners and my team at the FIL office for their consistently good and collegial work.

Thank you very much for your time and attention.

## **REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY TO THE 2017 FIL CONGRESS IN ROMANIA.**

We are now headed into a Winter Olympic Games year again. With this comes an increased intensity. For our athletes, a lifetime time goal is within sight and as the administrators of our sport, it is our responsibility to make sure these, as any other Winter Olympic Games, are the best for our sport. With that said, I have to say that the preparation for the 2018 Winter Olympic Games in PyeongChang, Korea have been among the most difficult for the FIL in my time as General Secretary. From the construction of the track to dealing with constantly revolving personnel at the organizing committee, it seems nothing have been easy. That said, I have no doubt that the 2018 Winter Olympic Games in PyeongChang, Korea will be very good. I also want to note that we are not the only sport that has had issues with their venues and the organizing committee. Pretty much everyone have had similar issues. But again, I do believe these Games in the end will be very good.

A Winter Olympic Organizing Committee is in the difficult position that in the bid process they have to make many promises and once they get the Games, economic and other realities set in. The Winter Olympic Games are very expensive and in the euphoria of getting the Games this is often lost. For the FIL, we are also in the difficult position that our venue is expensive and we are viewed as a small sport. This has resulted that we have had to constantly defend our sport in the view of many stakeholders within the Olympic Movement. However, it is a challenge I have gladly taken on. We are one of the few sports that still use all the Olympic venues from

the past Olympic Games available to us. We also share our venue with another federation leading to a venue that is very well used after the Games.

One of the biggest issues we have had is that the infrastructure surrounding the tracks have always been counted into the venue and this is often even more expensive than the venue itself. With the IOC's recently implemented Olympic Agenda 2020 the focus has been, among others, cost of venues. This has actually been good for us as we have been able request and receive clear delineation between the venues cost itself and the cost of the infrastructure around it. As a result, we are more in line with other sports. Our truly first experience with the implementation of Olympic Agenda 2020 has been Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic Games. So far, I have to say that the organizing committee has been impressive. Although the venue site chosen is not optimal for us, they have provided good solutions and a very dynamic legacy program. So, I have to say that I am optimistic about those Games.

Prior to Beijing we will also have the 2020 YOG in Lausanne, Switzerland. I have to confess that I was a great sceptic about the YOG, but the two first editions in Innsbruck, Austria and Lillehammer, Norway have been very good for us. It was therefore a great disappointment when the two only candidates for the 2020 YOG had no luge track and therefore we were left out of the bids. Although we were promised by the IOC that they would look at alternatives once the selection had taken place, this is too often the way of pushing a problem forward in hopes that it will go away in the future. However, together with the IBSF we made the decision we would aggressively pursue our involvement and not to take no for an answer. As expected,

our first meetings with the IOC was that they would support our inclusion if the organizing committee was for it and in our meeting with the Organizing Committee was that they would support it if the IOC was for it. After our initial indications that we were not going to be a part, we were able to convince the CEO of the 2020 YOG, Mr. Ian Logan, the positives of our inclusion and he became a fighter for our inclusion. I have to truly thank him as he fought hard for us and ended up securing our inclusion. Although we had originally thought the venue would be LaPlagne, due to political considerations, St. Moritz was chosen. Our chairman of the Youth Commission, Hans-Jurgen Kohne has already been there with a group for their first meeting and I am happy to report that St. Moritz is very excited to host the luge YOG. In addition, it now looks like speed skating is going to be moved to St. Moritz as well. I am also pleased to inform you that the field for the upcoming YOG will be increased with 5 men and 5 women. As a next step, it is our goal to see what we can do to have a natural track involvement in St. Moritz as well. For you that were not in Lillehammer, we had a natural luge track within the track in Lillehammer with two of our best former natural track lugers serving as coaches. It was very successful where even the Crown Prince of Norway took a ride. We need to continue to push for exposure for natural track within the Olympic Movement and this is a good platform.

Speaking of inclusion on the Olympic Program, the sports commission has made a resolution for the FIL to pursue the inclusion of the Sprint event on the Olympic program. We fought many years to get the Team Relay included, but we achieved that. For the Sprint event, we will attempt the same. The big advantage is no new venue and no extra athletes. It will not be

easy, but we will try. It is important to stress that this does not impede the continued goal of having natural track luge on the Olympic program one day.

A difficult topic I am going to address is the doping issue involving Russia. It is clear that there was a very sophisticated effort within certain sports in Russia, but I do want to state that the Russian luge federation to date has had no athletes being implicated in this effort. As a matter of fact, in the history of luge in the Olympic Games we have not had a single Russian athlete testing positive. The case in Russia is still unfolding and there are many issues where there are many inconsistencies and the McLaren report which all of this is based appears to have many flaws. Although it is too early to tell where it all will lead, the International Winter Sports have made it clear that it will punish individual athletes that can clearly be proven to have cheated, but there will be no blanket exclusion of Russian athletes in the upcoming Olympic Winter Games. Although we cannot be naïve, the fact that we were the only sport not implicated in the McLaren report, does point towards the conclusion that doping has little effect in our sport unlike in others. This does not mean we can relax. We need to be vigilant and ensure that all our athletes are clean and that we do not have a doping issue in our sport. It is a very costly and complex issue. With both in-competition testing and out of competition testing, anti-doping personnel is literally track every athlete's movement and chasing them around the world. Again, we are committed to make sure our athletes are clean.

Going back to the future and the Olympic Games, we are at a crucial point. After two Winter Olympic Games consecutively in Asia it is important that the Games return to either North

America or Europe. It is not because of the Asian countries are not great organizers and hosts, but with a perception that only a few countries now being financially capable to host the Games it could have a devastating impact on the Games in the future. With the continuing trend of not seeing any European countries bidding on the Olympic Winter Games, the IOC must do what it takes to eventually return to previous hosts where the venues are already in place.

Within the FIL, I am pleased to say that we do have an issue with overcrowding at some youth events leading to a request for the Youth Commission to evaluate potential change in format or further division of races. Following their consideration, at this stage, the format will continue as is. In this connection, I do want to thank the chair of the Youth Commission, Hans-Jurgen Kohne for his work chairing this commission. As for the FIL Group, we have also been looking at changes. The easiest, yet most difficult, is to possibly split the group between beginners and more experienced sliders. This would provide the opportunity for the more experienced sliders to have a team with elevated coaching so as to allow them to take the next step towards reaching the top. The challenge with this is simple: money. Splitting into two teams and hiring a higher level of coaches is very expensive and at the moment, we do not have the budgetary means to do so. It does not mean we need to stop thinking about this, it just means we need to see if there are other creative ways of providing our more experienced sliders with better alternatives.

Finally, on a personal note, as many of you may know already, I have made the decision not to stand for re-election next year. It was a very difficult decision as it has been a true privilege to serve the FIL. However, after 24 years as your General Secretary and increased demands on me in my working life this is the right time for me to step down. Having said that, it never fails to amaze me what I have seen over the years. In so many countries the future of our sport is dependent on a few persons, like many of you in the audience. It is truly remarkable to me the amount of effort all of you are putting into our sport to keep it alive in your individual countries and for that I am truly grateful.

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## 2018 Congress Report

### Vice President of Sport, Artificial Track

Dear Members of Congress,

Since our last Congress we have celebrated another Winter Olympic Games which were concluded safely and successfully with a variety of nations on the podium and great strides forward from some of our other member nations.

Our planning for the third Youth Olympic Games in 2020 in Lausanne is underway and will begin to intensify over the next season as we enter the qualification period. We look forward to using the track in St. Moritz for an event of this magnitude and we will work with the organizers to have successful races for the youth of our sport. We diligently worked to incorporate Youth A womens doubles into the YOG program to meet the IOC requirement of striving for Gender Equality in our athlete participation. Many nations are grooming their young athletes to participate and we hope for success as we go forward with such a new endeavor.

In my role as Vice President for Sport, I had a busy past season, with the Olympic Games in PyeongChang dominating my attention. I attended the International Training Week in November in Korea, the Lake Placid and Königssee World Cups, and the Olympic Winter Games in February with numerous hours in between, both electronically and on the phone, in preparation for what resulted in very successful Games. My congratulations to the PyeongChang organizers and we look forward to their legacy plans for the venue as our sport continues to expand in Asia. I also attended the IF Women in Leadership Forum hosted by IOC which encouraged the IF's to establish avenues to bring women into leadership roles within all areas of the IF. It is also planned that I attend two debriefings of the PyeongChang Olympic Games prior to Congress and these will also serve as the platform for the beginning of operational work with our next host, Beijing.

This past April was also a busy Sports Commission meeting, with IRO proposals being reviewed and prepared for presentation to Congress. We reviewed over 30 motions including motions from the Youth Commission. Much time and discussion was invested in ensuring that our race formats are serving to meet the needs of our sport in a very globally competitive sports arena. Our goal is always to be sustainable as our sport increases in both cost and travel time for all nations. The Congress will be reviewing these motions and we hope we will receive their positive votes. The ideas are to maintain the stability of the successful areas of the IRO while moving our sport forward by continuing to create new avenues to keep the sport attractive to athletes, spectators, and television.

The Team Relay is widely considered to be the most popular part of our World Cup, World Championship and Olympic programs and is now well established. Integration of the Sprint continues to be in a growth phase. This past season we increased from 3 races to four during the season, and we were able to meet the challenge of integrating both of our newer disciplines into one World Cup event. Our challenge is to continue to develop this format to ensure it's popularity with all stakeholders.

As we enter a new quadrennium and our sport continues to expand with venues globally across several continents, we need to work with the continued efforts of the National Federations to grow the level of skill of their athletes and coaches so we can jointly present our sport at a high level at all of our events. Our youth participation has markedly increased, which is a good indicator of growth, bringing with it the responsibility to keep events manageable and to be consciously active in transitioning these young athletes into General Class.

I would like, as ever, to highlight the very hard work of our Sport Director, Maria-Luise Rainer, and our Technical Director, Christian Eigentaler. In the youth area I thank also Hans Juergen Kohne and Maria Jasencakova. All of these positions help to ensure that our sports have a consistent high level of professionalism at all of our events throughout the season.

In closing, I would like to thank the Congress members of each NF, the FIL Executive Board, the athletes, coaches, officials, event organizers, and the numerous volunteers for our sport, and the FIL office staff, for their ongoing support of my work and their tireless efforts on behalf of our sport. It is my pleasure to serve in this position.

Respectfully submitted

Claire DelNegro

Vice President of Sport

### 66th FIL Congress Bratislava, June 15 – 17, 2018

Dear friends, dear Congress delegates,

Looking back on the accomplishments during this past season, we certainly have to highlight the key event- the Winter Olympic Games 2018 in PyeongChang.

As we all know, planning and staging the Olympics is one of the most complex tasks for event organizers and management teams to undertake. And I can surely say that in PyeongChang our sports management demonstrated high quality thanks to a clear-cut and coherent collaboration between the FIL and the OG Organization Committee POCOG.

All this ensured:

- Accurate service delivery in accordance with the strict Olympic Games requirements,
- Excellent quality of track ice and ice profiles both during training and races,
- Captivating competitions at highest level based on Fair Play principles.

The positive image of competitions that has been experienced by thousands of spectators has been achieved thanks to our teams coordinated and united work. I extend my gratitude to all FIL - athletes, coaches, technical staff, experts, judges, event organizers, Olympic Games Organizing Committee and National Federations for enormous work while staging this magnificent quadrennial celebration – Olympic Games PyeongChang 2018.

The 4-year season is over and we all are looking forward to Beijing 2022. Last year, after the 65th FIL Congress in Constanta and follow-up discussions with the IOC, new objectives and strategies were outlined for next Olympic season. With the IOC demanding gender equality across all sports, new challenging tasks have been put forward also for our sports - to add women's doubles event to the programme, as well as to introduce sprint and natural track competitions in Olympic programme.

Already in autumn of 2017 the FIL Technical Commission and Sport Commission met to advance the first two of the above set objectives and to agree on:

- New technical regulations for a new sled prototype;
- Conceivable sport installation manufacturer and supplier;
- Homologation process and carrying out test events;
- First competition period to prepare for the YOG 2020 Youth A class.

Today, I can surely say, that thanks to the FIL fruitful cooperation with the company "KÄSTLE", the first sleds for the upcoming season 2018/2019 will be available for National Federations already this summer. Intense work is still to be done together with the IOC to balance out specific competition programmes and timetables in a way that our athletes are able to compete for medals again.

I highly value the advancement of the set objectives during the seminars in Sigulda and Oberhof and overseas in Calgary and Whistler organized in context of the above-mentioned programmes.

I would certainly like to point out successful collaboration with the company "UVEX" - a committed and reliable FIL partner for already 30 years in athletes' safety matters.

Thanks also to cooperation with the "Swiss Timing" timekeeping services for our competitions were

provided at highest possible level.

During past two years our technical commission has successfully collaborated with athletic shoe supplier "RASS" to design and manufacture new sport shoe prototype. As we know, the cooperation with our previous long-term partner and supplier "Adidas" ended after the Olympic Games PyeongChang 2018.

I am pleased to mention that all three points, as mentioned above, were accomplished ahead of new Olympic cycle. However, a number of NF proposals expressed within 18-22 April this year towards IRO amendments will be carefully analysed during technical commission meeting and the results passed down for further approval by Congress. It is also to mention the extensive work that had been done in 2016 constructively upgrading IRO §5 and §10.

I would like to praise the high professionalism and responsibility of all the officials who during past season supervised the FIL competitions, particularly World Cups and Olympic Games (only one complaint submitted to the Jury during the whole season).

A successful cooperation during past two years has been developed with the working group "Marketing and Public Relations Campaign". Technical commission meeting will address a number of proposals received this year (compensation of extra weight, advertisements and ads areas, start and finish areas). These topical issues and their solutions may have essential impact on our sports image and attraction.

Traditionally would like to extend my gratitude to our colleagues of FIL Youth Commission, whose ideas always well contribute to the technical commission work.

I positively value our implemented tradition – to carry out technical control series prior the season. It provides the opportunity for all athletes to test their sled and equipment compliance with IRO requirements. This process has undoubtedly helped to reduce the number of disqualified athletes.

Certainly I would like to thank my colleagues in the FIL Medical Commission who ensured that our athletes throughout the season acted according to WADA strict requirements and Anti – Doping Code and policies.

Collaboration with the FIL Sports Commission has also been excellent. More and more issues on our working agenda request shared attention and decisions. The FIL Bureau team in these cases has always been instrumental having provided all necessary information and documents for further reflections.

In conclusion I would like to wish all the athletes, coaches and the whole FIL family to reach new goals and to decisively meet new challenges!

Thank you!

Einars Fogelis  
Vice President  
FIL Technical Affairs Artificial Track

The report was not submitted.

### 66th FIL Congress

15th June to 16th June 2018 Bratislava (The Slovak Republic)

Report by Vice President for Asia

Dear the delegates,

On behalf of the Asia, I would like to take a moment to express my hearty thanks to FIL officials for contribution of developing Luge in Asia.

- The 3rd Asian Luge Championships 2017 was taken place Altenberg, Germany from the 01 December 2017 organized by FIL. At this Asian Luge Championships, 14 athletes from 4 different nations which were Korea, Japan, Kazakhstan, Taiwan, and India were participated. In advance of competition, athletes had taken training camp under the FIL coach. It had been made remarkable improvement in athletes' performance.

The following report is a summary of the 3rd Asian Luge Championships held in Germany from December. 01. 2018.

#### **Competition Overviews**

1. Nations: Korea, Japan, Kazakhstan, Taiwan, India
2. Competitors: 14
3. Results:

Men's Single	1st place Shiva Keshavan (IND)
Women's Single	1st place Eunryung Sung (JPN)
Double	1st place Jinyong Park JungMyung Cho (KOR)

The Asian Luge Championships has received a favorable evaluation regarding participants' performance. Additionally, each participant has to strive for their goal which is making narrow the gap between high levels of international performance. Consistently, the Asia regions develop talented young athletes and support systematic training.

- The XXIII Olympic Winter Games was held in Pyeongchang, Korea in 2018. I have been working for developing Luge in Asia and host most successful Olympic Winter Games in history. I was an Ex Officio member of 2018 Pyeongchang Winter Olympic Games Organizing Committee. also I have been working as a FIL Regional Vice President Asia of FIL. I would like to thank all officials, the Presidium, Executive board members and President Josef Fendt for excellent cooperation.

Look forward to seeing you at the 66<sup>th</sup> FIL Congress.

Sincerely yours,

Jae-Ho Chung

FIL Vice President Asia

**PO Box 47 Whitianga 3542, New Zealand****President:** Geoff Balme**Telephone:** +64274958923 mobile**Email:** gbalme@xtra.co.nz**REPORT FROM REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR OCEANIA TO 2018 CONGRESS**

Five athletes from Oceania (one from Australia and four from New Zealand) competed in international competitions in Europe during the past season. Of the five, two are artificial track athletes and three natural track athletes. Technical issues with the Nagano/Japan track meant that this past season Australian athletes did not travel to train and compete in the Asia Cup as they had done in recent seasons.

Australia's 2014 Olympian Alex Ferlazzo continued his partnership with Latvia, competing in nine Artificial Track World Cup races placing 32<sup>nd</sup> = in the overall standings with a best result of 15<sup>th</sup>, and the PyeongChang Olympic Winter Games (28<sup>th</sup> place).

New Zealand's four athletes included the experienced natural track athlete Jack Leslie, competing in Europe for the 6<sup>th</sup> season, and new junior athletes Ella Cox (artificial track) along with Sam Flanagan and Ben Voice (natural track). In his first full season as a senior Jack placed 11<sup>th</sup> in the overall World Cup with a best result of 10<sup>th</sup>. Ella split her time between training with the Austrian development team and training and competing with the FIL Artificial Track Junior Group while Sam and Ben trained and competed with the FIL Natural Track Junior Group. All three hope to return to Europe this coming season and we will look to add at least one more athlete.

The Naseby Luge Track in New Zealand operated for its tenth winter. Adam Jedrzejko from Poland returned to run our program for the third season and was joined by Austrian Olympian Veronika Halder who paid her own way to come and work with us in New Zealand. We even utilized Veronika as a skating coach during our school holiday camps attended by a record number of 72 children aged between 8 years and 18 years old. We held four luge races during the season with 30 athlete competing. Adam is already in New Zealand for our 2018 good season.

Thank you again to the FIL and staff for your continued support of Oceania athletes, Latvia for partnering with Australia, Italy for partnering with New Zealand and Austria. I look forward to meeting with you all at the upcoming Congress.



**Geoff Balme**  
**Regional Vice President for Oceania**

# Naseby Luge 2017



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Congress report prepared by Natalia Gart, Member of the FIL Executive Board

2017-2018 season

Dear colleagues, I would like to point out several areas of activity in my report on the work performed as a member of the FIL Executive Board in 2017-2018 season.

I consider promotion of luge on natural track to the Olympics program to be one of the main steps towards luge development and promotion at international level in the last year. The FIL initiative group prepared an application to IOC.

A meeting was held with Kit McConnell, IOC Sports Director, in Lausanne (Switzerland) on October 20, 2017. I attended the meeting as well as a member of the FIL Executive Board delegation. First steps were taken towards introducing luge on natural tracks to IOC. During the negotiations, preliminary options for assessing the advantages and disadvantages of luge on natural track as an Olympic discipline were discussed.

Regarding my activities in Russia, I, as Chairman of the Organizational Committee of Moscow Luge World Cup on Natural Track, did a lot to organize the competitions in the capital of Russia. Negotiations were held and agreements were reached for broadcasting the competitions, a lot of effort was put into the program for mass spectator attendance during the competitions. To increase the interest of the audience, partners of the prize fund were involved, entertainment program was developed. Unfortunately, due to unfavorable weather conditions, III World Cup in Moscow was cancelled.

During the 2017-2018 sports season, GRM (where I hold the position of CEO) was the general sponsor of the Luge World Cup on Natural Track. Our support maintained considerable development of the sport at international level.

In Russia, I have actively supported the regions developing luge on natural track. In Novouralsk (Sverdlovsk Region), we invited Martin Gruber, FIL Chairman of the Track Commission Natural Track, for homologation to reconstruct the luge natural track. We are planning to retrofit the facility to allow for luge on natural track parallel races.

I am currently supporting the project prepared by the team from Severouralsk (Sverdlovsk Region), with creation of the All-Season Center for Sports Training and Tourism on Kumba mountain being one of the items in the program. Such

multicenters in the regions may become the foundation of the athletes training system, training camp for national teams, platforms for Russian and international competitions. Such centers in the regions will address the issue of involving children and youth in training at children's sports schools.

Concerning development of luge in the world, the Russian Luge Federation bought out the rights (digital) to broadcasting the Luge World Cups in the Russian Federation. We are striving for maximum coverage of the TV audience and more active efforts in promotion and information support of luge in Russia.

We are paying much attention to development of luge in the regions of our country. We are currently lobbying for construction of the track in the Leningrad Region. It is the region with strong traditions of luge development, elite coaches.

Negotiations concerning reconstruction of the Paramonovo track (Moscow Region) are in progress with the Ministry of Sport of the Russian Federation and private investors. The track was closed in 2013. We are making every effort to expand the presence of international level facilities in Russia. We are considering to solve the issue by means of state and private partnership and cluster development of the regions.

### Member at Large - Ed Moffat- Congress 2018 Report

The last 4 years have passed so quickly it is hard to believe we are again approaching the voting congress this June. I have been very fortunate to have the experience of my colleagues on the Executive to guide me through this last 4 years. Of course none of the Executive could do our work without the experience and hard work of the FIL office staff.

The role of the Member at Large is not as clear as the roles of the other Executive Committee members. However I have found it is important to keep informed of all communications and events so as to have meaningful contributions at the board meetings and be able to keep member NF's aware of the smaller issues that would not normally be sent out in an office communication. In an organization as large as ours rumours can be our Achilles Heel, so timely comprehensive communication is important. Over the last four years I have made this my goal to ensure I communicate with the NF's and am available to answer their questions.

One of this past season's successes has been the partnership between the FIL, USLA and the CLA to reinvest in their Natural Luge programs. With the decision the Executive made this year to request the inclusion of NL in the Olympics, it is very important to have North America participating in the NL program. I've taken the opportunity as a board member to work with the US and Canada to help facilitate assistance from the FIL NL group.

This coming congress I will be putting my name forward again for the position of Member at Large and I hope for your support.

Ed Moffat  
Member at Large

The report was not submitted.

## Report of the Executive Director for the 66th FIL Congress 2018

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
friends of luge,

The FIL can look back to a successful 2017/18 Olympic season and can approach the new Olympic cycle of 2018-2022 with a great deal of optimism. I would like this positive assessment of mine to serve as a point of departure for my annual report.

First allow me a retrospective of the past season, a retrospective justifiably characterized by pride and satisfaction. At this juncture, I will forgo repeating information from the reports of the several vice presidents and will offer a few brief summaries from my perspective:

- 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang, Korea:

Despite truly great difficulties in the preparation phase, we were treated to highly enjoyable and exciting games. The drama of the luge competitions will go down in the history of our sport; the athletes performed at a superb level. The joys and sorrows, successes and disappointments of the athletes and their supervisors moved us time and again, and these moments were captured for posterity on television and in photographs.

We should not forget that many individuals in the FIL worked hard in recent years and did not shirk from occasionally confronting the POCOG organizational team in order to make the games a success for our sport of luge, including its organizational underpinnings. I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who assisted with this effort!

- Viessmann World Cup 2017/18

Once again, we can look back with satisfaction on the fact that all of the world cups were held with a very high level of professionalism. This is reflected by the evaluations of the evaluation committee; there is scarcely room for any improvement. An important benchmark was reached: Establishing our Viessmann World Cup events as first-class sporting competitions with related events. A heartfelt thanks to the event organizers who realized this stellar achievement!

The Marketing and Event Development and Race Format working groups in particular will be discussing further innovations in the future. Our sport must and should experience ongoing development.

- Natural track

A great deal was accomplished over the previous season in the area of natural track. Not least, the natural track development program is responsible for the fact that the number of participants, both in terms of athletes and nations, continues to rise in both the junior and general class. In September 2017, this led to a decision on the part of the Executive Board to propose including natural track luge in the 2022 Olympic program in Beijing: a consequence of the hard work over recent years together with our member federations. It would be highly satisfying if this sport became even more popular in all European winter sport countries, as well as in North America. Promising discussions are underway with China about making natural track luge an established sport.

- Office relocation, FIL Museum

Toward the end of August 2017, we moved into our new office facilities at "Nonntal 10" in Berchtesgaden. We have an appropriate number of workplaces to meet current requirements for our employees, including a modern conference room and up-to-date data and communication infrastructure. In the name of my staff, I can confidently say that it is a great pleasure to work in this new environment.

And directly adjacent to the office facilities is the FIL Museum that was set up with great dedication under the direction of Herbert Wurzer (FIL archivist) and Hans Scherer (professional decorator). Many treasures from the trove of the FIL, whether stamps, posters, sports equipment or utensils from various Olympic Games will be presented here in the future.

Please drop by anytime to visit our FIL office and the museum.

In the second part of my report, I would like to go into somewhat greater detail about a few important matters addressed by the FIL office under my management:

- Anti-doping measures; WADA

Last year, we were confronted with a flood of anti-doping issues as never before in the history of the FIL. As a consequence of the doping scandal in Russia and the sundry related reports (McLaren Report, Oswald Commission of the IOC), the FIL was also required by WADA and the IOC to make numerous adaptations to our anti-doping control procedure before the 2018 Olympic Winter Games. Especially the organizational effort to comply with WADA's requirements have become enormous. We are being treated as a sport subject to a particularly high risk of doping.

At this juncture I would like to express my sincere thanks to Dr. Christian Krähe and Steffi Biermaier who were always ready to assist me in finding a solution to current issues (including over Christmas and Easter vacation). This includes fielding ad hoc disciplinary committees by the FIL with regard to the judgment of the IOC Oswald Commission, handling a suspected doping incident, answering WADA questionnaires on short notice, updating testing procedures, etc. I would also like to express my thanks to all the members of these ad hoc committees for being ready on short notice to provide us with assistance.

On the part of the FIL, I can only hope that the new independent International Testing Authority (ITA) will soon become operative. The FIL has expressed its interest numerous times in transferring the entire organizational side of anti-doping activities to the ITA. A professional, recognized institution will be taking the reins. This would shield us with regard to all the issues associated with luge and anti-doping, and would be an immense relief in terms of organization and responsibility. For a sports federation such as the FIL that is almost doping-free, it would be the logical thing to farm out these highly complex organizational activities.

- Good governance

Over the last two years at the 2016 FIL Congress in Lake Placid, USA and in 2017 in Constanta, Romania, we established the Ethics Code, Ethics Committee and Ethics Authority. At the time of my drafting my report, the Ethics Committee and Ethics Authority have not yet had to address any violation of our ethical principles that has come to light.

Nonetheless, we and all other Olympic winter sport federations have been scrutinized for a year by an external company at the behest of the AIOWF (Association of

International Olympic Winter Sport Federations) to verify maintenance of, for example, the implementation of good governance guidelines. This is being carried out by extensive questionnaires and an audit. These questionnaires include such topics as organizational structure, gender equality, statutes, voting rights, publications of meeting minutes, and much more. Obviously a rather extensive process. The Chairman of the Ethics Committee, Dr. Christian Krähe, and our Ethics Authority, Norbert Hiedl, are making gradual headway with all of these questionnaires. Some things remain relatively easy to implement; however, some things are rather complex and require a conclusive decision to be rendered by the Presidium and Executive Board.

We are dedicating a great deal of time to this issue, frankly because we must, and also because other Olympic winter and summer sports federations are taking the issue very seriously.

- IOC

The FIL office has developed into an important communications center with the IOC, the Sport Department in particular. Whether issues relating to time-consuming preparations for the Olympic Games and associated qualification procedures (PyeongChang 2018, Beijing 2022, YOG Lausanne 2020), or requests to include new events in the Olympic program, I and our President, the General Secretary and several vice presidents remain in close contact with IOC representatives.

Particularly requests for including new luge events in the 2022 Olympic program in Beijing demanded a great deal of time and effort. Direct meetings were also held with the IOC in Lausanne. At the present moment (at the time of preparing this report), it is still too early to estimate which requests may be successful, and which not. We are receiving mixed signals.

Of course, women's doubles on artificial track was a major topic with the IOC last year. It took us quite by surprise that we had to create this new discipline on the spur of the moment under the rubric of gender equity. I can now state that, thanks to the assistance of the expert commissions and experts at the FIL as well as short-term financing released by the FIL, this project is currently on track. We can now look forward optimistically to the 2018/19 season for this discipline. Women youth A doubles will now be a discipline at all Youth A World Cup events!

- New clothing provider for the FIL

After our relationship with Adidas concluded at the end of the previous season, I was able to acquire TEXSPO as a new clothing provider for FIL officials. TEXSPO is an up-and-coming Austrian company headquartered in Linz and has partnered to work with the FIL, at least until 2022. I would like to extend my thanks to Franz Wilhelmer, a former Austrian luge athlete, who has worked for many years in the sports equipment retail industry. It was he who was largely responsible for the contract with TEXSPO coming into existence.

This 66th Congress in Bratislava in 2018 marks the end of a legislative period and the start of another four-year period for the sport of luge.

To conclude my report, I would therefore like to extend thanks to all those who worked with me over the last four years:

– Thanks to all **representatives of national federations**, their **athletes and supervisors**, for the confidence in my efforts that they expressed,

- thanks to the **event organizers and officials, the agencies and partners of the FIL and officeholders of the FIL** for their excellent and constructive work in every field of activity,
- thanks to all of the **members of the Executive Board** for their amicable and cooperative efforts,
- thanks to all the **officials and officeholders who will move on to other activities after this Congress or who will no longer be available for reelection – please, as experienced officials, do not fail to keep in contact with the FIL.**

I would like to also offer thanks to **my staff** for their hard work and outstanding readiness to lend a hand at all times.

I would like to express my special thanks to the members of the Presidium of the FIL: My interactions with our **President, the Vice President and the General Secretary** remains characterized by a high level of trust, mutual esteem and friendship.

For me personally, it remains a great honor to be able to serve as the Executive Director. At this juncture, if I may, I would ask for your continued goodwill and support in helping me fulfill this challenging responsibility for the FIL.

Christoph Schweiger  
Executive Director

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## 2017/2018 SEASON REVIEW

### XXIII. Olympic Winter Games 2018 PyeongChang/KOR

awarding of titles

- Women's Singles (30)
- Men's Singles (40)
- Doubles Men (20)
- Team Relay (13)

### Continental Championships (Race in Race WC)

- 49th FIL European Championships in Sigulda  
awarding of titles: Women, Men, Doubles and Team Relay
- 7<sup>th</sup> America Pacific Championships in Calgary  
awarding of titles: Women, Men, Doubles
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Asia Championships in Altenberg (Nation's Cup)  
awarding of titles: Women and Men, (Doubles no title, only 2 participants)

**Viessmann World Cup** (9 competitions)

**Team Relay World Cup** (6 competitions)

**Sprint World Cup** (4 competitions)

**Nations Cup** (9 competitions)

### Statistics 2017/18:

- **166** athletes / athletes
  - **31** nations from
  - **4** continents participated in the World Cup/Nations Cup 2017/18  
Participants World Cup: 76 men / 58 women / 32 doubles

- **14'409** luge runs
- **10** luge tracks in
- **7** countries (North America, Europe, Asia)
- **348** crashes (2,42%) were registered by the time keepers of all the tracks
- **7% regulation:**  
14 athletes from 11 NFs (ARG, GBR, KAZ, CRO, GEO, TUR, MDA, TPE, UKR, POR, LAT) did not achieve the 7% Rule to participate in the Nations Cup. Throughout the season there were seven exclusions from training. The affected athletes from KAZ, TUR, ARG, TPE and SWE were unable to meet the requirements on different tracks.

#### **FIL partnership program**

- The development work / sponsorships of some larger NFs are very positive: (GER/POL/SUI, AUT/GBR, ITA/SLO, LAT/AUS/FRA/GEO, USA/SVK/CZE), who take care of the partnership NFs/athletes throughout the season and support them technically and materially in their further development.

#### **Training Conditions:**

- For all events the training was always coordinated in advance between the organizer, the Race Director and the Sports Director. The NFs and team leaders were informed accordingly.
- The number of training runs specified by the IRO could not be met on all tracks. In Lake Placid two training runs had to be canceled due to the large number of participants and because of the late sled transport in all disciplines.
- Very good cooperation and coordination with the persons responsible for the training led to very good training sessions at all tracks.

#### **Track Conditions:**

- Very good track conditions were found at all competition venues. Ice profiles, as well as ice quality.
- The work of the track operators was sufficient and favorable from the beginning of training right up until the competitions.
- The co-operation between the ice masters and/or track workers and the FIL officials was very good at all tracks.

#### **Medical Service:**

- The medical service was available to a sufficient level during training and competitions on all tracks and was able to meet all requirements.
- There were several crashes, most of which resulted in a good outcome. There were no serious injuries.

#### **Doping Controls:**

- In total, between the ITW and the FIL competitions, 7 doping controls were carried out:  
WC in Winterberg/GER, WC Calgary/CAN, WC Lake Placid/USA, WC Königssee/GER, WC Oberhof/GER, ECh/WC Sigulda/LAT, OWG PyeongChang/KOR.
- No positive results

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**Disqualifications:**

- 7 x § 5, 1.3.6 (gap dimensions)
  - 3 x § 5, 3.1.1, a (temperature of the steels)
  - 2 x § 5, 3.2.2 (weight)
  - 1 x § 5, 1.2 (sled weight)
  - 1 x § 3, 6.7.9 (false start)
- In total, the TDs detected **14** IRO violations that resulted in a disqualification.

**Protests:**

- WC Sigulda/LAT: 1 Protest,  
POL protested against the disqualification of Chmielewski/Kowalewski /POL (temperature of the steels).
- The protest was unanimously rejected by the jury.

**Online Registration:**

- The proper online registration for the World Cup races was not always given by the NFs.  
In total, there were 53 complaints about the increased (penalty) entry fee
- The online registration system works well, it needs to be maintained/updated weekly by the individually registered NFs.

**2017/18 season:**

**XXIII. Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018**

- All competitions were well prepared/organized and went according to plan.
  - For all athletes equivalent and fair competition conditions could be created.
  - Extremely exciting competitions in the disciplines with very, very tight and sometimes surprising results.
  - The final Team-Relay competition also provided a lot of excitement and a very good competition atmosphere.
  - The many spectators at the track and the rousing comments of the track announcer offered a great competitive atmosphere for unforgettable Olympic luge competitions with a lot of positive impressions and emotional award ceremonies.
  - The minimal time lags in the thousandth range, and the heart stopping finals in every discipline thrilled the numerous spectators as well as the athletes and experts.
  - The Olympic Winter Games 2018 were from a sport point of view top and a very good advertisement for our sport of luge.
- From a sporting point of view, equal and fair conditions for the athletes were offered at all FIL competitions.
- In the past season, **15** track records were broken. An indication of well-prepared tracks and the development in sport of luge.
- In the singles competitions (9) there were in the men's discipline (**6**) different athletes from five nations and in the women's discipline (**5**) different athletes

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- from three nations who were able to register in the winners' lists.
- In the doubles competitions Germany claimed all the victories.
- In the Sprint competitions (4) there were in the men's discipline (4) different athletes from four nations and in the women's discipline (3) different athletes from three nations who were able to register in the winners' lists.
- In the doubles discipline (3) different athlete pairs from two nations have entered in the winners lists.
- The Team Relay competition continues to be a major highlight at the FIL competitions and obtains great approval from spectators, media, athletes, and supervisors.
- Pleasing is the growing number of teams participating in the Team Relay competitions, confirming the promotion of development in depth in their NFs. Several times 15 teams competed at the competition.
- All Team Relay competitions were carried out satisfactorily with regards to technology and procedures which led to interesting and exciting competitions.
- The sprint competition scores with exciting (incalculable) results, coupled with very high emotions in athletes and spectators. A racing format with a forward-looking sports spectacle character.

### **Preview:**

- The development of the sport of luge in the NFs is on track but requires great care and continues to be fully supported by the FIL.
- New Challenges for YOG 2020 and OWS 2022 are around the corner.
- For the 2020 YOG, the introduction of the Youth A women's doubles discipline is to be accomplished and promoted in the NFs.
- With regard to OWG 2022, two decisions of the IOC are due in June 2018. The expansion of the Olympic Luge program with the Sprint race desired by the FIL and the introduction of the women's doubles discipline as required by the IOC for gender equality.

### **Organization :**

- All FIL events were very well published and / or reported upon with posters, posters, info sheets, as well as on the respective local media (radio, press, TV).
- In all organizations, prudent teams were at work, who were always striving to ensure a smooth and good course of training and competitions.
- The number of judges and assistants was sufficient at all competitions.
- At all of the events there was very good work done.
- Some of the organizations always try to bring high-ranking politicians (ministers) to the tracks in order to achieve an appreciation / image of the events.

### **Athletes Events:**

- In the past season there were provisions for athletes and coaches everywhere, and at some competition venues they were very extensive.
- 4 athlete's events (Altenberg, Calgary, Lake Placid, Park City, and Oberhof) took place in the 2017/18 season as autograph sessions, or joint meetings of the athletes.
- In Lake Placid all participants were again invited to the already traditional "ICE BALL".
- Once there was a public draw of the seeded groups (WC Oberhof). The athletes were present and the guests and spectators were given the opportunity to collect autographs and take selfies/photos which was very good
- Not to forget the concert that was organized during the World Cup races (WC Oberhof) with various artists.

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- The OC Altenberg held a winner's presentation at the Christmas market in Geising (with stage and many enthusiastic visitors).
- All participating athletes, coaches and supervisors were able to use all public transport (bus and train) in and around Innsbruck during the WC in Innsbruck and had access to all attractions such as museums, exhibitions or events as well as discounted shopping in the Tirol Shop in Innsbruck.
- These offers were used by many athletes and coaches and gave the event a special touch throughout the week.

#### **Officials / Judges / Helpers:**

- The assigned officials to the WC events performed their tasks completely satisfactorily and made the necessary decisions with professional competence. Over the entire season (10 events), the jury received a single protest.
- A big thank you to the OC's, the many referees/helpers and track crews and the FIL officials who have contributed with great dedication their contribution to the good outcome.

#### **FIL Sled Transport:**

The sled transport organized and financed by the FIL, to and from North America, as well as the Asian tour in the fall (ITW) to PyeongChang / KOR has become an integral part of our sports calendar. This type of promotion of NFs is of great importance to the teams, who can thus increase their budget for sports development.

At this point, a big thank you to the FIL Presidium for the great support of the sled transportation in the 2017/18 season.

#### **World Cup Events:**

##### WC Innsbruck /Team Relay WC:

31 NF (ARG/AUT/BUL/CAN/CHN/CRO/CZE/FRA/GBR/GEO/GER/IND/ITA/KAZ/KOR/LAT/MDA/NOR/POL/POR/ROU/RUS/SLO/SUI/SVK/SWE/TPE/TUR/UKR/USA)

- 208 Athletes (172 Sleds)
- Disciplines: **64** Women (8 AS), **72** Men (1 AS), **36** Doubles (5 AS), **15** Team Relays
- Training/competition: on schedule with good track conditions
- Organizer's social program: discounted shopping in Innsbruck; Access to all attractions (museums, etc.)
- Guests: The ÖOC President and IOC member, Mr. Karl Stoss, watched the competitions on the track on Saturday and Sunday.

##### WC Winterberg / Sprint WC:

30 NF (ARG/AUS/AUT/BUL/CAN/CRO/CZE/FRA/GBR/GEO/GER/IND/ITA/KAZ/KOR/LAT/MDA/NOR/POL/POR/ROU/RUS/SLO/SUI/SVK/SWE/TPE/TUR/UKR/USA)

- 195 Athletes (160 Sleds)
- Disciplines: **54** Women, **71** Men, **35** Doubles, Sprint competition
- Training/competition: on schedule with good track conditions; inappropriate weather conditions on Saturday and Sunday (snowfall)
- Organizer's social program: Autograph sessions in the competition breaks with top sliders; During the competition breaks, a singer and a ice-carver modeled an athlete's sculpture to entertain the spectators; very good food for the athletes and coaches throughout the week.

WC Altenberg / Team Relay WC / 3rd Asian Championships:

29 NF (ARG, AUS, AUT, BUL, CAN, CRO, CZE, FRA, GBR, GEO, GER, IND, ITA, KAZ, KOR, LAT, MDA, POL, POR, ROU, RUS, SLO, SUI, SVK, SWE, TPE, TUR, UKR, USA)

- 196 Athletes (160 Sleds)
- Disciplines: **53** Women (4 AS), **71** Men (3 AS), **36** Doubles (5 AS), **15** Team Relays
- Training/competition: on schedule with good track conditions;
- At the NC, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Asian Championships were held as "Race in Race". After a well-executed competition, the new "Asian Champions" and the 2017/2018 finishers were honored with a dignified award ceremony.
- Organizer's social program: The OK Altenberg invited on Saturday evening for the winner presentation at the Christmas market in Geising. A great event with many visitors and a great fireworks display.
- Very interesting were the interviews with athletes and coaches that were recorded during the training and played on the competition days, for the entertainment of the audience, on the video wall. The interviews were followed with great interest and well received by the audience.

WC Calgary / Team Relay WC / 7. America Pacific Championships 2017/2018:

27 NF (ARG, AUS, AUT, BUL, CAN, CRO, CZE, FRA, GBR, GEO, GER, IND, ITA, KAZ, KOR, LAT, MDA, POL, POR, ROU, RUS, SLO, SUI, SVK, TPE, UKR, USA)

- 163 Athletes (134 Sleds)
- Disciplines: **44** Women, **61** Men, **29** Doubles, **15** Team Relays
- Training/competition: on schedule with good track conditions;
- As part of the WC event, the "America Pacific Championships" were honored in a worthy award ceremony for the Women's, Men and Doubles.
- Organizer social program: In addition to the sport part at COP many activities under the slogan "Christmas at the Track" for spectators and families were offered.
- Very positive for the sport of luge was the live broadcast of the Women's second run in the CBC TV channel.
- Guests: The Minister for Physical Disability, Mr. Kent Hehr, visited the WC event and supported the FIL representative, VP Harald Steyrer, at the award ceremonies.

WC Lake Placid / Sprint WC:

26 NF (ARG, AUS, AUT, BUL, CAN, CRO, CZE, FRA, GBR, GEO, GER, IND, ITA, KAZ, KOR, LAT, POL, POR, ROU, RUS, SLO, SUI, SVK, TPE, UKR, USA)

- 152 Athletes (124 Sleds)
- Disciplines: **42** Women, **54** Men, **28** Doubles, Sprint-Race
- Training/competition: on schedule with good track conditions;
- Misunderstanding of the interpretation for the BMW Sprint award ceremony. The ceremonial procedure did not correspond to the specifications for the organizers (the specification 2017/18 was not updated).
- Event Closing Ceremony at the traditional "ICE Ball" for athletes, coaches and officials.
- Extremely positive for the sport of luge was the TV broadcast on the US TV channel NBC Sports Net.

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WC Königssee/ Team Relay WC:

22 NF (ARG, AUS, AUT, BUL, CAN, CRO, CZE, FRA, GBR, GER, ITA, LAT, POL, ROU, RUS, SLO, SUI, SVK, SWE, TPE, UKR, USA)

- 147 Athletes / 120 Sleds
- Disciplines: **39** Women, **54** Men, **27** Doubles, **12** Team Relays
- Training/competition: on schedule with good track conditions;
- Event organizer's offer: So that the spectators along the track could follow the races also on TV monitors were installed at interesting curves transitions
- Very good offer of care for the athletes on the training and competition days.

WC Oberhof / Team Relay WC:

24 NF (ARG, AUS, AUT, BUL, CAN, CRO, CZE, FRA, GBR, GER, IND, ITA, KOR, LAT, POL, POR, ROU, RUS, SLO, SUI, SVK, TPE, UKR, USA)

- 142 Athletes / 118 Sleds
- Disciplines: **41** Women, **53** Men, **24** Doubles, **12** Team Relays
- Training/competition: on schedule with good track conditions;
- Great social program on both days of the competition.
- Many political guests of honor followed the exciting races on both competition days.
- Very good media presence in the local newspaper.
- Public draw of the seeded group in the Hotel Panorama

WC Lillehammer / Sprint WC:

21 NF (ARG, AUS, AUT, BUL, CAN, CRO, FRA, GBR, GER, ITA, KOR, LAT, NOR, POL, ROU, RUS, SLO, SUI, SVK, TPE, USA)

- 123 Athletes / 103 Sleds
- Disciplines: **37** Women, **43** Men (1 AS), **20** Doubles (1 AS), Sprint-Race
- Training/competition: on schedule with good track conditions;
- In a wonderful winter setting (Winter Wonder world) the OC (NABSF) has done a good job with the resources available, in the preparation and execution of the World Cup race - and performed a great competition for the athletes.
- A Social program was not foreseen: The spectators along the track were once again missing and thus lacked the competition atmosphere.

49<sup>th</sup> FIL ECh/WC Sigulda / Team Relay WC / Sprint WC:

22 NF (ARG, AUS, AUT, BUL, CAN, CRO, CZE, FRA, GEO, GER, ITA, KAZ, KOR, LAT, POL, ROU, RUS, SLO, SUI, SVK, UKR, USA)

- 128 Athletes / 105 Sleds
- Disciplines: **36** Women, **46** Men, **23** Doubles (1 AS), **12** Team Relays, Sprint-Race
- Training/competition: on schedule with good track conditions;
- In the occasion of the World Cup event, the 49<sup>th</sup> European Champion title was awarded to the Women's, men, doubles and in the team relay.
- For the second time all WC disciplines were held on two race days in Sigulda (WC Women, Men, Doubles, Team Relay WC and Sprint WC). An intensive schedule that demanded a lot of energy and energy from everyone involved.
- An impressive event with a worthy European Championship and a great competitive atmosphere on both days of the race.

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- The implementation of the 24 awards ceremonies of the European Championships, the World Cup and the World Cup overall ranking (classic, sprint and team relay) was mastered by the organization brilliantly.
- Great social program during and after the competitions (stage and live band at the track, folklore dance group and fan shops).

Season 2017/2018 statistics in a separate document

March 2018

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## Report by the Technical Director for Artificial Track on the 2017/2018 season

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have another successful sports year behind us, and I would like to offer a short retrospective as well as a preview of future projects relating to artificial tracks.

In the previous racing season, 9 Viessmann Luge World Cups, 6 Team Relay World Cups, 4 Sprint World Cups, the Continental Championships (race in a race) and the high point of the season, the XXIII Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang, Korea were all on the agenda.

In all the competition sites, outstanding conditions for training and competition were offered thanks to excellent collaboration. Without a doubt, these underlying conditions contributed to the high level of performance shown by our athletes.

Particular thanks goes to the organizing committees with their track operators, judges and countless volunteers.

The technical controls were carried out at all competition sites according to the IRO 2016 with weekly initial controls.

There were three required weigh-ins for the World Cup season (the first World Cup at Igls, the sixth World Cup at Königssee, and the XXIII Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang). In addition, the athletes had the option of weighing in weekly. All participating national federations were issued valid weight tables.

Over the past World Cup season, 14 infractions against the IRO 2016 were identified. These primarily had to do with negligence on the part of athletes, trainers and supervisors, but there were no grounds for changing the rules.

Total:	7 DSQ	gap (§5, Pt.1.3.6)
	3 DSQ	weigh-in (§5, Pt. 3.1.2)
	2 DSQ	temperature of the blades (§5, Pt.1.3.6)
	1 DSQ	false start by the team relay (§3, Pt.6.7.9)
	1 DSQ	team relay touchpad (§3,Pt.6.7.8)

A long and very fruitful partnership with Adidas for luge shoes came to an end following the Olympic competitions. Thanks to effective and forward-looking planning, a new reliable manufacturer was found, Rass sports shoes. Over the past two years, a new luge shoe was developed and tested which will be mandatory in the coming season for all FIL competitions in the Youth A and Juniors classes and the general class. The wearing guidelines for luge shoes developed by the Technical Commission will apply to 2018.

Our athletes will also be relying on helmets by Uvex in the future. The equipment contract with Uvex was extended for another four years. The planned medium to long-term innovation of the helmet addressed last year is still pending.

The ongoing developments in data processing for calculating weight, pressure testing equipment and other test equipment have had a highly positive effect on workflow, and improvements continue apace.

Much has transpired after the extraordinary Commission Meeting in September 2018 in which the initial foundation was laid for the Youth A women doubles discipline and the related standard sled.

In close cooperation with the Kästle Company that was awarded the bid for developing and manufacturing this sled, a piece of sports equipment was produced that is distinguished by its high quality and safety features.

The results of tests of the first prototype in Sigulda, Latvia and the second prototype in Oberhof, Germany by young female athletes from eight countries were highly positive. Much to my regret, it was impossible for scheduling and logistical reasons to test the two prototypes in the simultaneous training sessions in North America. For the 2018/2019 season, the first Youth A women's doubles competitions are planned with the new standard sled which will be delivered by the end of August.

Looking forward to the next luge season, the introduction of the Youth A women's doubles discipline poses a new challenge for the International Luge Federation. The full attention and support of all divisions is needed to achieve the envisioned goal for the YOG 2020.

Moreover, I am looking forward to the pending decisions of the IOC on the inclusion of the Sprint World Cup and woman's doubles in the Olympic program.

In conclusion, I would like to express my thanks to the entire Presidium and Executive Board of the International Luge Federation, the members of the Artificial Track Technical Commission, all the event organizers with their teams, trainers and athletes, and the sports director for their outstanding collaboration and trust.

Sincerely,

Christian Eigentler

Technical Director for Artificial Track

## Report by the Director of Technology and Sports for Natural Track at the 66th FIL Conference 2018 in Bratislava

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Dear Sports Friends,

In the 2017/18 season, six World Cups in six World Cup areas, four Junior World Cups and two Championships were held (ECh in Winterleiten/Obdach AUT and JWC in Laas ITA).

We had a winter with copious snow but there were always some warm, forcing us to postpone two World Cup events. In Russia, it has not been so warm in December for 125 years, so the two World Cups could not be held in Moscow. Passeier Valley (ITA) took over hosting duties from Moscow at the last moment. Furthermore, the fourth World Cup had to be relocated from Kindberg (AUT) to Mariazell (AUT), 50 kilometers away, due to the warm temperatures. The remaining 4 World Cup races were able to be held according to plan and were a success.

The first World Cup race in Kühtai was a highlight, presented in a new format, with a live broadcast on ORF Sport+ and taking the IOC into account.

The idea to show a full World Cup race on an abbreviated track and on a ski slope was a full success. The program was designed accordingly to compact and viewer friendly and we tried to keep the breaks as short as possible.

We went in new directions with the first World Cup race and I am certain that this event was trend-setting.

The second World Cup race was held in Latzfons (ITA). Latzfons is also the competition site for the FIL World Championships in 2019. The race was well organized and there were extensive entertainment programs. The crowd sizes were particularly huge in Latzfons.

In addition, the classics once again proved to be great; Deutschnofen and Umhausen have once again organized professional events with exciting races.

In general, one can say that the number of spectators (excluding the World Cup races, which were postponed) was very high. Our sport is becoming more and more popular and the races were surprisingly well attended.

The European Championship in Winterleiten continued this trend. The ECh was brilliantly prepared and organized. Some really exciting competitions took place at Winterleiten. The track conditions were not perfect but fair, having thereby resulted in amazing pictures and TV images in which we could show natural track luge in its purest form.

The participant field extends to nations from four continents. In the past few years, we were able to gain new nations and the number of participants per nation has considerably increased. This is also a very encouraging trend and is attributable to the very good work done by the development program. There was also a starter field with over 20 nations for the first time at the Junior World Championships in Laas this year.

The team acquisition is causing a lot of excitement and is being very positively received by everyone. We will take action next season to further develop and strengthen this discipline.

The following table illustrates the positive figures of the last few years. Moreover, the performance level of the weaker nations is getting higher and higher and the gap between the top nations such as AUT, ITA, RUS, GER and the remaining nations is getting smaller and smaller. Most importantly, some nations in the middle field are pushing upward and taking the top 10 slots.

	<b>WC 1</b>	<b>WC 2</b>	<b>WC 3</b>	<b>WC 4</b>	<b>WC 5</b>	<b>WC 6</b>	<b>ECh</b>
Participating nations	21	20	18	17	19	20	18
Women	27	32	21	29	24	28	25
Men	46	53	38	40	35	47	42
Doubles	12	13	11	13	11	15	16
Nations with 3 disciplines	6	8	6	8	7	9	9

A positive development to be noted is the decline in injuries. The actions undertaken in the past few years and the efforts toward greater safety have produced real results. Also, the introduction of ankle braces and the adjustment of the track structure (slope height) have had a positive effect on this.

In the past season, we set various areas of focus and have tried to implement them. The Olympics application was certainly the most important and most labor-intensive topic of the past winter. A work group was formed that spearheaded this project under the leadership of the vice president. I believe that natural track luge has made great steps forward in the past few years and our mission is to further pursue this Olympics goal.

One area we concentrated on was an increased presence on social networks and marketing our sport via these platforms. We put additional focus on internal communication and organization.

We also paid additional attention to the TV productions. Here the appearance of the track, good visibility of the sponsors and the production of professional and spectacular images were very important to us.

In the future, it is important that all World Cups are produced in such a way to achieve greater continuity and more visibility. The same rules and the same opportunities must apply for all World Cup organizers.

The first year as Sports Director was not so easy for me. Therefore, I'd like to thank everyone involved in the process, but particularly Vice President Peter Knauseder, for the great collaboration.

The Sports Director

Andreas Castiglioni

## 2018 Report by the Commission on Youth and Development for Artificial Track

Dear friends of luge,

We can look back over a successful season for the Junior/Youth A World Cup. Even in the year of the Olympic Games, there was a large field of participants for the World Cup, which testifies of the effective work with young talent in the national federations.

### Commission on Youth and Development:

In its meeting on March 17, the Youth Commission reviewed the 2017/18 season. Much that was positive could be identified in every area; however, a few negative elements were also discernible. The agenda items were successfully addressed thanks to the constructive reports and articles by Maria Jasencakova (JWC Coordinator and permanent Technical Delegate), and Petr Kinzel (FIL Trainer for juniors).

In response to an invitation, Christian Eigentler (Technical Director) and Marie-Luise Rainer (Sports Director) participated in the meeting. A detailed discussion was held as a prelude to the Commission Meeting. The importance was again stressed of a direct exchange of experience with the decision-makers of the general class so that any differences in controls, race procedures, etc. can be eliminated between the general class and juniors/youth A class.

In addition to a review of the season, the FIL Youth Meeting in Altenberg was also considered, and especially development and planning with regard to youth. Concerns, questions and wishes on the priorities within the sport that were expressed in the Youth Meeting were addressed.

At this juncture, I would like to bring up a number of points in this regard.

Of central concern was the introduction and development of the Youth A Women's Doubles leading up to YOG 2020 in Lausanne/St. Moritz, since the IOC has decided to promote this discipline to an Olympic one in YOG 2020. In a special meeting in September 2017, the Sports and Technical Commission, with the participation of the Commission on Youth and Development, resolved to develop a standard double-seater for this class. All of the team captains support the development of this discipline and the introduction of standard doubles, and view it as a net positive for the sport of luge, also in consideration of general class Olympic Games.

Collaboration between track operators, event organizers, Olympic committees and team captains functioned smoothly throughout the entire season. In this respect, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Maria Jasencakova, a skilled expert with extensive experience in the field of youth work, for her enthusiasm and support.

### Sport of luge

Overall, 6 World Cup races were successfully held in Oberhof (Doubles World Cup), Königssee, Innsbruck/Igls (Doubles World Cup), and Winterberg along with 6 team competitions.

In the World Cup races in Oberhof and Igls, two exclusively Youth A Woman's Doubles races were held between a team from Canada and a team from Germany. These two women's doubles acquitted themselves very well and demonstrated that it is possible to achieve a high level of performance in women's doubles, even over a short period.

The 39th Junior European Championships and the 7th JAPCH were held during the Junior World Cup in Winterberg, and the Junior European Championships title was awarded for the best team.

It should be noted that as of yet, only 4 tracks have stated that they are be prepared to hold a World Cup in the 2017/18 season. This represents an impediment to the long-term training of young athletes, and I would hope that more tracks would declare their readiness to hold Junior/Youth A World Cup races in order to provide young athletes an opportunity for effective training.

At the high point of the season, the best juniors met in Altenberg for the 33rd Junior World Championships which included 39 men, 48 women and 22 doubles, again a very broad and satisfactory starter field for the Junior World Championships. The team competition involving 14 teams was a high point for the juniors at the Junior World Championships. Under the general management of Hans-Jürgen Köhne and his team, we witnessed exciting competitions and worthy titleholders. The young athletes put forth their best effort and provided us with exhilarating races.

In the name of the Youth and Development Commission, I would like to thank the event organizers in Altenberg and representatives from the Olympic Committee for another successful round of Junior World Championships. Altenberg again performed stellar work as an event organizer.

Nonetheless, there is also room for improvement in the Junior World Championships:

As in Sigulda, all national federations and especially the trainers should do their best to ensure that the athletes have the appropriate skill level for Junior World Championships and the corresponding start heights.

I would appeal to the nations and trainers to assume more personal responsibility and not overtax their athletes and especially juniors, and to take it upon themselves to assess the performance level.

The FIL is capable of regulating a great deal, but the primary responsibility for the athletes lies with the national federations and trainers.

**Competitors in the 33rd Junior World Championships:**

**Medals:**

	Number	DNF	DSQ	DNS	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze
<b>Junior men</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Junior women</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>ITA</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Junior doubles</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>RUS</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Team competition</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>/</b>				

In addition to the Junior/Youth A World Cup, there were three training sessions for the Youth A Woman's Doubles.

**Youth A Women's Doubles training courses**

1. Sigulda
  - o Participants: 1 sled CZE, 2 sleds LAT, 2 sleds POL, 2 sleds RUS
  - o Inaugural deployment of the standard sled/prototype
  - o Positive experience and initial steps in the doubles for young girls
2. Calgary
  - o No standard sleds/no sleds available
  - o Participants: 2 sleds USA (one not YOG age)  
3 sleds CAN, all YOG age
3. Oberhof
  - o Participants: 1 sled CZE, 2 sleds ROU, 2 sleds POL, 2 sleds UKR
  - o Positive conditions and supervision
  - o Simultaneous women's doubles training session by GER with 9 sleds
  - o 2nd deployment of optimized standard sleds, many tries and notable improvements to the sled, extensive experience with the sled from many tries  
The girls can operate and steer the sled comfortably
  - o Improvements were discussed and will be incorporated in series production
  - o 3 pod sizes and 3 runner versions

Summary of the Youth A Woman's Doubles:

Against the backdrop of the training courses, we can look forward to the following participants for the YOG: CAN, CZE, GER, LAT, POL, RUS, UKR, USA, i.e., 8 national federations.

AUT, ITA, SVK, and 1-2 other nations are also anticipated.

This means that we can anticipate 12-13 nations for the YOG.

The training courses were entirely successful and represent a favorable launching of the new discipline of women's doubles. This was the initial step toward introducing the new discipline of women's doubles, and we are confident despite the short timeframe until the YOG.

ITWs for the Youth A and Junior Women's Doubles will again be offered for the 2018/19 season.

I would like to thank the FIL for their support.

## **Outlook**

Post-Olympics means pre-YOG. The 2018/19 season will involve qualifying for and achieving the minimum requirements of the FIL for admission to the YOG 2020.

Following a successful season, we can look hopefully toward the future, but we must never lose sight of our goals. It is our clear duty to sustain luge for coming generations.

In the same tenor, it must remain our goal to jointly develop solutions that serve our youth, and to have the courage to implement them.

The challenges for the coming year will neither decrease in number nor will they become any easier, especially with regard launching innovations, as well as prioritizations for the Junior World Cups. On a positive note, three races will again be held in North America in the 2018/19 season.

The introduction of the woman's doubles poses a great challenge to everyone, and much work and effort will be required. The goal can be achieved with our joint effort.

## **Conclusion**

In the name of the Commission for Youth and Development, I would like to express my thanks to the event organizers and track operators for holding the races despite so many adversities, and I express my profound thanks to the participating organizations for their goodwill in organizing races for youth. I would like to include all team captains and their athletes in the expression of my gratitude who cooperatively assisted in a well-disciplined manner to the Youth A/Junior World Cup. Heartfelt thanks to all the track workers and assistants who volunteered tirelessly for hours on end in a range of capacities associated with training and racing.

My thanks to all officials, team captains and supervisors for their effective collaboration over the preceding season. I would like to thank my team for their great effort, constructive discussion and the excellent collaborative work.

Particular thanks go to General Secretary, Svein Romstad, the Presidium and Executive Board with President Josef Fendt at the top who always have an open ear for youth, and for the confidence entrusted in me for my work with the youth of the FIL.

April 2018  
Hans-Jürgen Köhne  
Chairman of the Commission on Youth and Development

## Medical Commission

### Report for the 2017/2018 season

Thankfully, there were no serious injuries during the most recent Olympic season for luge, or more specifically injuries that offered foreseeable lasting health issues for the athletes. Nonetheless wrist fractures, twisted ankles and less serious typical sports injuries such as concussions, lacerations, bruises and abrasions, etc. were reported.

#### Anti-doping efforts

Unfortunately after many years without a single incident of doping in the FIL, there was a positive doping control report in an out-of-competition test (OOCT) of an athlete by the USADA in Park City, USA in December 2017 (WADA laboratory Salt Lake City, USA): There was an adverse analytical finding (AAF) of steroid breakdown products (exogenously supplied steroids) in a still ongoing investigation (as of April 7, 2018). A disciplinary committee was appointed by the Presidium of the FIL, and a hearing was held according to the FADC. The final decision will be based on submitted expert opinions.

Moreover, there were two filing failures and two missed tests as well as one official warning during the previous year. A therapeutic use exemption was also requested for the FIL during the 2017/18 season. The medically justified and properly filed request was approved by the TUE working group.

In addition to the required in-competition testing (ICT) in FIL championships on artificial and natural tracks, more out-of-competition (LOC) tests were performed by the FIL (and other ADOs / NADAs) for artificial track as required by WADA. Urine samples were regularly investigated according to the TDSSA (technical document for sports-specific analyses) of the WADA for growth hormone releasing factor (GHRF), and blood tests were taken for growth hormone (GH) and anabolic steroids in particular.

The athlete biological passport (ABP) was introduced in the FIL as required by WADA. Exclusively steroid profiles (no hematological profiles) were prepared and monitored as required for luge. The Athlete Passport Management Unit (APMU) for the FIL is the WADA-accredited laboratory in Seibersdorf in Vienna, Austria. 300 luge competitors have an ABP with a steroid profile.

Before the 2018 Olympic Winter Games, the Independent Testing Authority (ITA) was formally initiated by the IOC / WADA and will assist the international federations with doping control (if desired, with ABPs and TUEs as well). Results management of the RTP (testing pool) and cost are the responsibility of the international federations. The FIL was one of the first of the international federations to avail itself of the ITA and will take advantage of its support.

There were no complaints by the doping control representatives of the FIL for the ICTs.

The current changes to WADA's annually updated prohibited list (current version as of January 1, 2018) can be read and downloaded at [www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org) and [www.fil-luge.org](http://www.fil-luge.org) / Anti- Doping (in German: [www.nada-bonn.de](http://www.nada-bonn.de); [www.nada.at](http://www.nada.at); [www.antidoping.ch](http://www.antidoping.ch)).

#### Medical care and accident and injury statistics

The reported medical care in place on artificial and natural tracks was again generally outstanding over the past season. A sufficient number of medical personnel with the relevant equipment and required ambulances were present at all FIL competitions and the 2018 Olympic Winter games, and all requirements were satisfied.

According to the FIL Congress resolution in Constanza 2017, the FIL Medical Commission developed an (additional) proposal for minimum standards for equipping medical rooms at the tracks and submitted it to the Executive Board and Presidium. The 2018 FIL Congress in Bratislava will decide on the corresponding IRO motion.

Like last year, comprehensive crash and injury statistics were prepared on artificial and natural tracks for the general class and juniors (artificial track) for the recent 2017/2018 season.



## Ethics Authority Report (66th FIL Congress 2018 – Bratislava)

“The FIL ethics code represents an important alignment with the future. *The first step has been taken, yet additional steps remain. The FIL Ethics code must be embodied and borne in mind by everyone associated with the sport of luge*” (FIL Magazine 1/2017)

This aim has yet to be fully realized.

After the Ethics Code was adopted at the 64th Congress in Lake Placid 2016 and the officeholders designated by the ethics code were elected at the 65th Congress in Constanta in 2017, some may have been guardedly afraid of developments that would be less than amenable to the sport of luge. These fears can be laid to rest.

“So far, two training courses for trainers, officials, supervisors and press representatives have taken place to deepen and disseminate knowledge of the FIL Ethics Code. The essential principles of the FIL Ethics Code and the procedure for violating the FIL Ethics Code were presented in detail and then discussed with the participants. Training course took place in Altenberg (February 24th, 2017), the second in Winterberg (November 22nd, 2017), both as part of a team captains meeting. Further training events are planned.

A number of surveys and countless informal discussions have affirmed not just an interest in the FIL Ethics Code, but a conviction of the necessity of such a code. However, official procedures for the enforcement of the Ethics Code have yet to be introduced.

Nonetheless, I would like to address several issues surrounding the three primary goals of the FIL Ethics Code. The three primary goals are:

1. Integrity of the athletes
2. Integrity of sportsmanship
3. Integrity of Federation management

### **Integrity of the athletes:**

Numerous scandals in the world of sports and the findings of scientific investigations have sensitized us to the topic of sexual violence. The FIL could undertake a few positive steps in this regard. Bearing in mind potential victims, we need to ensure that athletes avail themselves of the relevant resources of the Ethics Code. Trusted contacts who are available throughout the season could offer assistance if needed and establish a foundation of trust over the long-term.

### **Integrity of sportsmanship**

The handling of doping scandals following the discovery of Russian efforts to hide positive doping results have not left Olympic sports unscathed. The reputation of clean athletes as well as that of the sport itself has suffered greatly, and its very foundations are threatened. The FIL Ethics Code is however not able to function as a stopgap to fill omissions in the Olympic (anti-doping) system of rules.

### **Integrity of Federation management**

Good governance is a major concern of the FIL Ethics Code. The alignment of Federation management with the dictates of good governance should be systematically communicated internally and externally. All elements of modern media should be exploited to communicate the commitment of the FIL. Relevant Federation information should only remain confidential if it can be convincingly demonstrated that free access to the information of the FIL could be harmful.

Waltrop, April 18, 2018

Norbert Hiedl, FIL Ethics Authority

## Report TV Coordinator 2017/18 (Artificial Track)

### TV Coverage

The 2017/18 Viessmann Luge World Cup was well covered by TV networks worldwide again and despite the fact that the calendar had one event less compared to the previous winter (no World Championships held during the Olympic season) the amount of air time increased to more than 300 hours with the 2018 Winter Olympics generating additional interest in Luge leading up to the games. At the same time the audience reach did not achieve the previous winter's results with a total of 337 million people (vs. 362 million in 2016/17).

The total air time indicates that the TV networks were fairly well interested in covering Luge. As far as the audience decrease is concerned two major factors might have had the main impact: Firstly, the missing of World Championships which usually mark the season highlight and generate some more interest by TV together with a good audience. Secondly, the early season kick off in mid November (although Luge had quite a good amount of TV coverage the ratings were very low) together with an early season final already end of January.

As pointed out in the past, most TV spectators start watching winter sports in December only and considerable ratings are mostly achieved from January thru March. The amount of air time might be a little less then due to more competition with other sports but a much bigger audience is attracted at that time of the year. In 2017/18, average market shares for the season opener at Innsbruck ranged in between seven and ten percent only while 16 percent were achieved in early December and more than 20 percent in January. This shall well to be taken into account when setting up calendars if we like to improve the audience figures.

Especially in the second half of a season the main challenge remains the increasing competition of all winter sports in achieving air time on international TV networks with new disciplines and race formats constantly created by the international sports federations. The reliability of Luge and its fair degree of independence from weather conditions mark big advantages compared to other winter sports. However, we shall not only rely on this but need to constantly review our events regarding attractive race formats as well as a certain amount of flexibility which both will be the key to achieve remarkable TV air times and good audience numbers. Attractiveness and pure excitement decide on the interest of the TV audience and spectators at the tracks alike. While the Team Relay is a perfect example for a competition format that features all Luge disciplines in a very exciting race with a (more or less) one hour duration, individual Luge races take more than two hours each and thus are pretty difficult to fit into the TV programming, especially considering that usually two races are held the same day. If we were looking at shorter race durations there might also be a better chance to have e.g. at Lake Placid with a time difference of six hours behind Europe held on Saturday/Sunday without losing potential live coverage the same day in Europe.

On this occasion I need to stress again that, from an editorial point of view (and this does not only relate to television), it is strongly recommended not to stage three competitions the same day. In 2016/17, the Team Relay which had to be cancelled at Whistler was made up as a third race at Sigulda on Sunday but this has been regarded to be a necessary exception. When three competitions were scheduled at the 2017/18 World Cup finals the Team Relay (which usually achieves the peak ratings in Luge) did not fit into the TV programming schedule of e.g. German TV with its high ratings and unfortunately was not broadcasted at all.

Similar to previous seasons the German networks *ARD* and *ZDF* accomplished the majority (92 percent) of the total audience with 311 million people in almost 23 hours of coverage.

A lot of the largely consistent live, delayed or highlights broadcasts in Germany reached more than two or three million viewers with market shares of up to 26.7 percent. Frequently excellent ratings were again achieved with the Team Relay broadcasts which, in most cases, attracted the interest of significantly more than two or three million people.

A significant increase in air time was achieved on *Best4Sport* in Latvia as well as in the Asian territory where (in addition to *Eurosport Asia/Pacific*) *SBS Korea*, after a couple of years break, broadcasted live from Innsbruck, Altenberg and Calgary.

For the detailed TV analysis kindly check the related section in the Congress dossier.

## **Live Streaming**

In addition to the TV coverage the Live Streaming accomplished valuable additional exposure, offering the only opportunity for Luge fans to watch all races live throughout the season. For the third consecutive year after the successful launch in 2015/16 FIL provided Live Streaming with English commentary and Video on Demand of all Viessmann Luge World Cups again on the *FIL website* last season. Access was available worldwide except for Germany, Latvia and the USA where the coverage had to be geo-blocked due to TV agreements within those territories.

According to the evaluation of the Live Streaming on the *FIL website* the cumulative viewing time increased to an average of up to 73 minutes per session (last year's 61 minutes have already been above the industry average). The fan demographics showed that especially a younger audience was attracted by the Live Streaming with the majority (30 percent) at the age of 25 thru 34 (19 percent at 18 thru 24 and 17 percent at 35 thru 44) and that viewing on mobile devices has overtaken the desktop.

A big thank to all the international athletes who have been involved as co-commentators and, similar to the previous years, contributed a lot to the success of the Live Streaming.

## **2018 Winter Olympic Games**

The 2018 Winter Olympics were pure excitement with some surprising results in Luge which definitely help to promote the sport. However, still none of the FIL Luge TV experts' expertise and experience, which is continuously developed and improved during all seasons in between Olympic Games, is taken into consideration for the TV production of this major event every four years. The footage always upsets athletes, coaches and TV reporters/announcers alike and resulted in a lot of complaints again at PyeongChang. The goal is to have this improved with regard to future Olympics.

## **Olympic Channel**

The FIL's agreement with the Olympic Channel (a multi-platform where fans can discover, engage and share in the power of sport and the excitement of the Olympic Games) is limited to territories which are not covered by FIL TV agreements. The limitations mainly concern original programming, news, live sports events and highlights. However, Olympic Channel offers options to promote Luge, especially with stories "behind the scenes". On February 05 a documentary series called *Far From Home* was published on the platform which featured unlikely winter Olympic athletes including Shiva Keshavan from India as one of them. When the media learned about the interesting story Shiva was invited to the PyeongChang TV studios of numerous international networks which resulted in great promotion for him and for Luge in general. Hopefully, this great example can be followed up to get more fans interested in our sport.

Finally, I like to thank the members of the FIL Presidium and Executive Board, the FIL office team, FIL officials and partners, NFs, athletes and coaches, event organizers and track operators for the great cooperation throughout the past winter. I am very much looking forward to continuing the cooperation in the 2018/19 season.

**Britta Semmler-Dzoesch**

FIL TV Coordinator

## REPORT ON THE FIL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN THE 2017 – 2018 SEASON

We have gone through a new Olympic cycle that culminated in the PyeongChang Olympic Games, characterized by high participation, disputed qualifying contests, and passionate and successful Olympic competitions.

The FIL Development program has tried again this year, to be more diversified, to address all categories of athletes: beginners, juniors, and general class and to respond to numerous requests from NFs. Applications to the development program have resulted in the luge school, programs of both FIL Groups, junior and general class, the “Patenschaft” programs, vouchers, regional programs, support for the purchase of sports equipment and sleds and for team transportation, financial aid for the support of coaches, and some special programs addressed to national federations.

**FIL luge school:** It was the first event of the 2017/18 season for young beginners and was planned again at Oberhof on Oct 30 – Nov 05, 2017 under the coordination of junior FIL coaches, Petr Kinzel and Yuri Hayduk, UKR. This training was mainly intended for young athletes who do not have optimal conditions for training in their home country, such as an artificial track with adequate equipment. There were 37 athletes from 11 countries (BUL, CZE, GBR, MDA, POL ROU, SER, SLO, SVK, TPE, and UKR). TUR athletes were registered, but unfortunately, without saying the reason, they did not attend the school.

Two training sessions on the track were available, 3 hours per day, for each athlete. Almost everyone completed the full training program with an average of 25 runs. In addition to practical exercises, theoretical elements were also learned, as well as the practical work of sleds, in 2 groups. Even with a tight schedule, it was possible to perform a video analysis of the training runs every day. We had the opportunity to train on the artificial start building twice this week. On the last day, a two-tier race was organized for all participants. One category started from the junior start and the second from the children’s start. Not all young athletes were able to correct some mistakes in their slide position or steering on the track, but for that, a week of training simply is not enough.

**FIL teams:** The major part of the Development Program has been the activity of the two teams, which tried to accommodate all age categories attending the FIL competitions:

**FIL Team II:** This group’s program intended to offer the best training conditions for the young athletes, for promoting the junior athletes of the small nations desiring to develop the luge sport. Petr Kinzel, CZE helped by Tomas Kinzel with Juriy Hayduk, UKR coordinated the activity of this team.

The program started with 4 training weeks in Igls, Königssee, Sigulda, and Winterberg, where 23 athletes from 9 countries (BIH, BUL, CZE, GBR, MDA, ROU, SER, SLO, and TPE) participated. In Winterberg, the athletes from Turkey also joined.

The members of the junior FIL Group continued to participate in the FIL calendar races, the first two stages at Oberhof and the third in Königssee.

After the New Year, the athletes from ARG and MDA, who first tried to qualify for the PyeongChang Olympics with the first FIL Group joined to the team too, as well as a new NZL athlete, Ella Cox, at the Junior World Cup at Igls (2) and Winterberg and the World Junior Championships in Altenberg, which was preceded by an international training week.

The activity of the FIL coaches focused on the optimization of luges, preferably on the treatment of running surfaces with detailed modifications so that the luges were stable and also safe. Simultaneously, it has systematically worked on improving athlete’s sport performance and results. The daily program included the video analysis of track runs. The theoretical and practical lessons developed experience and skills in sled preparation. Depending on the time available, the program included physical preparation in the gym and supplementary team sports as well.

The FIL group training offer was generous, the athletes getting an average of 120-140 runs during the year and in total they received 2,497 runs.

Unfortunately, this year, for technical reasons, FIL could no longer organize the training camp in Nagano for Asian and Australian athletes. However, the Asian Championships were held in parallel with the Altenberg World Cup. We hope to continue our development programs for Asian athletes next year, especially as we now have the Olympic track in PyeongChang which can be used.

**FIL Team 1:** The FIL 1 team was under my and Robert Taleanu's direct surveillance. The schedule had 5 weeks of training on ice at Calgary, Oberhof, Winterberg, Altenberg, and PyeongChang, followed by five Olympics qualification races in the luge World Cups in Igls, Winterberg, Altenberg, Calgary, and Lake Placid.

After the New Year, the season continued with four World Cup competitions in Königssee, Oberhof, Lillehammer, and Sigulda, followed by the Olympic Games at PyeongChang. There were a total of 23 athletes from ARG, BUL, CRO, GEO, IND, MDA, POR, ROU, SLO, TPE, and TUR. The participation was more numerous in training camps and qualification races during the first part of the season.

The main purpose of the ice training was to adapt athletes sliding on ice, improving the position of the sled, learning features of the respective tracks to ensure safe runs in the next competition and increase technical skills at the start, a prerequisite for increasing athletic performance. The specific activity was completed with sessions of physical training, with means for maintaining and developing the speed force and skill. Also a constant concern of athletes and coaches has been continuous improvement in race material: sleds and equipment. Ice training sessions were always followed by the viewing and analysis of the completed runs.

FIL Group program provided continuous activity throughout the season and allowed an average of 150-170 runs per athlete and a total of 2026 descents in the team were able to be carried out.

**Partnership programs:** "Patenschaft" program was one of the many forms of support, which FIL provides to NFs, whose athletes, with a certain experience in luge sport, can train and participate in FIL competitions with strong teams of traditional NFs in this sport. During the 2017 – 2018 season, 27 athletes benefited from the "Patenschaft" program as follows: AUS with LAT (1), FRA with LAT (2), GEO with LAT (3), GBR with AUT (3), SLO with ITA (1), POL with GER (8), SVK with USA (6), and SUI with GER(3).

**Vouchers:** The vouchers program was the largest component of the development program which was addressed to all NFs, however differently, depending on the participation in FIL races in the previous season, needs, and means. FIL made available 15,000 vouchers, with a nominal value of 25 €, a total of 375,000 €, which continues to represent the highest value allotted to date by FIL to assure the runs on ice.

**Transportation:** FIL understood this year also the necessity of some NFs to assure the transportation of the teams to the training and competitions and provided some for the purchase of minivans or renting them to NFs from BIH, BUL, CZE, NOR, POL, ROU, SLO, SUI and SWE. FIL helped the NF of the MDA for the purchasing of a minibus. As well, each federation participating with athletes travelling overseas in World Cup luge have been aided with flight support. As a response to some special requests, additional support for flights was awarded too, for athletes from AUS, POR and TPE.

**Purchase of materials and sport equipment:** FIL has the constant concern to support some developing NFs in purchasing sleds and sports equipment necessary to develop the luge sport in their countries.

FIL has taken over the costs of purchasing up to 3 sets of suits, booties, and gloves for each national team participating in FIL competitions. In total, FIL paid for 73 sets of equipment.

**Coaches:** FIL also supported some NFs in hiring qualified coaches for the national teams who did not have enough financial resources to assure their wages. NFs from BIH, CRO, FRA, GBR, GEO, IND, NOR, SUI, and SWE have benefited from such support.

FIL also used the services of 2 coaches for each FIL team.

**Special programs:** On request, the FIL also contributed to providing special programs for NFs for training and participation in FIL competitions. Athletes from ARG, BIH, CRO, NOR, SWE, and UKR benefited from this support.

**Conclusions:** FIL has tried, through the development program to address all needs of the national federations. The schedules of both FIL groups offered many training weeks in order to increase the experience of the luge athletes and learning of more new tracks.

Within the Junior FIL Group, after 4 training weeks, it a positive balance was noted and through the conscientiousness of the young athletes, it the bases of the performance improvement was laid. The fact that there was no accident the entire time and that no medical assistance was requested is also proof of good training. At the end of the season, there was an increase in the performance of many athletes, visible through the results.

The interest in the junior group program also increased this year, the team being composed on average of about 15-20 athletes. The large participation was also due to the fact that teams such as BUL, CZE, ROU, and TUR have trained together in the FIL Group.

In the Olympic year, participation in the first FIL group was numerous, with the aim of qualifying for the Olympic Games in PyeongChang. Although there were good training conditions during 5 weeks, the results obtained by the athletes did not reach the expected value, due to the summer training shortcomings, manifested by big differences at the start, compared to the elite athletes, psychological problems in competitions, due to the necessity of achieving heavier goals, manifested by numerous mistakes along the run, or crashes in the decisive runs, and the difference in the quality of the ice in the training weeks with softer ice that makes the sled easier to drive than the one in the competition with harder ice which requires more filling on the sled. Unfortunately, on some tracks, the FIL Group did not have training on freshly prepared ice that could provide faster and qualitative runs like in the competition and then our athletes encountered difficulty adapting to the fast ice.

The FIL Group was represented in PyeongChang by 4 qualified athletes: Pavel Angelov BUL and Lien Te-an TPE in men's singles, Veronica Ravenna ARG and Daria Obratov CRO, in the women's competition.

Concerning vouchers, 15,000 were allocated in the last season, which is a record in the development program. This justifies the main concern of the FIL Presidium to provide the best ice training conditions for all athletes participating in FIL competitions.

Strong participation in the FIL competitions both for juniors and for the general class was ascertained this season which entitles us to affirm that the FIL's development program has achieved its intended purpose. Thus, we can record a record of attendance at the PyeongChang training course with 147 sleds and this guaranteed technical high-level competitions at the upcoming Olympic Games. In the Luge World Cup in Igls in the general class we recorded 176 athletes (64 women, 74 singles men, 36 doubles), and the Luge Junior World Cup, also in Igls, 177 athletes (29 junior men, 31 junior women, and 15 junior doubles and in youth A, 48 boys, 42 girls, and 13 doubles.

Athletes from four continents were present at the Olympic Games: Europe, both North and South America, Asia, and Oceania. We should aim to also attract African nations to our family in order to succeed the globalization of sledding sport.

In conclusion, I would like first and foremost to thank to my colleagues, the FIL coaches, who through their patience and perseverance made all efforts in coaching of the FIL teams. I would bring thanks to operators and workers of all bobsleigh and luge tracks for their efforts to create good conditions for training as well as understanding problems encountered during training sessions. We are grateful to the FIL Presidium and Executive Board for their trust and support. In addition I would like to thank my colleagues in the FIL Office in Berchtesgaden, without whose help and advice, the development program could never be carried out under the best conditions.

## 2017/18 REPORT ON THE NATURAL TRACK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

With the end of the 2017/18 winter season, I would like to offer a brief retrospective of the development of natural track luge over the last four years. In order to make the sport of natural track luge more popular and broaden the international luge family, the FIL, together with Peter Knauseder and I, launched a number of programs. Once again, the focus of the development program was on youth. Reintroducing the youth games and launching the Junior World Cup, a tour bus and various youth camps were important strategic elements. The number of participants is at an all-time high for the Youth Games and Junior competitions. The Junior World Championships in Laas, Italy could boast of a starter field of 68 youth from 21 nations. The majority of the FIL Group consists of juniors. The primary goal was to offer athletes professional guidance. Professional management of training runs and competitions is ensured with the increased training staff in the FIL Group. Our trainers possess stellar expertise and can stand shoulder to shoulder with other trainers from top nations. Since the change in strategy, injuries have decreased significantly, and critical media reports of poorly prepared athletes are no longer found. In the World Cup, there were several athletes from the FIL Group who placed among the first 15, and even one who placed among the first 10.

**Summer tour bus:** The aim of the tour bus was to popularize natural track luge throughout Europe and allow event organizers to garner input about luge from a variety of sources. This project was supported over the last three years by FIL trainer, Matteo Clara, and world-class luge athletes, Patrick Pigneter, Alex Gruber and Tina Unterberger. They presented the sport on location to young people, adults, supervisors and officials. The equipment and sleds were explained, and a film on luge was shown. The children and young people learned the techniques of luge and made trial runs on wheeled sleds. Nations such as Slovenia, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbia, Poland, Croatia, Sweden, Finland and Germany participated in the campaign. With the tour bus' visit to Albertville in 2017, France was added to the list of nations involved in this program. In addition to garnering new countries, the campaign sought to inspire young people for the sport of luge. Some of the most talented athletes from the tour bus campaign made the jump to the Junior World Cup.

**FIL school:** A FIL school for beginners has been a going concern for three years. Children and young people from 10 to 16 can participate with their trainers. Both the youth and their supervisors are coached. Riding technique, proper sled handling and care of materials are all addressed. In December 2017, the FIL school was held in Winterleiten, Austria with athletes and supervisors from six nations (France, Slovenia, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Poland).

**International Youth Games and FIL camp:** The International Youth Games were reintroduced in 2015/16, and they represent an important advance for the development program. The aim was to focus on and build up youth. Since that time, the Youth Games have been linked to a two-day international training camp. 26 children and youth with 11 supervisors from Slovenia, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Poland participated in training at the FIL camp in Latsch, Italy in February 2018. In the subsequent competition, the starting field comprised more than 100 children from 9 nations.

**New children and youth luge:** Another important step in the development program was to make youth luge flexible and economical. A uniform sled for all child and youth categories will lower costs and decrease organizational effort. The recently developed luge package for children costs less than one-half of the current one. This new model offers both an iced luge track and a snow track or ski slope. This enables luge for children and youth on every slope, and simplifies entry into luge for new locations.

**FIL Group Juniors and Junior World Cup:** The Junior World Cup for the youth on a natural track has existed since 2014/15. Over the last three years, the international starter field for juniors has grown exponentially. The skills of the athletes have also developed significantly. Well-organized basic and advanced training communicates fundamental skills and enhances confidence and safety. The athletes from the FIL Group performed well in the various races and displayed remarkable ability. In the last winter season, an independent junior FIL group was introduced under the management of Matteo Clara. Together with assistant trainers Martin Mayerhofer from Austria and Jovan Lekic from Serbia, Matteo Clara supervised 26 athletes from various nations. The junior season began last winter with international training week from December 26, 2017 to January 1, 2018 in Winterleiten, Austria and ended for most athletes with the Junior World

Championship in February in Laas, Italy. There was a record number of participants with 68 youth from 21 nations. Anastasiya Slyusar from Ukraine came in ninth, and one athlete from the FIL Group placed among the best 10. Among the men, the Brazilian Leonardo de Oliveira Silva came in at a respectable 20th. In the Junior overall World Cup, Berina Mustic from Bosnia came in ninth, and Jovana Mijatovic from Serbia took twelfth place.

**FIL Group general class:** Over the 2017/18 World Cup season, around 25 athletes were supervised and coached by veteran chief trainer, Karl Flacher, and his assistant trainers, Maryan Huzner from the Ukraine and Tomas Perun from the Czech Republic. The season started toward the end of November with the first training week in Campill, Italy and the following World Cup races in Kühtai, Austria. Among the first 15, Jack Leslie from New Zealand placed 12th, Iliev Veselin from Bosnia came in 14th, and Andriy Demchuk from the Ukraine took 15th place. Among the women, Irma Karisik from Bosnia came in 11th, Anastasia Slyusar from the Ukraine took 12th place, and Viktoria Yarunich from Moldova placed 15th. A second national training week was held in December in Latzfons, Italy. In the subsequent World Cup races, athletes from the FIL Group routinely placed among the first 15, and one placed among the first 10. The Ukrainian doubles team, Andriy Demchuk and Myroslav Lenko, came in eighth in the European Championship in Winterleiten, Austria. The international starter field grew to 22 nations in the overall World Cup.

**Awards in the FIL Group:** For four years, an annual award has been granted during the championships for the rising star of the year within the FIL Group. The award was personally handed out for the first time in 2015 by the FIL President, Josef Fendt, to Jack Leslie from New Zealand. In the following year, the award went to Veselin Iliev who started for Bosnia. In 2017, the award was granted to the doubles team from the Ukraine, Andriy Demchuk und Myroslav Lenko, during the World Championship in Vatra Dornei, Romania. In February 2018, the award was issued to the rising stars of the year during the European Championship in Winterleiten, Austria. Anastasiya Slyusar from the Ukraine and Leonardo de Oliveira Silva from Brazil were honored.

**Outlook:** The summer tour bus and FIL school for beginners and supervisors have proven very successful in promoting youth and should be retained. In order to make the sport more attractive to girls in particular, more female supervisors and contacts are needed. Greater focus will be placed on this in coming years. Another possibility would be a winter tour bus which could provide local supervisors with on-site assistance with technique and luge track care. The national federations need more support with educating and developing supervisors, trainers and track operators. The promotion of the sport of luge was advanced by dividing the FIL Group into a senior and junior team. Work with the junior team will be especially emphasized. The young athletes must be promoted and trained as much as possible so that they can independently put their skills and knowledge to use and pass them on at a later time. In addition to these FIL groups, training associations between individual countries and sponsorships with established countries should also be promoted in the future. Training associations and sponsorships for individual nations are an important step towards independence.

## **Sport report**

### **FIL chief trainer for natural track, Karl Flacher**

### **2017 -2018**

In the 2017 – 2018 season, I counted a total of 17 nations in the FIL group: CZE, SRB, BIH, CRO, GBR, NZL, UKR, KAZ, ROU, ARG, BRA, USA, TUR, SWE, SVK, MOL and FRA.

It is highly satisfying that France is now participating in the sport of natural track luge. It is unfortunate that nations who held world championships in their countries just a few years ago. such as Finland and Canada. are no longer fielding athletes for natural track luge.

Since the early winter was very warm this year as well which only left the FIL Group a few tracks for training, I would like to express my appreciation to the track operators for providing their tracks for training. Unfortunately, the World Cup races in Moscow and Kindberg were victims of the caprices of the weather. Thanks to Passeier, Italy and St. Sebastian, Austria that stepped into the breach, all of the scheduled events in the World Cup calendar were able to be held.

Overall, the FIL Group performed more than 1500 training runs. Thankfully, the intervals between the races for the best in natural track luge were shortened again, which allowed more athletes to qualify for the World Cup.

Thanks to the dedicated work of the junior team led by Evi Mitterstieler, many nations were found at the start, including new ones.

In conclusion, I would like to express my thanks to the trainer assistants for their stellar support and everyone who contributed to a positive experience of the FIL Group, including financial contributions.

Karl Flacher

FIL Chef Coach of Natural Track

### **Report to the 66th FIL Congress in Bratislava, Slovakia on the Marketing and Publicity Campaign Working Group**

The fifth meeting of the Marketing and Publicity Campaign Working Group was held on October 5, 2017 in Berchtesgaden. Britta Semmler-Dzösch was appointed as a new member to the working group after the working group had extensively discussed the issue of TV productions on several occasions. A renewed discussion of the attractiveness of TV television images concluded that images automatically become more attractive when the public presentation of our sport is further enhanced. With this goal in mind, the working group developed a few recommendations that were forwarded to the Sport and Technical Commission for Artificial Track for consideration. For example, the working group recommends barring athletes from wearing lead for the sake of optics, and to reconsider the start process (no athlete supervisors at the start line and light signal start with reaction), or a new helmet design.

The Marketing and Publicity Campaign Working Group was charged by the Executive Board of the FIL to develop an awards ceremonies procedure at the Viessmann World Cup Finale in Sigulda that offers a dignified ceremony within a reasonable timeframe for the athletes, teams and spectators. This was a challenge due to the numerous awards for the FIL European Championships and the Viessmann World Cup, the Viessmann Team Relay World Cup presented by BMW, the BMW Sprint World Cup, as well as individual and overall rankings. The working group developed an approach that was successfully implemented in Sigulda.

The sixth meeting of the Marketing Working Group was held on April 25, 2018, after the submission deadline for this Congress Report in St. Leonhard/Grödig. The agenda included updating §7 of the IRO (advertising guidelines) artificial and natural track for submission to the Executive Board and – in the case of approval – submission to the FIL Congress as an IRO motion.

In conclusion, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the members of the Working Group for their assistance, and the FIL Presidium for releasing the necessary funds.

April 2018

Babett Wegscheider, Chairwoman of the Marketing and Publicity Campaign Working Group

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# FIL Youth Meeting 2018, JWC Altenberg, GER

Monday, 29 January 2018, Altenberg Panoramabaude

## Attending members of the Youth/Development Commission:

Hans-Jürgen Köhne, Maria Jasencakova, Petr Kinzel, Sorina Ticu, Dmitry Kasatkin,

## Absent:

General Secretary Svein Romstad, Maria Loch, Juriy Sobota, Zianebeth Shattuk-Owen, Aivars Kalnins

## **Nations:**

**ARG, AUT, BIH, CAN, CHN, CZE, FRA, GBR, GER, ITA, JPN, KAZ, LAT, MDA, NOR, POL, ROU, RUS, SVK, SWE, UKR, USA,**

**Start of conference: 7:30 p.m.**

### **1. Greeting**

The chairman Hans-Jürgen Köhne greeted the delegates from 22 NF's and the members of the Youth Commission in attendance. He warmly welcomed everyone to today's FIL youth meeting.

Hans-Jürgen Köhne presented greetings from President Josef Fendt and General Secretary Svein Romstad and excused their absence.

### **2. Youth Commission Information:**

Hans-Jürgen Köhne explained to all in attendance what was implemented at the 2017 FIL youth meeting and the Youth/Development commission meeting.

## **2017 Workshop:**

### **Motions completed in 2017:**

#### **- Format Juniors- + Youth A World Cup Reduction of Participation**

The team captains made the following points.

- It is not feasible to remove Youth A from the JWC.
- There is no future in JWC for small nations without Youth A.
- There would no longer be quality in JWC.
- Good training of the Youth A athletes no longer occurs.
- The costs for a second Youth A race series are too high.

#### **Result:**

- Make no changes in the Junior and Youth A World Cup; these two classes should remain together and also the participant numbers per class and NF should not be changed.

- **The team competition should be upgraded**

The team captains suggest that the team competition should be upgraded. Here it should be attempted to start all races in the team format. However, this becomes difficult by determining the new start heights on some tracks.

**Result:**

- An effort will be made to start all team competitions in the team format from one start height.
- ***In the 2017/18 season, in all JWC's, the team competition will be run with a start gate or as a team from one start height.***
- ***The team will only be run by the discipline start heights for the JWC in Altenberg. This is because the difference for the juniors of the ladies' start to K9 means quite a major conversion.***

- **Permission for training Junior World Championships: §3 Item 8 (Supplement)**

From the perspective of the team captains the minimum requirement for participant in the JWC is too little, particularly "participation in the global ITW." For this purpose, it is therefore necessary to consult with the commission and if necessary increase/specify these requirements.

**Result:**

- Personal responsibility of NF's and trainers
- Leave the rules as they are for the time being.
- Subjective assessment during the JWC in Sigulda
- Age group limit not possible because participation in Olympics at 16 is possible.
- The rules for admission for junior world championships should be maintained and if necessary adjusted for the next IRO changes.

- **World Championships for Youth A**

A written application has been submitted from LAT. This results from the events during the JM in Sigulda.

**Result:**

- Each age group has its highlight
  - WCh / U23 / WCh / JWCh / YOG
- Also a financial problem
- Best Youth A can participate in the JWC
- Do not introduce a world championship for Youth A

**Motions not completed in 2017:**

- **Introducing sprint races for juniors**

The team captains suggests that spring races should also be help for juniors at the JWC. That is so that the juniors can also start to train for this racing form.



- Season 2018/19 already count to meet the minimum requirement of the FIL

### **3. Feedback of the Team Captains:**

#### **Youth A and Junior womens Double**

- The team captains essentially have a positive attitude in terms of the new disciplines, however for many the period to introduce them is quite short. However, the NF's want to fully support the introduction of the new disciplines. Here, people see an opportunity for a new Olympic discipline.
- Starting in season 2018/19, an attempt must be made to integrate both disciplines of Youth A and Junior Womens Double into the Junior World Cup. However, no training runs for the other classes should be cancelled for this purpose. It has to be discussed at the Youth/Development commission meeting on how this is to be implemented and the corresponding initial budgets are to be elaborated.
- Furthermore, an effort must be made to create additional training possibilities for Youth A and Junior Women Double. For example, in the ITW's before the World Cup season.

#### **Standard Sleds Youth A and Junior Women Double**

- In principle, the team captains have a positive view of the introduction of the standard sleds for Youth A women. However, this should only be introduced for the Youth A women and not for junior women and women of the general class. Here most NF's would like to use their own sleds like in the men's group.
- A suggestion regarding the sled component came from the team captains
  - o Component with stands, skid as a standard
  - o Be able to create horns and bath oneself

#### **Scratch Result Youth A World Cup**

- The majority of the team captains have spoken in favor of eliminating the scratch result in Youth A World Cup so that the NF's participating in all World Cups are sanctioned.

#### **Junior World Cup St. Moritz**

- Here it was pointed out that there was a very large starter field because the World Cup in 2018/19 is the only possibility regarding training for the YOG.
- Setting a participant rate for this World Cup should be considered.

#### **Grid Race:**

The team captains suggest that the grid race should be omitted in the future. The large start fields and the time-consuming effort for trainers and organizers were

indicated here and it was stated that this time should be used for training runs and better support of the athletes.

**4. Miscellaneous:**

- Meetings

- Youth /Development commission meeting 17 March 2018  
Berchtesgaden

- FIL Expert commission meetings 20- 21 April 2018 St. Leonard

- FIL Congress 15-16 June 2018 Bratislava/SVK

**Youth/Development Commission**

The Youth Commission will consult on the issues/concerns from the youth meeting at its workshop in Berchtesgaden (March 17th) and look for solutions to properly address the concerns of the delegates.

**Motions to the Expert Commission**

The suggestions/motions elaborated at the commission meeting are passed on to the expert commission for the assessment or confirmation. The conference of the Sport and Technology expert commission will be held on 13 – 14 April 2018.

**Conclusion**

Hans-Jürgen Köhne concluded the youth meeting at 8:45 p.m. and thanked all of the delegates for the constructive and very good collaboration with the Youth Commission. A heartfelt thanks to Claudia Reuter and her employees for the support and for providing the conference room.

End of the conference: 8:45 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

29 January 2018

Hans-Jürgen Köhne

Youth/Development Commission Chairman

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# Amendment to the 2018 FIL Statutes



Applicant: GER

§ 4

Motion No. 1

## Old Text:

### **4.5 Executive Board**

4.5.1 The Executive Board includes:

- with seat and vote and elected by the Congress;
  - the President (\*)
  - the Secretary General (\*)
  - the Vice President for Finance (\*)
  - the Vice President for Sport - Artificial Track
  - the Vice President for Technical Affairs - Artificial Track
  - the Vice President for Natural Track
  - two members-at-large
  - the Chair of the FIL Athletes Commission (declaratory confirmation)

## New Text:

### **4.5 Executive Board**

4.5.1 The Executive Board includes:

- with seat and vote and elected by the Congress;
  - the President (\*)
  - the Secretary General (\*)
  - the Vice President for Finance (\*)
  - [the Vice President for Marketing](#)
  - the Vice President for Sport - Artificial Track
  - the Vice President for Technical Affairs - Artificial Track
  - the Vice President for Natural Track
  - two members-at-large
  - the Chair of the FIL Athletes Commission (declaratory confirmation)

## Reason:

A sport-political person who is responsible for the marketing and presentation of sport events is necessary in a modern sport federation. In other international federations, this Executive Board position is an integral part of the sport leadership. The new Executive Board member should be well-networked in this area and support the operational level of the FIL in acquiring sponsors. The new Vice President should also work closely together with the event organizers to further jointly increase the quality of the FIL sport events.

Possible field of responsibilities :

- Maintaining contact with the owners of the media and TV rights
- Expanding the networks for marketing FIL advertising packages
- Supporting the marketing of the event organizers
- FIL liaison and coordinator to the marketing agencies
- Strategic planning of marketing concepts

From our point of view, this position is necessary and therefore we request the introduction and election of the new Executive Board member at the 2019 Congress.

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# Amendment to the 2018 FIL Statutes



**Applicant: Athletes Commission**

**§4.12**

**Motion No. 2**

## **Old Text:**

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

- 4.12.1 The athletes who participate in FIL competitions in artificial track luge can nominate one candidate for Athletes' Representative each for the Sport Commission Artificial Track and for the Technical Commission Artificial Track. The athletes who participate in FIL competitions in natural track luge can nominate two candidates for the Commission Natural Track. Athletes can nominate candidates from their own NF or other NF's.
- 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 his/her 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 1<sup>st</sup> of the election year. The election will take place at the World Championships of the post-Olympic season. Each NF has a vote during the election of the athletes' representative for the Sport Commission as well as a vote during the election of the athletes' representative to the Technical commission. The athlete with the highest number of votes for the respective Commission 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 drawing of lots.
- 4.12.3 The athletes' representative must be an active athlete in the FIL World Cup or FIL Nations Cup/European Cup. An athlete is considered active if at the time of his/her nomination he/she has participated in at least three World Cup/Nations Cup/European Cup competitions or at least two FIL championships within the past 24 months. He/she loses his/her status as an active athlete if it is determined at the end of each competition season that he/she has not participated in at least three World Cup/Nations Cup/European Cup competitions or at least two FIL Championships within the past 24 months. If an athletes' representative has lost his/her status as an active athlete a new election of this athletes' representative will be held at the next opportunity according to 4.12.4 until the election of a new athletes' representative his/her 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' representative is four years starting with his/her election. Athletes' representative 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 elected a Chairperson from their own ranks, who must belong to one of the Olympic Luge disciplines.
- 4.12.6 The members of the Athletes' Commission who participate in artificial track luge will be invited to the Expert Commissions Artificial Track meetings at the expense of the FIL. The members of the Athletes' Commission who participate in natural track luge will be invited to the Expert Commission Natural Track meetings 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

**New Text:**

**4.12 Athletes' Representatives (Athletes' Commission)**

- 4.12.1 The athletes who participate in FIL competitions in both artificial track and natural track luge will nominate candidates to the FIL Athletes Commission, of which there must be a minimum of one male and one female. Athletes can nominate candidates from their own NF or other NFs. In both artificial track and natural track the male and female athlete with the most votes will be elected to the Athletes Commission. In addition to those four members a 5<sup>th</sup> 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 his/her 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 FIL 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 FIL 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 his/her nomination he/she has participated in at least three World Cup/Nations Cup/European Cup competitions or at least two FIL championships within the past 24 months. He/she loses his/her status as an active athlete if it is determined at the end of each competition season that he/she has 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 his/her status as an active athlete they may still serve on the commission. In the situation that there are more than two non-active athletes there will be a new election of an athletes' representative determined by the FIL Athletes Commission that will be held at the next opportunity according to 4.12.4. Until the election of a new athletes' representative his/her 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 his/her election. Athletes' representatives, who take over for their predecessor during a legislative period, hold the office until the end of the original term of office.

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

# Amendment to the 2018 FIL Statutes



**Applicant: FIL Executive Board**

**FADC point 5.3**

**Motion No. 3**

**Old Text:**

None – addition to FIL Anti-Doping Code point 5.3 – Event Testing

**New Text:**

5.3.3 For in-competition testing during the whole Event Period, athletes may only be tested once per day. If an athlete has already been tested once, he/she is to be replaced by the athlete on the next rank respectively by the athlete who is drawn as a substitute, depending on how the athlete was selected to be tested.

**Reason:**

Avoidance of multiple testing of an athlete on a competition day for the purpose of “Intelligence Testing”

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

none

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# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track     Sport Commission

**Applicant: Commission Youth/Development**

**IRO § 2 point 1.3.5**  
Drop result JAWC race

**Motion No. 1**

*Translation (original language German)*

**Old Text:**

§ 2

1.3.5 Youth A Word Cup (YAWC)

◆min. 4 races

1 drop result in the event of 5 or more YAWC competitions

**New Text:**

§ 2

1.3.5 Youth A Word Cup (YAWC)

◆min. 4 races

**Reason:**

Based on the recommendation from the team captains at the FIL Youth Meeting in Altenberg, the drop result in Youth A World Cup should be cancelled. All coaches were in favor.

In the overall rankings the athletes and NFs who participate in the entire JAWC and bear the financial costs for it are “punished”.

There are shifts in the overall World Cup through the drop result.

The reason for the drop result was mostly due to school issues but this is no longer the decisive argument.

A large portion of school and education is now done through email and social media.

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# IRO Amendment 2018



X Artificial Track     Natural Track X Sport Commission

**Applicant: Commission Youth/Development**

**IRO § 3 point 3.4**

**Motion No. 2**

Addition Youth A  
Women's Doubles

*Translation (original language German)*

**Old Text:**

**3. Regulations for Eligibility**

3.4 Junior World Cup / Youth A World Cup:

	Junior	Youth A	Together
Men's singles	6	6	maximum 10
Women's singles	5	5	maximum 8
Doubles	3	3	6

**New Text:**

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Men's singles	6	6	maximum 10
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<b>Doubles</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Doubles women</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

**Reason:**

The IOC has decided add the discipline Youth A women's doubles to the 2020 YOG in Lausanne/St. Moritz with 15 sled eligible to participate. The 2018/19 season already counts as part of the qualification phase for achieving the FIL minimum qualifications for the 2020 YOG.

For this reason the discipline Youth A women's doubles should be added to the World Cup calendar and staged starting in the 2018/19 season.

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

None as all other rules apply to the Youth A World Cup and the disciplines in general. The question is if § 3 point 1 disciplines needs to be changed or if "doubles" suffices.

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track  Natural Track  Sport Commission  Technical Commission

**Applicant: SVK, ARG, CZE**

**IRO § 3, 6.5**

**Motion No. 3**

## Old Text:

### 6.5.1. Nations Cup / Qualification for World Cup

The Nations Cup is carried out at every World Cup Event.

- Nations Cup and Qualification for the World Cup race will be carried out in one run.
- The qualification will take place if more than 17 man, 12 women, 12 doubles

(with out additional starters) are at the start.

- If the field of participants is smaller than the number of participants allowed to participate in the WC, then the result from the Nations Cup is drawn on to determine the start position in the WC race ( last ranked – to first ranked athlete)

- Should an athlete not reach an end time, then he will be allocated the last start position before the seeded group. Should more than one athlete crash, than the start order of the crashed athletes will be drawn by the jury.

### 6.5.4. Qualification for the World Cup races

The fastest 17 men, 12 women and 12 doubles will qualify for participation in World Cup races. In the absence of athletes of the seeded group, the qualified participants will be increased by this number.

\* Additional starters cannot qualify for the World Cup race.

### 6.5.5. Participation in World Cup races

	Men (32)	Women (24)	Doubles (24)
Seeded Group	15	12	12
Qualification / NC	17	12	12

The size of the field will be adjusted only by a tie in points or placing and also in the case of the absence of athletes of the seeded group.

## New Text:

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The fastest 17 men, **16 women** and 12 doubles will qualify for participation in World Cup races. In the absence of athletes of the seeded group, the qualified participants will be increased by this number.

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#### 6.5.5. Participation in World Cup races

	Men (32)	<b>Women (28)</b>	Doubles (24)
Seeded Group	15	12	12
Qualification / NC	17	<b>16</b>	12

The size of the field will be adjusted only by a tie in points or placing and also in the case of the absence of athletes of the seeded group.

**Reason:** In recent years, the number of competing female athletes has increased significantly in World Cups, as well as their level has increased significantly. What is more, if each country participating in the World Cup can submit:

- 5 men
- 4 women
- 3 doubles

and in men there is 32 competing athletes, 24 doubles, so it would be logical, that in women it should be 28 competing athletes.

With such a high sporting potential of the leading countries in Luge, maintaining the current limit of competing female athletes can narrow down the rivalry to 6 countries in World Cups, what in our opinion wouldn't be beneficial for further development of Luge.

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

**Applicant:** AUT

**IRO § 3, 6.6.3**

**Motion No. 4**

*Translation (original language German)*

**Old Text:**

6.6.3 Competition format

- a) Starting order: After placement / qualification in the World Cup race in reverse start order  
(Rank 15 - 1);
- b) Start: original start heights (without starting gate) with a shortened measurement path Start -  
Finish (flying start);
- c) The start has to be done within 20 seconds in singles and within 35 seconds in doubles after the start release;
- d) Time measurement starts about 100 to 150 meters after the start ramp;
- e) Finish cell (light beam) unchanged;
- f) No coaches in the starting area/zone; except in the case of a technical defect
- g) During the competition, only the next-starting athlete is allowed to enter the starting area;
- h) the start order of the disciplines will be defined in the daily schedule;
- i) All disciplines start successional; there is no track preparation between disciplines.

**New Text:**

6.6.3 Competition format

- a) Starting order: After placement / qualification in the World Cup race in reverse start order  
(Rank 15 - 1);
- b) Start: original start heights (without starting gate) with a shortened measurement path Start -  
Finish (flying start);
- c) The start has to be done within 20 seconds in singles and within 35 seconds in doubles after the start release;
- d) Time measurement starts about 100 to 150 meters after the start ramp;
- e) Finish cell (light beam) unchanged;
- f) No coaches in the starting area/zone; except in the case of a technical defect
- g) During the competition, only the next-starting athlete is allowed to enter the starting area;
- h) the start order of the disciplines will be defined in the daily schedule;
- i) All disciplines start successional; there is no track preparation between disciplines.
- j) When the start height changes, intermediate track preparation is possible depending on the weather.

**Reason:**

Because the condition of the track degrades sharply in bad weather conditions, intermediate track preparation before the men or women or doubles start is sensible. The distances are very short and heavier athletes have an advantage here.

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

none

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

**Applicant: AUT 06 / TC 01**

**IRO § 3, 6.7.10**

**Motion No. 5**

*Translation (original language German)*

**Old Text:**

6.7.10 Measurements Finish touch pad:

- Diameter: 38.5 cm (measured horizontally),
- Height: 60 cm (measured vertically)
- Distance between track and touch pad: 100 cm, measured vertically from the ice surface to the bottom edge of the touch pad.
- Distance from the start handles to the start gate: within 30 - 50 cm

**New Text:**

6.7.10 Measurements Finish touch pad:

- Diameter: 38.5 cm (measured horizontally),
- Height: 60 cm (measured vertically)
- Distance between track and touch pad: **100 cm +/- 2 cm**, measured vertically from the ice surface to the bottom edge of the touch pad.
- Distance from the start handles to the start gate: within 30 - 50 cm

**Reason:**

The finish touch pad will continue to be adjusted to 100 cm by the Technical Delegate, however a possible tolerance of +/-2cm is provided for.

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track     Sport Commission

**Applicant: Commission  
Youth/Development**

**IRO § 3 point 6.8.1  
Grid race**

**Motion No. 6**

*Translation (original language German)*

## **Old Text:**

### 6.8.1 Grid Race (Junior World Cup)

In the Grid Race (1 run) the start positions for the JWC race are determined.

- a) The Grid Race replaces the seventh (last) training run for the Juniors.
- b) The start positions for the JWC race are awarded through the ranking in the Grid race.
- c) Start order according to the current list of seeded athletes 1 - end
  - ♦ Group A 1 - 12, seeded group
  - ♦ Group B 13 - x, according to the seeded list
  - ♦ Rest group athletes without JWC points (draw at the end of the start list)
- d) In the case of a tie in points, the start order is drawn.

Start numbers JWC:

- a) The start number allocation for the JWC race takes place through the placement in the Grid race.
- b) The athletes of group A approached the starting places 1 - 12 and the athletes of the B and the rest group starting places 13 - end.
- c) The B and rest groups are considered to be a group together.
- d) In the case of a crash, the athlete receives the last start number assigned to his group.
- e) In the case of a disqualification, the athlete is assigned to the last grid position in the field of participants.
- f) In the case of multiple defaults (DNF,DSQ), the start order of these athletes will be drawn
- g) At a double World Cup, one grid race is staged for the first World Cup.
- h) The starting order for the second World Cup is determined by the results of the first World Cup (1 - end).
- i) Should the Grid Race not take place, the start order for the JWC in group A is drawn, group B starts according to the placement in the current overall World Cup. The rest group is drawn.
- j) Start order 1<sup>st</sup> JWC, if the Grid Race does not take place:
  - ♦ Group A, - Group B, - athletes required to move up \*, - rest group.

## **New Text:**

Grid race should be removed as it is no longer staged.

## **Reason:**

Due to the large number of participants and the new discipline to be added, Youth A women's doubles and possibly Junior women's doubles, the grid race should be cancelled as more time for training is then created. Furthermore, the event organizers are given a break with the cancellation of the competition.

## **Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

§ 3 point 6.8.2 / § 3 point 6.8.3 / § 9 point 3.6

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track     Sport Commission

**Applicant: Commission Youth/Development**

**IRO § 3 point 6.9.1**  
Procedure JWCh

**Motion No. 7**

*Translation (original language German)*

## Old Text:

### § 3

6.9 Junior World Championships (JWCh)

6.9.1. Procedure JWCh

- 6 official training runs for all athletes
- + Preliminary run for the non-seeded athletes
- + final training for the seeded athletes (1 run)

The seeded final training is held in the disciplines. Start order according to the current JWC point standings, places 1 - 12 (men, women and doubles).

## New Text:

### § 3

6.9 Junior World Championships (JWCh)

6.9.1. Procedure JWCh

- **5** official training runs for all athletes
- **+ Preliminary run for the non-seeded athletes (training run)**
- + final training for the seeded athletes (1 run)

The seeded final training is held in the disciplines. Start order according to the current JWC point standings, places 1 - 12 (men, women and doubles).

## Reason:

At the JWCh (**training run**) should be added to the preliminary run because there is a discussion every year with the event organizers if it is a training run and if the athletes are allowed to participate in the preliminary run if they have not yet achieved the 7% in training. For the seeded athletes, final training is stated. The official training runs should be adjusted to be the same as the JWC.

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

**Applicant: Technical Commission**

**IRO § 4 Pt.1.1.7**

**Motion No. 8**

*Translation (original language German)*

## **Old Text:**

### **Race Director**

1.1.7 In case of violations against the IRO, the race director will make the initial necessary decisions.

He/she is obligated to personally convince himself/herself of the offence.

Items or corresponding pieces of evidence for a possible disqualification must be submitted to him/her by the judges, jury and respective technical delegate (§ 11, 1.2).

## **New Text:**

### **Race Director**

1.1.7 In case of violations against the IRO, the race director will make the initial necessary decisions **in consultation with the TD.**

- **Items or pieces of evidence for a possible disqualification must be documented by the judges or TD.**

## **Reason:**

During the race, the race director is in time-keeping in order to supervise all procedures. Therefore it is often very difficult for the RD to personally convince himself of the offence. The goal here is a procedure for rule violations which is based on practice.

## **Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

none

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

**Applicant: Tech. Commission**

**IRO § 4 Pt.1.4.1**

**Motion No. 9**

*Translation (original language German)*

**Old Text:**

**1.4 Chief of Track**

1.4.1 The chief of track is responsible for flawless maintenance of the track during training and competition.

**He hands over the track to the technical delegate.**

**New Text:**

**1.4 Chief of Track**

1.4.1 The chief of track is responsible for flawless maintenance of the track during training and competition.

**Reason:**

In practice, the track is not handed over to the TD. In this case the goal is a procedure based on current practice.

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

none

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

**Applicant: Technical Commission**

**IRO § 4 Pt.3.3.3**

**Motion No. 10**

*Translation (original language German)*

**Old Text:**

**3.3.3 Technical Delegates**

Before each training and competition run, the technical delegates must inspect the track and the facilities and will transfer the track to the race director only when the inspection has justified it and when the chief of track has handed the track over to the technical delegate.

**New Text:**

**3.3.3 Technical Delegates**

Before the first training session of every day or before the first competition run of every competition day, the technical delegates must inspect the track for temporary structures. After completing the inspection, the track is handed over to the race director. Any temporary structures built or changed after the inspection are to be reported to the TD for inspection.

**Reason:**

Procedure for declaring the track clear based on current practice.

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

none

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

**Applicant: Technical Commission**

**IRO § 5 Pt. 1.2**

**Motion No. 11**

*Translation (original language German)*

## **Old Text:**

1.1 The weights including attached accessories are:

<b>Sled</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Basis for calculation</b>
Singles	21 kg	25 kg	23 kg
Doubles	25 kg	30 kg	27 kg
Youth Sled B		16 kg	
Youth Sled		14 kg	
Youth Doubles		24 kg	

- a) Increased weight of the sled (> 23 kg or > 27 kg) must be subtracted from the AW (additional weight) or RC (race clothing).
- b) Athletes belonging to the Youth Class B who are starting in the Youth Class A with a 14 kg youth sled (in singles) or with a 16 kg youth B sled and/or a 24 kg youth sled (in doubles) may not adjust the missing weight on the sled through additional weight.

## **New Text:**

1.2 The weights including attached accessories are:

<b>Sled</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Basis for calculation</b>
Singles General Class	21 kg	25 kg	23 kg
Singles Juniors, Youth A	21kg	25 kg	23 kg
Singles Youth B		16 kg	
Singles < Youth B		14 kg	
Doubles General Class	25 kg	30 kg	27 kg
Doubles Juniors, Youth A	25 kg	30 kg	27 kg
Doubles Youth B		24 kg	

- a) Increased weight of the sled (> 23 kg or > 27 kg) must be subtracted from the AW (additional weight) or RC (race clothing).
- b) Missing sled weight (<23 kg or <27 kg respectively) may not be compensated with the AW (additional weight) or the RC (race clothing).
- c) Athletes belonging to the Youth Class B who are starting in the Youth Class A with a 14 kg youth sled (in singles) or with a 16 kg youth B sled and/or a 24 kg youth sled (in doubles) may not adjust the missing weight on the sled through additional weight.

## **Reason:**

This motion contains a more detailed description of the sled types and a clarification of the sled weight specifications. These changes should bring clarity for athletes, coaches, and officials.

## **Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

none

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

**Applicant: Tech. Commission**

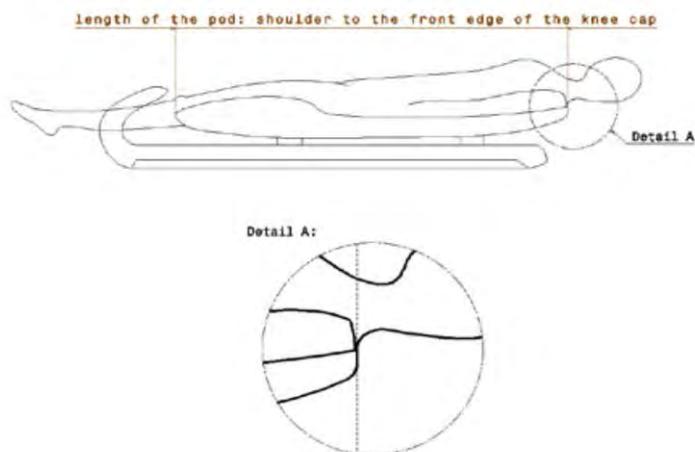
**IRO § 5 Pt. 1.3.1**

**Motion No. 12**

*Translation (original language German)*

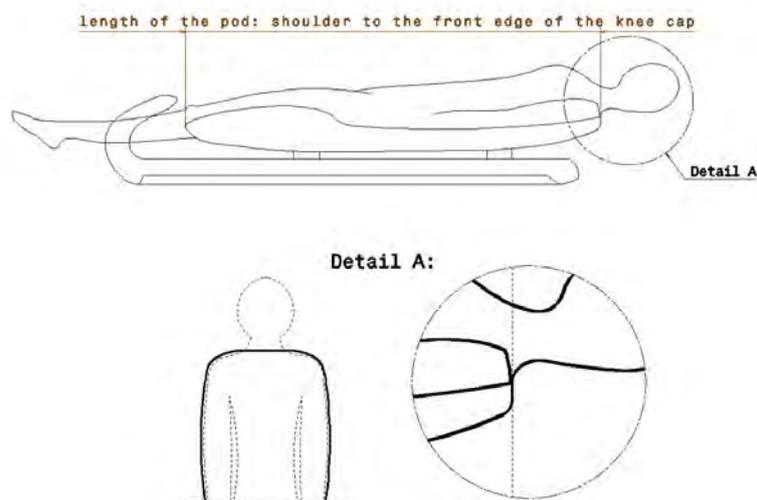
## **Old Text:**

### **1.3.1 singles pod**



## **New Text:**

### **1.3.1 singles pod**



## **Reason:**

Replacement of picture 1

Improved presentation by means of a technical drawing

## **Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

none

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

Applicant: Tech. Commission

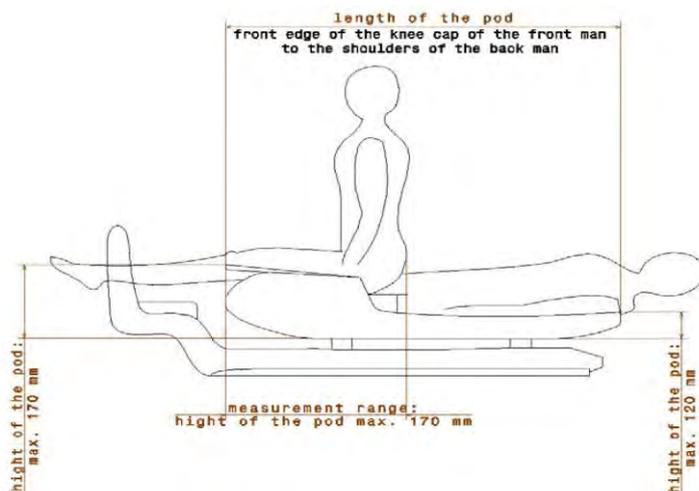
IRO § 5 Pt. 1.3.2

Motion No. 13

*Translation (original language German)*

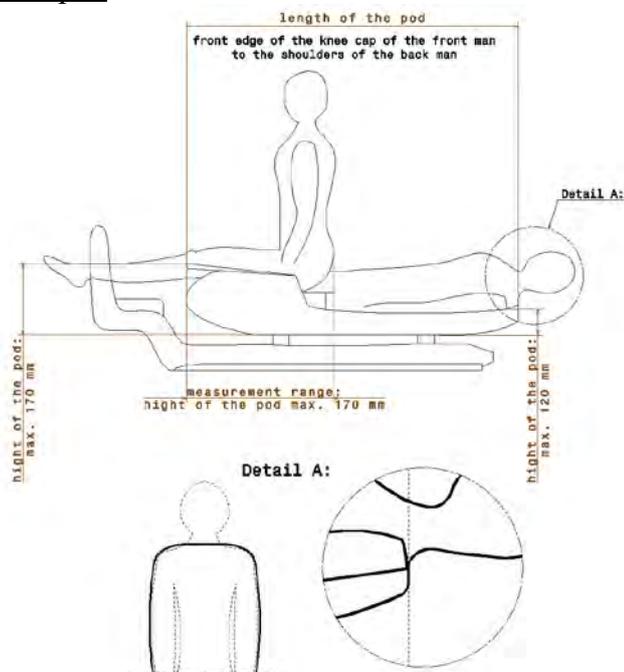
## Old Text:

### 1.3.2 Doubles pod



## New Text:

### 1.3.2 Doubles pod



## Reason:

Replacement of picture 1

Improved presentation by means of a technical drawing

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

none

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

**Applicant: Technical Commission**

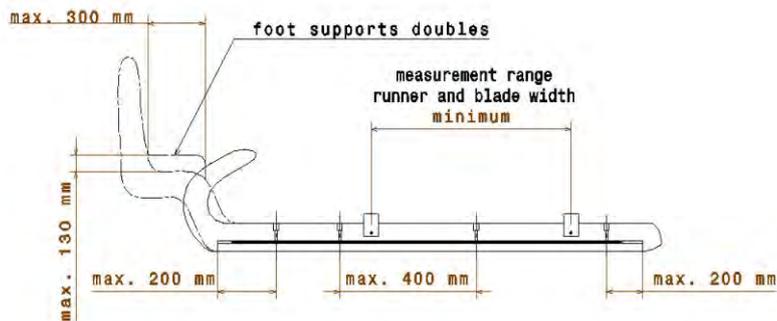
**IRO § 5 Pt. 1.3.3**

**Motion No. 14**

*Translation (original language German)*

## Old Text:

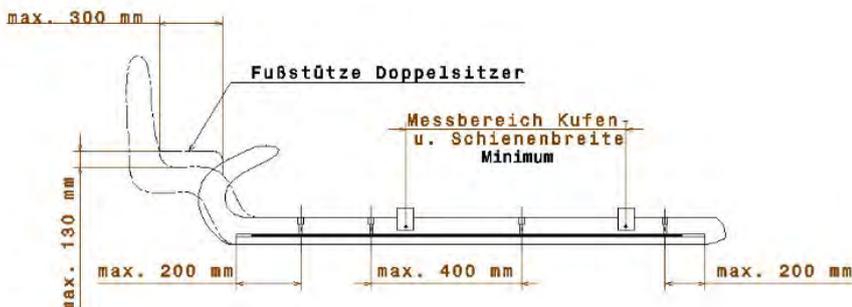
### 1.3.3 Runner



- The foot supports for the back man of the doubles sled must not be longer than 300 mm. The allowed height of the runner in that area is not allowed to exceed 130 mm (sketch 1a). The width of the runner is not allowed to exceed 50 mm.
- The first and last screw/bolt mounting the steel to the runner must be within 200 mm from the beginning and the end of the steel.
- The mounting screws/bolts may not be further than 400 mm apart.
- The runner must be at least 25 mm wide from the area of the middle of the rear bridge to the middle of the forward bridge.

## New Text:

### 1.3.3 Runner



- The foot supports for the back man of the doubles sled must not be longer than 300 mm. The allowed height of the runner in that area is not allowed to exceed 130 mm (sketch 1a). The width of the runner is not allowed to exceed 50 mm.
- The first and last screw/bolt mounting the steel to the runner must be within 200 mm from the beginning and the end of the steel.
- The mounting screws/bolts may not be further than 400 mm apart.

- d) The runner must be at least 25 mm wide from the area of the middle of the rear bridge to the middle of the forward bridge.
- e) The runner may be comprised of two or more parts. These parts must be force-fitted with screws/bolts and must not adjust or change when sliding.
- f) The runner horns must be at least 270 mm high.

**Reason:**

Replacement of picture 1.

Better depiction with technical drawing.

With the introduction of a minimum height for the runner horns and a description of the construction of the runner if it is comprised of more than one part, fairness and safety should be ensured for all athletes.

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

none

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

Applicant: Tech. Commission

IRO § 5 Pt. 1.3.3.1

Motion No. 15

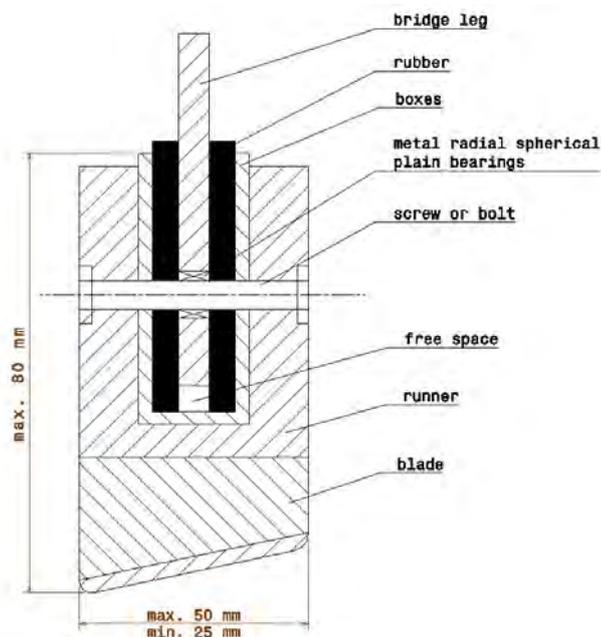
*Translation (original language German)*

## Old Text:

No continuing numbering

## New Text:

### 1.3.3.1 Bridge box



- The dimensions of the runner plus blade must not exceed 50 mm in width and 80 mm in height.
- The weight of the upper-part of the sled (bridges with pod seat) must be connected all the way through on each leg of the bridge with a screw or a bolt.
- The mobility of the four bridge legs in the area of the screws or bolts is allowed by using a radial spherical bearing and/or a through-hole.
- The rubber inserts which cover the leg of the bridge must be open on the bottom so that the stipulated free space is given
- Any use of rubber and springs in this area with the exception of the rubber insert which covers the bridge leg is prohibited.

## Reason:

Editing of the numbering

## Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?

none

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

**Applicant: Technical Commission**

**IRO § 5 Pt. 1.3.8**

**Motion No. 16**

*Translation (original language German)*

**Old Text:**

1.3.8 Connection runner, steel (steel screws/bolts, steel-screws/bolts-connector)

**New Text:**

Correction in spelling in the German IRO. Not relevant to the English version

**Reason:**

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

none

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track

Natural Track

**Applicant:** Working Group Marketing and Public Relations Campaign/Executive Board

**IRO § 7**

**Motion No. 17**

## Old Text:

### §7 Advertising Regulations

#### 1. Applicability, Measuring Procedure

##### 1.1 Applicability

All these regulations are valid during FIL competitions as well as for media and PR activities and are applicable to athletes and officials.

##### 1.2 Measuring Procedure

- a) The size of a commercial marking or trademark is the surface within a line following the actual surrounding of the integrated marking.
- b) If the trademark is integrated within an area of different color, the total area of the different color is to be measured.
- c) The correctness of the measuring of the size of the trademark will be under the responsibility of the National Federations.
- d) At FIL competitions, the race director, technical delegates and jury have the right to carry out control measurements at any time.

#### 2. Race Clothing

- 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 450 sq cm.
- c) The complete surface can be divided into ten parts at the most.
- d) The complete surface of a single part may not exceed 100 sq cm.
- e) Trademarks of the same sponsor may not appear one above the other or one beside the other.
- f) The markings on the clothing will be measured when the clothing is not worn.
- g) The respective National Federation is responsible for maintaining the advertising regulations.
- h) The use of a manufacturer's specific graphic design - even though this design may also be registered - will not be counted as advertising spaces.

#### 3. Safety Helmet

- Athletes' safety helmets may display two (2) trademarks of the manufacturer with a maximum size of 15 sq cm, one each side, placed over the ears.
- The advertising surface on the front of helmets may only be used by the FIL (60 sq cm).

- It is permitted to wear a national emblem on the helmet (max. 30 sq cm) and also the name of the athlete (maximum twice, height of the writing maximum each 15 mm) at the back of the helmet without obstructing the official FIL advertising.

#### **4. Visor**

- Visor straps have to conform to commercially available products.
- The width of the visor strap is limited to 4 cm.

#### **5. Caps, Headbands, and other Headgear**

Caps, headbands, and other headgear may each have a maximum of three (3) trademarks of the manufacturer and/or other sponsors, with a total surface of 90 sq cm maximum.

#### **6. Start Numbers**

- Advertising inscriptions on start numbers are permitted.
- The advertising surface must be smaller than the section bearing the start number.
- During FIL Championships and World Cups of the General Class, the start number bibs provided by the FIL sponsor have to be worn during the official training.

#### **7. Luge Shoe**

- Luge shoes may only show one manufacturer's trademark of 15 sq cm in size on each shoe.
- The trademarks can be divided in two parts..

#### **8. Gloves**

- Gloves may only show one manufacturer's trademark on each glove.
- The marking can be divided into two parts.
- The total surface of the commercial marking per glove is limited to 15 sq cm.

#### **9. Racing Sled**

- On the entire sled, in addition to the manufacturer's trademark, a maximum of six commercial markings may be displayed; maximum of three trademarks on the bottom of the sled.
- The size of the advertising surface on the bottom of the sled may not exceed 900 sq cm.

#### **10. Athlete**

Advertising with athletes is only allowed with permission of the National Federation responsible.

Name, title, and picture of the athletes can only be used once for each advertisement.

#### **11. Forbidden Advertisement**

Provided there are no stricter national laws, following advertisement is prohibited:

1. on the athlete and sled: advertising for tobacco, illegal drugs or alcohol.  
Exception: advertising for non-alcoholic beer and, regarding athletes of age (18), advertising for products with an alcohol percentage of less than 10 %.

2. at the sports venue and on bibs: advertising for tobacco, illegal drugs or products with an alcohol percentage of more than 10 %. The FIL Executive Board can allow an exception of this prohibition following a request from the event organizer or the venue operator.
3. advertising conveying religious, racial or any other discrimination.

## New Text:

### §7 Advertising Regulations

#### 1. Applicability, Measuring Procedure, Approval of Advertising Surfaces, Inspections

##### 1.1 Applicability

- a) All these regulations are valid during FIL competitions as well as for media and PR activities within the scope of FIL competitions and are applicable to athletes and officials.
- b) The respective NF is responsible for complying with the advertising regulations (§7).

##### 1.2 Measuring Procedure

- a) ~~The size of a commercial marking or trademark is the surface within a line following the actual surrounding of the integrated marking.~~  
A rectangle is used to calculate the size of the advertising surface. The width (A) and height (B) of the trademark determine the sides of the rectangle.



- b) If the trademark is integrated within an area of different color, the total area of the different color is to be measured.
- e) ~~The correctness of the measuring of the size of the trademark will be under the responsibility of the National Federations.~~
- c) The markings on the clothing will be measured when the clothing is not worn.
- d) ~~At FIL competitions, the race director, technical delegates and jury have the right to carry out control measurements at any time.~~

##### 1.3 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.

##### 1.4. Inspections of the Advertising Surfaces

At FIL competitions the Technical Delegates are authorized to initiate inspections of the advertising surfaces any time.

In case of violations of the advertising rules a disqualification may be issued by the race director.

## 2. Sizes of Advertising Surfaces

### 2.1 Race Clothing and other Clothing worn at the Field of Play

- a) Articles of clothing may carry manufacturers' identifications and/or trademarks of other sponsors.
  - b) The total surface of the trademarks together on the clothing (except head coverings, gloves and shoes) of one person shall not exceed ~~450~~ 600 sq cm.
  - c) The complete surface can be divided into ~~ten~~ eleven parts at the most.
  - d) The complete surface of a single part may not exceed ~~100~~ 200 sq cm.
  - e) Trademarks of the same sponsor may not appear one above the other or one beside the other.
- ~~a) The markings on the clothing will be measured when the clothing is not worn.~~  
~~b) The respective National Federation is responsible for maintaining the advertising regulations.~~
- e)a) The use of a manufacturer's specific graphic design - even though this design may also be registered - will not be counted as advertising spaces.

### 32.2. Safety Helmet

- ~~The Athletes'~~ safety helmets may display two (2) trademarks of the manufacturer with a maximum size of 15 sq cm, one each side, placed over the ears.
- The advertising surface on the front of helmets may only be used by the FIL (~~60~~ 70 sq cm). If the FIL transfers this advertising surface to the National Federations the branch exclusivity of the FIL main sponsors has to be respected.
- It is permitted to wear a national emblem on the helmet (max. 30 sq cm) and also the name of the athlete (maximum twice, height of the writing maximum each 15 mm) at the back of the helmet without obstructing the official FIL advertising.

### 42.3. Visor

- Visor straps have to conform to commercially available products.
- The width of the visor strap is limited to 4 cm.

### 52.4. Caps, Headbands, and other Headgear

Caps, headbands, and other headgear may each have a maximum of three (3) trademarks of the manufacturer and/or other sponsors, with a total surface of ~~90~~ 100 sq cm maximum.

### 62.5. Start Numbers

- Advertising inscriptions on start numbers are permitted. These may only be used by the FIL.  
~~The advertising surface must be smaller than the section bearing the start number.~~
- During FIL Championships and World Cups of the General Class, the start number bibs provided by the FIL ~~sponsor~~ have to be worn during the official training.

### 72.6. Luge Shoe

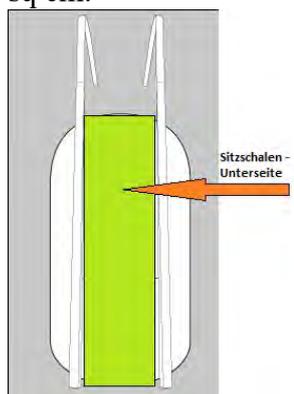
- ~~Luge shoes may only show one manufacturer's trademark of 15 sq cm in size on each shoe.~~
- ~~The trademarks can be divided in two parts.~~  
The advertising surface on the luge shoes may only be used by the FIL.

## 2.7. Gloves

- Gloves may only show one manufacturer's trademark on each glove.
- The marking can be divided into two parts.
- The total surface of the commercial marking per glove is limited to 15 sq cm.

## 92.8. Racing Sled

- On the entire sled, in addition to the manufacturer's trademark, a maximum of six commercial markings may be displayed; maximum of three trademarks on the bottom of the sled.
- The size of the advertising surface on the bottom of the sled may not exceed ~~900~~ 1000 sq cm.



## 10.3. Athlete

Advertising with athletes is only allowed with permission of the National Federation responsible.

Name, title, and picture of the athletes can only be used once for each advertisement.

## 11.4. Forbidden Advertisement

Provided there are no stricter national laws, following advertisement is prohibited:

1. on the athlete and sled: advertising for tobacco, illegal drugs or alcohol. Exception: advertising for non-alcoholic beer and, regarding athletes of age (18), advertising for products with an alcohol percentage of less than 10 %.
2. at the sports venue and on bibs: advertising for tobacco, illegal drugs or products with an alcohol percentage of more than 10 %. The FIL Executive Board can allow an exception of this prohibition following a request from the event organizer or the venue operator.
3. advertising conveying religious, racial or any other discrimination.

## Reason:

The motion by the Marketing WG is based on a proposal by the Technical Director comprising particularly the calculation of the advertising surface using a rectangle and the introduction of an approval procedure. As irregular shapes are difficult to measure the calculation with a rectangle as it is also applied e.g. by the IOC (Rule 50), will simplify measurement and inspection considerably and avoid discussions. As irregular shapes will be calculated with a

greater surface using a rectangle the maximum sizes were increased by approx. 10%. For race and warm clothing the maximum sizes were increased beyond that in order to allow athletes more advertising opportunities (as used by other international federations, e.g. IBSF).

Regarding the new rule for branch exclusivity of the helmet advertising: With regard to the helmet design the Marketing WG recommends allowing multi-colored helmet designs in spite of possible advertising messages e.g. by the arrangement of colors (e.g. Red Bull helmet), with the sponsor logo and text/letters being limited to the advertising surface at the front of the helmet. Reason: Very difficult to assess and inspect; besides this, such helmets are also used in alpine skiing, ski jumping, bobsleigh and skeleton. However, this could be problematic in case the sponsor is a competitor of one of the FIL main sponsors.

In addition, the new wording contains some editorial changes and adaptations to the realities.

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

None

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track  Sport Commission

**Applicant: Commission  
Youth/Development**

**IRO § 8 point 2.1**  
Paid training

**Motion No. 18**

*Translation (original language German)*

## Old Text:

### **2. Paid training**

2.1 Two days before the beginning of official training, organizers of FIL World Championships (General Class) and Junior World Championships are obligated to offer paid training.

- The track must be prepared before each group's training.
- Paid training is to be coordinated and supervised by the Sports Director/technical delegate.
- National Federations have to register for the paid training one week prior to the beginning of that training.

Junior/Youth A World Cup:

- At least one day with a training session of at least three runs must be offered before the official training.

## New Text:

### **2. Paid training**

2.1 Two days before the beginning of official training, organizers of FIL World Championships (General Class) and Junior World Championships are obligated to offer paid training.

- The track must be prepared before each group's training.
- Paid training is to be coordinated and supervised by the Sports Director/technical delegate.
- National Federations have to register for the paid training one week prior to the beginning of that training.

Junior/Youth A World Cup:

- At least one day with a training session of at least **two** runs must be offered before the official training.

## Reason:

Due to the number of participants, it is almost no longer possible to offer 3 runs of paid training. The change must adjust to the current situation and counteract protests.

Furthermore, new disciplines like Youth A women's doubles are being added and then it will no longer be possible to offer 3 paid training runs.

## Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?

§ 8 point 3.2.2

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track     Sport Commission

**Applicant: Commission Youth/Development**

**IRO § 8 point 3.2.2**  
official training

**Motion No. 19**

*Translation (original language German)*

**Old Text:**

**3. Official Training**

3.2.2 During Junior/Youth A World Cups and Junior World Championships, seven (7) official training runs have to be provided free of charge.

**New Text:**

**3. Official Training**

3.2.2 During Junior/Youth A World Cups and Junior World Championships, **six** official training runs have to be provided free of charge.

**Systematic training is possible within the official training.**

**Reason:**

Due to the number of participants, it is almost no longer possible to offer 7 official training runs. The change must adjust to the current situation and counteract protests. Furthermore, new disciplines like Youth A women's doubles are being added and then it will no longer be possible to offer 7 official training runs.

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

§ 8 point 2.1

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

**Applicant:** AUT

**IRO §** 8 3.2.3

**Motion No. 20**

*Translation (original language German)*

**Old Text:**

3.2.3 The start order for the NFs for training will be drawn at the first team captain's meeting. Before the draw, it will be determined by the race director which nation in the drawn start order will begin the respective training run.

**New Text:**

3.2.3

**The size and starting order of the training groups will be set by the Sport Director in a weekly schedule for the competition.**

**Reason:**

Completely remove. Hasn't been done in the World Cup for years.

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

none

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

**Applicant: Sport Commission**

**IRO § 8, 3.3.1.**

**Motion No. 21**

**a,c,d,e**

*Translation (original language German)*

## Old Text:

### **3.3 Rules for World Cup training**

#### **3.3.1. Number of training runs**

a, At the first World Cup of a season, all athletes are offered an equal number of training runs (at least 6 runs).

c, Athletes, who cannot qualify through the Nations Cup for the WC race, receive 9 training runs at the next WC.

d, All other registered participants for the World Cup will receive 6 training runs on two or three days of training;

e, Systematic training can be held on the first training day as part of the 6 or 9 runs offered.

## New Text:

### **3.3 Rules for World Cup training**

#### **3.3.1. Number of training runs**

a, At the first World Cup of a season, all athletes are offered an equal number of training runs (at least **5** runs).

c, Athletes, who cannot qualify through the Nations Cup for the WC race, receive **7** training runs at the next WC.

d, All other registered participants for the World Cup will receive **5** training runs on two or three days of training;

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

## Reason:

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

**Applicant: Technical Commission**

**IRO § 8 Point 5**

**Motion No. 22**

*Translation (original language German)*

## Old Text:

### **5. Individual Supplemental Weights**

5.1 Additional weights may be carried in singles' competitions for women, men, junior women and junior men, youth A women and men as well as in doubles, General Class, Junior Class, and Youth A Class.

5.1.1 The maximum amount of additional weight permitted is as follows:

- ◆ Women, Junior Women, Youth A Men 10 kg
- ◆ Men, Junior Men 13 kg
- ◆ Youth A Women 8 kg
- ◆ Doubles (General Class, Junior Class and Youth A Class) 10 kg

5.1.2 **Men** may use additional weight amounting to **100%** of the difference between body weight and a base weight of 90 kg.

5.1.3 **Women** may use additional weight amounting to **100%** of the difference between body weight and a base weight of 75 kg.

5.1.4 **Doubles athletes in General Class** may use additional weight amounting to **75%** of the difference between body weight and a base weight of 90 kg.  
Additional weight is not allowed if the body weight of the front person and back person together exceeds **180 kg**.

If one of the partners weighs more than 90 kg, the weight exceeding the 90 kg mark will be added to the lighter partner.

If there should still be a difference between the partner's weight and the 90 kg mark, the difference can be compensated according to the weight table.

5.1.5 **Junior men** may use additional weight amounting to **75%** of the difference between body weight and a base weight of 90 kg.

5.1.6 **Junior women** may use additional weight amounting to **75%** of the difference between body weight and a base weight of 75 kg.

5.1.7 **Youth A men** may use additional weight amounting to **75%** of the difference between body weight and a base weight of 75 kg.

5.1.8 **Youth A women** may use additional weight amounting to **50%** of the difference between body weight and a base weight of 70 kg.

5.1.9 **Doubles athletes in Junior Class** may use additional weight amounting to **50%** of the difference between body weight and a base weight of 90 kg.  
Additional weight is not allowed if the body weight of the front person and back person together exceeds **180 kg**.

If one of the partners weighs more than 90 kg, the weight exceeding the 90 kg mark will be added to the lighter partner.

If there should still be a difference between the partner's weight and the 90 kg mark, the difference can be compensated according to the weight table.

5.1.10 **Youth A doubles** athletes may use additional weight amounting to **50%** of the difference between body weight and a base weight of 75 kg.

Additional weight is not allowed if the body weight of the front person and back person

together exceeds **150 kg**.

If one of the partners weighs more than 75 kg, the weight exceeding the 75 kg mark will be added to the lighter partner.

If there should still be a difference between the partner's weight and the 75 kg mark, the difference can be compensated according to the weight table.

5.1.11 The additional weight must be worn by each competitor individually. Under no circumstances may additional weight be attached to the sled.

5.1.12 The weight of the race clothing may amount to 4 kg and may be compensated for in all disciplines.

## New Text:

### 5. Individual Supplemental Weights

5.1 Additional weights may be **used** in singles' competitions for women, men, junior women and junior men, youth A women and men as well as in doubles in the General Class, Junior Class, and Youth A Class.

#### **Basis for calculation**

##### Singles:

<b>discipline</b>	<b>base weight</b>	<b>weight compensation</b>
Men	90 kg	100 %
Junior men	90 kg	75 %
Youth A men	75 kg	75 %
Women	75 kg	100 %
Junior women	75 kg	75 %
Youth A women	70 kg	50 %

##### Doubles:

<b>discipline</b>	<b>base weight</b>	<b>weight compensation</b>	<b>max. weight athlete pair</b>
General class	90 kg	75 %	180 kg
Junior class	90 kg	50 %	180 kg
Youth A class	75 kg	50 %	150 kg

5.1.1 The maximum amount of additional weight permitted is as follows:

- ♦ Women, Junior Women, Youth A Men 10 kg
- ♦ Men, Junior Men 13 kg
- ♦ Youth A Women 8 kg
- ♦ Doubles (General, Junior, and Youth A Classes) 10 kg

5.1.2 **Men** may use additional weight amounting to **100%** of the difference between body weight and a base weight of 90 kg.

5.1.3 **Women** may use additional weight amounting to **100%** of the difference between body weight and a base weight of 75 kg.

5.1.4 **Doubles athletes in General Class** may use additional weight amounting to **75%** of the difference between body weight and a base weight of 90 kg.  
Additional weight is not allowed if the body weight of the front person and back person together exceeds **180 kg**.

If one of the partners weighs more than 90 kg, the weight exceeding the 90 kg mark will be added to the lighter partner.

If there should still be a difference between the partner's weight and the 90 kg mark, the difference can be compensated according to the weight table.

5.1.5 **Junior men** may use additional weight amounting to **75%** of the difference between body weight and a base weight of 90 kg.

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If one of the partners weighs more than 90 kg, the weight exceeding the 90 kg mark will be added to the lighter partner.

If there should still be a difference between the partner's weight and the 90 kg mark, the difference can be compensated according to the weight table.

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5.1.9 **Youth A women** may use additional weight amounting to **50%** of the difference between body weight and a base weight of 70 kg.

5.1.10 **Youth A doubles men** athletes may use additional weight amounting to **50%** of the difference between body weight and a base weight of 75 kg.

Additional weight is not allowed if the body weight of the front person and back person together exceeds **150 kg**.

If one of the partners weighs more than 75 kg, the weight exceeding the 75 kg mark will be added to the lighter partner.

If there should still be a difference between this male athlete's weight and the 75 kg mark, the difference can be compensated according to the weight table.

If there should still be a difference between this female athlete's weight and the 70 kg mark, the difference can be compensated according to the weight table.

5.2 The additional weight must be worn by each competitor individually. Under no circumstances may additional weight be attached to the sled.

5.3 The weight of the race clothing may amount to 4 kg and may be compensated for in all disciplines.

**Reason:**

Editorial changes

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

none

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track     Sport Commission

**Applicant: Commission  
Youth/Development**

**IRO § 9 point 3.6**  
Draw Youth A WC

**Motion No. 23**

*Translation (original language German)*

## Old Text:

### **3.6 Youth A World Cup**

- The seeded group A (1 - 12) will be drawn by name.
- There is no draw for the group B. The start order results from the overall Youth A World Cup ranking (§ 3, 5.4).
- A necessary draw for athletes with the same number of points will be done by the jury.
- The remaining group will be drawn.

## New Text:

### **3.6 Youth A World Cup**

- The seeded group A (1 - 12) **starts in reverse order place 12 – 1.**
- **The start order** in group B **results** from the overall Youth A World Cup ranking place 13 - end (§ 3, 5.4).
- A necessary draw for athletes with the same number of points will be done by the jury.
- The remaining group will be drawn **by the jury.**
- **This also applies to the 2<sup>nd</sup> race at a double World Cup.**

## Reason:

The draw in the seeded group should be cancelled.  
There is no clear rule for the start order at a double World Cup in Youth A World Cup, therefore the addition to the paragraph.

## Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?

§ 3, 6.8.4

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track     Sport Commission

**Applicant: Commission  
Youth/Development**

**IRO § 9 point 3.6**  
Draw JWC

**Motion No. 24**

*Translation (original language German)*

## Old Text:

### **3.6 Junior World Cup**

- No draw for the seeded group A  
(draw only upon a default in the Grid Race)
- The start numbers are assigned according to the placement in the Grid Race (§ 3,6.8.1)

## New Text:

### **3.6 Junior World Cup**

- The seeded group A (1 - 12) **starts in reverse order place 12 – 1.**
- **In group B, the start order results from** the overall Junior World Cup ranking place 13 - end (§ 3, 5.4).
- A necessary draw for athletes with the same number of points will be done by the jury.
- The remaining group will be drawn **by the jury.**
- **This also applies to the 2<sup>nd</sup> race at a double World Cup.**

## Reason:

If the grid race is cancelled, the draw for the JWC needs a new rule.  
The start order for a double World Cup in the Junior World Cup is not clearly regulated, therefore the addition in the paragraph.

## Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?

§ 3 point 6.8.1 / § 3 point 6.8.2

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

**Applicant: GER**

**IRO § 10, 1.3**

**Motion No. 25**

*Translation (original language German)*

**Old Text:**

**1.3 Command to Start**

In competition, the start must take place within thirty (30) seconds after the "Track is Clear" notice for singles and within 45 seconds after the "Track is Clear" notice for doubles.

**New Text:**

**1.3 Command to Start**

In competition, the start must take place within thirty (30) seconds after the "Track is Clear" notice for singles and within 45 seconds after the "Track is Clear" notice for doubles.

In training, the start must take place within 20 seconds after the "Track is Clear" notice for singles and within 35 seconds after the "Track is Clear" notice for doubles.

**Reason:**

Faster and more time-saving training schedule

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

**Applicant: Technical Commission**

**IRO § 11 Pt. 1**

**Motion No. 26**

*Translation (original language German)*

**Old Text:**

**1. Violation of Rules**

- 1.1 A disqualification can be declared by the race director if athletes or teams have violated regulations in the IRO and if the violation is detected between the beginning of training and the end of the competition including all inspections required by the IRO (§ 4, 1.1.7).

**New Text:**

**1. Violation of Rules**

- 1.1 A sanction can be declared by the race director if athletes, teams, or coaches violate the regulations in the IRO during the official training.

A disqualification is declared by the race director if athletes, teams, or coaches violate the regulations in the IRO during the competition.

**Reason:**

Specification for more clarity

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

none

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

**Applicant: Sport Commission**

**IRO § 11, 2.2.4**

**Motion No. 27**

*Translation (original language German)*

**Old Text:**

2.2.4 In case of a disqualification, the written protest must be submitted within 10 minutes after receipt of the report according to § 11, 1.2.7. In all other cases, it must be submitted 10 minutes after completing the official training, the competition, or other protest reasons.

**New Text:**

2.2.4 **Addition: Verbal notification of the intention to submit a protest must be given within 5 minutes and** the written protest must be submitted within 10 minutes after the conclusion of the official training, the competition run, or other protest reasons. In case of a disqualification, the written protest must be submitted within 10 minutes after receipt of the report according to § 11, 1.2.7.

**Reason:**

Earlier and faster publication/release of the results list to the media and others.

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

§11, 1.2.7

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

**Applicant: Technical Commission**

**IRO § Anlage 1**

**Motion No. 28**

*Translation (original language German)*

## **Old Text:**

### Supplement 1 Regulation for Artificial Luge Tracks

#### 2. Definition

Existing IRO text

#### 3.4 Start facilities

Existing IRO text

#### 3.5 Safety Regulations\*

Existing IRO text

\* there is a typo in the numbering in the 2016 IRO

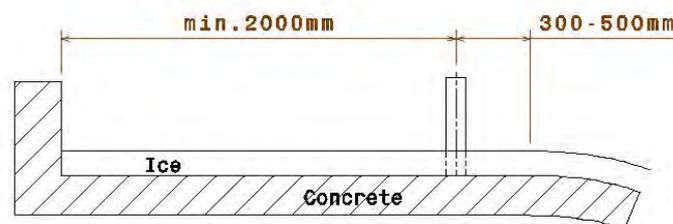
## **New Text:**

#### 2. Definition

- 2.1 Artificial luge tracks are luge tracks which have been specially constructed for the sport of luge by means of specific construction measures.
- 2.2 A difference is made between artificial luge tracks with or without refrigeration system.
- 2.3 Combined bobsleigh and luge tracks are tracks which have been specially constructed for the sport of bobsleigh and luge by means of specific construction measures.  
~~A difference is made between tracks with or without refrigeration system.~~
- 2.4 Shortened tracks are artificial luge tracks with or without a refrigeration system with a minimum length of 400 m. They are suitable for international competitions.

#### 3.4 Start facilities

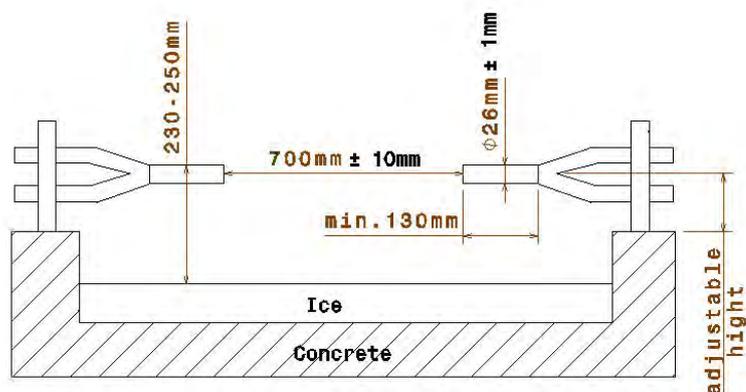
For men, women, doubles, juniors and youth events, the track must be equipped with all the necessary starting structures to guarantee normal execution in all disciplines. During FIL competitions, it must be possible to close off the starting zone. The individual components of the start facility are:



- ◆ For men, women, doubles, juniors and youth events, the track must be equipped with all the necessary starting structures to guarantee normal execution in all disciplines. During FIL competitions, it must be possible to close off the starting zone. The

individual components of the start facility are:

- ♦ a horizontal iced surface on which the sitting position on the sled may be taken by the athlete. Length of the horizontal iced surface to the start handles: at least 2000 mm.
- ♦ Length of the horizontal iced surface to the start handles to the beginning of the descent: 300 mm – 500 mm.
- ♦ Two start handles adjustable in height on either side of the start are which may be used by the athletes to increase the speed of their start.



- ♦ From the ice to the upper edge of the handles at an equal height: 230 mm – 250 mm.
- ♦ Inside distance between the two handles: 700 mm +/-10 mm
- ♦ Length of the handle: at least 130 mm
- ♦ Diameter of the handle: 26 mm +/-1mm
- ♦ The surface of the handle must be grooved.
- ♦ The construction of the start handle should be so solid that it cannot be bent upon the athlete's pull off.
- ♦ The start light barrier must be installed between 5 m and 10 m after the start handles. The start time (from start light barrier to next light barrier) should exceed 3 seconds; if this is not possible, it should be taken immediately after the first curve.
- ♦ Light barriers must be installed in a height of 300 mm above the bottom of the track measured from the concrete. The height must be between 20 cm and 25 cm on the iced track.
- ♦ The placement will be inspected by the TD.

### 3.5 Safety Regulations

- ♦ The track layout and components such as curves, walls, bridges, tunnels, transportation set-ups, etc. as well as all facilities originally belonging to the track must be provided in such a way, that the safety of the user is guaranteed to the greatest extent possible.
- ♦ Permanent facilities and constructs described above are inspected in the framework of the homologation by the FIL Track Construction Commission.
- ♦ Temporary structures on the track body at FIL events are regulated in the **Guidelines for Temporary Structures** and are inspected by the Technical Delegate.
- ♦ If the safety regulations on a track are neglected so that the participants in FIL competitions are exposed to atypical danger to their health, the track may only be released by the technical delegate for further use if these deficiencies are remedied. If the steps taken are not sufficient in order to guarantee that the internationally recognized safety standards are followed during a competition, the jury, in agreement with the technical delegates is empowered to shorten the track.

### **Reason:**

This motion contains adjustments in the areas

Definition: reiterations were deleted and the numbering was changed.

Start facilities: practice based adjustment in the measurements with the addition of tolerances. Adjustment of the technical drawings.

Safety regulations: separation of constructs that are inspected during homologation and temporary structures that are inspected by the technical delegates. A draft of the Guidelines for Temporary Structures is being submitted to the FIL Executive Board.

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

none

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

**Applicant: WG Olympic Rules**

**IRO Supplement 4**

**Motion No. 29**

**Old Text:**

none

**New Text:**

2.3.1

All persons selected for the positions listed in section 2.3 that are required to be used for the Olympic track International Training Weeks, the Olympic Test Event, and the Olympic Games must be submitted by name to the FIL for final approval before becoming active in their positions.

**Reason:**

The FIL will maintain final control over all people involved with the field of play.

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

**Applicant: Technical Commission**

**IRO supplement 5**

**Motion No. 30**

*Translation (original language German)*

**Old Text:**

Supplement 5 individual weight allowances

Men's doubles

Existing IRO text

**New Text:**

Supplement 5 individual weight allowances

**Doubles general class**

Existing IRO text

**Reason:**

Editing

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

none

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

**Applicant: Tech. Commission**

**IRO Supplement 6**

**Motion No. 31**

*Translation (original language German)*

## **Old Text:**

none

## **New Text:**

### **Supplement 6 additional rules for Youth A women's doubles**

#### **§ 5 Sled, equipment, and inspections Youth A women's doubles**

##### **1. General regulations on the sled**

- All components of the standard sled with the exception of the steels may only be obtained from one manufacturer.

##### **1.2 The weights including attached accessories are:**

<b><i>Sled</i></b>	<b><i>Minimum</i></b>	<b><i>Maximum</i></b>	<b><i>Basis for calculation</i></b>
<i>Doubles Youth A women</i>	25 kg	30 kg	27 kg

##### **1.3.2 Women's doubles pod**

- The original pod must be used.
- Pod form may not be changed with the exception of repairs and cutouts.
- The pod construction may not be changed.
- The seat construction may not be changed, however it is permitted to change the position of the raised seat.
- The front woman's belts are to be worn underneath the race suit.
- The closure system of the belts may not be changed.

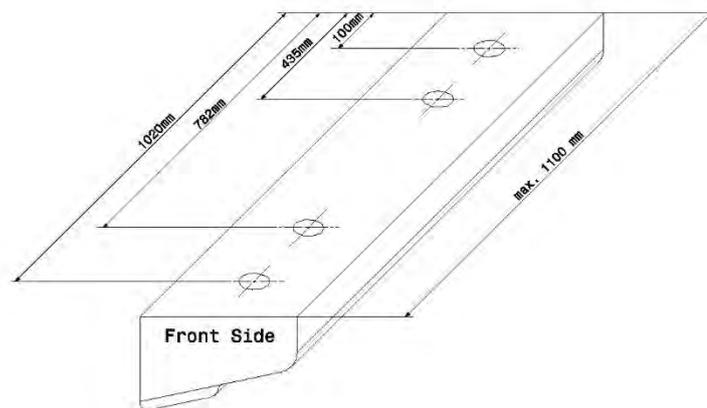
##### **1.3.3 Women's doubles runner**

- The original runners must be used.
- The runner form may not be changed on the outside with the exception of repairs and evening out the radius.
- Cutting out the foot supports is permitted.
- The runner construction may not be changed.
- 4 steel screws/bolts M 8
- No additional drilling in the runner is permitted.
- Braking device runner

### 1.3.4 Doubles bridges

- The original bridges must be used.
- The distance between the runners must measure 415 to 450 mm.
- The connection between the pod and the bridges may not be changed. However, various inserts with the same measurements can be used to adjust hardness.
- The connection between bridges and runners may not be changed. However, various hardnesses with the same measurements (rubber inserts that cover the bridge foot) can be used.

### 1.3.5 Women's doubles steels



- The steel may not be longer than 1100 mm.
- 4 steel screws/bolts M 8.
- The hole scheme may not be changed.

### § 8 Training, weigh-in, individual supplemental weights Youth A women's doubles

#### 5. Individual supplemental weights

- ♦ The use of additional weights is permitted in doubles competitions in the Youth A women's class.

#### ♦ **Basis for calculation**

Doubles:

discipline	base weight	weight compensation	max. weight athlete pair
Youth A women	70 kg	50 %	140 kg

- ♦ The maximum amount of additional weight permitted is (AW)
  - doubles (Youth A women) 8 kg
- ♦ **Doubles Youth A women** may use additional weight amounting to **50%** of the difference between body weight (KG) and a base weight (BW) of 70 kg. Additional weight is not allowed if the combined BW of the front woman and back woman exceeds **140 kg**.  
If one of the partners weighs more than 70 kg, the weight exceeding the 70 kg mark will be added to the lighter partner.

Weight table:

AW= 50% of the difference between 70 kg and BW (max. 8 kg)

TW = BW + AW + 4 kg RC

<b>Body weight</b>	<b>Additional weight</b>	<b>Race clothing</b>	<b>Total weight</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>BW in kg</b>	<b>AW in kg</b>	<b>RC in kg</b>	<b>TW in kg</b>	<b>with sled</b>
<b>54,0</b>	<b>8,0</b>	<b>4,0</b>	<b>66,0</b>	<b>93,0</b>
54,1	8,0	4,0	66,1	93,1
54,2	7,9	4,0	66,1	93,1
54,3	7,9	4,0	66,2	93,2
54,4	7,8	4,0	66,2	93,2
54,5	7,8	4,0	66,3	93,3
54,6	7,7	4,0	66,3	93,3
54,7	7,7	4,0	66,4	93,4
54,8	7,6	4,0	66,4	93,4
54,9	7,6	4,0	66,5	93,5
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55,2	7,4	4,0	66,6	93,6
55,3	7,4	4,0	66,7	93,7
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55,5	7,3	4,0	66,8	93,8
55,6	7,2	4,0	66,8	93,8
55,7	7,2	4,0	66,9	93,9
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55,9	7,1	4,0	67,0	94,0
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56,7	6,7	4,0	67,4	94,4
56,8	6,6	4,0	67,4	94,4
56,9	6,6	4,0	67,5	94,5
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57,1	6,5	4,0	67,6	94,6
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57,7	6,2	4,0	67,9	94,9
57,8	6,1	4,0	67,9	94,9
57,9	6,1	4,0	68,0	95,0
<b>58,0</b>	<b>6,0</b>	<b>4,0</b>	<b>68,0</b>	<b>95,0</b>

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58,6	5,7	4,0	68,3	95,3
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58,8	5,6	4,0	68,4	95,4
58,9	5,6	4,0	68,5	95,5
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59,7	5,2	4,0	68,9	95,9
59,8	5,1	4,0	68,9	95,9
59,9	5,1	4,0	69,0	96,0
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60,1	5,0	4,0	69,1	96,1
60,2	4,9	4,0	69,1	96,1
60,3	4,9	4,0	69,2	96,2
60,4	4,8	4,0	69,2	96,2
60,5	4,8	4,0	69,3	96,3
60,6	4,7	4,0	69,3	96,3
60,7	4,7	4,0	69,4	96,4
60,8	4,6	4,0	69,4	96,4
60,9	4,6	4,0	69,5	96,5
<b>61,0</b>	<b>4,5</b>	<b>4,0</b>	<b>69,5</b>	<b>96,5</b>
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61,2	4,4	4,0	69,6	96,6
61,3	4,4	4,0	69,7	96,7
61,4	4,3	4,0	69,7	96,7
61,5	4,3	4,0	69,8	96,8
61,6	4,2	4,0	69,8	96,8
61,7	4,2	4,0	69,9	96,9
61,8	4,1	4,0	69,9	96,9
61,9	4,1	4,0	70,0	97,0
<b>62,0</b>	<b>4,0</b>	<b>4,0</b>	<b>70,0</b>	<b>97,0</b>
62,1	4,0	4,0	70,1	97,1
62,2	3,9	4,0	70,1	97,1
62,3	3,9	4,0	70,2	97,2
62,4	3,8	4,0	70,2	97,2
62,5	3,8	4,0	70,3	97,3
62,6	3,7	4,0	70,3	97,3
62,7	3,7	4,0	70,4	97,4
62,8	3,6	4,0	70,4	97,4

62,9	3,6	4,0	70,5	97,5
<b>63,0</b>	<b>3,5</b>	<b>4,0</b>	<b>70,5</b>	<b>97,5</b>
63,1	3,5	4,0	70,6	97,6
63,2	3,4	4,0	70,6	97,6
63,3	3,4	4,0	70,7	97,7
63,4	3,3	4,0	70,7	97,7
63,5	3,3	4,0	70,8	97,8
63,6	3,2	4,0	70,8	97,8
63,7	3,2	4,0	70,9	97,9
63,8	3,1	4,0	70,9	97,9
63,9	3,1	4,0	71,0	98,0
<b>64,0</b>	<b>3,0</b>	<b>4,0</b>	<b>71,0</b>	<b>98,0</b>
64,1	3,0	4,0	71,1	98,1
64,2	2,9	4,0	71,1	98,1
64,3	2,9	4,0	71,2	98,2
64,4	2,8	4,0	71,2	98,2
64,5	2,8	4,0	71,3	98,3
64,6	2,7	4,0	71,3	98,3
64,7	2,7	4,0	71,4	98,4
64,8	2,6	4,0	71,4	98,4
64,9	2,6	4,0	71,5	98,5
<b>65,0</b>	<b>2,5</b>	<b>4,0</b>	<b>71,5</b>	<b>98,5</b>
65,1	2,5	4,0	71,6	98,6
65,2	2,4	4,0	71,6	98,6
65,3	2,4	4,0	71,7	98,7
64,4	2,3	4,0	70,7	97,7
65,5	2,3	4,0	71,8	98,8
65,6	2,2	4,0	71,8	98,8
65,7	2,2	4,0	71,9	98,9
65,8	2,1	4,0	71,9	98,9
65,9	2,1	4,0	72,0	99,0
<b>66,0</b>	<b>2,0</b>	<b>4,0</b>	<b>72,0</b>	<b>99,0</b>
66,1	2,0	4,0	72,1	99,1
66,2	1,9	4,0	72,1	99,1
66,3	1,9	4,0	72,2	99,2
66,4	1,8	4,0	72,2	99,2
66,5	1,8	4,0	72,3	99,3
66,6	1,7	4,0	72,3	99,3
66,7	1,7	4,0	72,4	99,4
66,8	1,6	4,0	72,4	99,4
66,9	1,6	4,0	72,5	99,5
<b>67,0</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>4,0</b>	<b>72,5</b>	<b>99,5</b>
67,1	1,5	4,0	72,6	99,6
67,2	1,4	4,0	72,6	99,6
67,3	1,4	4,0	72,7	99,7
67,4	1,3	4,0	72,7	99,7
67,5	1,3	4,0	72,8	99,8
67,6	1,2	4,0	72,8	99,8

67,7	1,2	4,0	72,9	99,9
67,8	1,1	4,0	72,9	99,9
67,9	1,1	4,0	73,0	100,0
<b>68,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>4,0</b>	<b>73,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>
68,1	1,0	4,0	73,1	100,1
68,2	0,9	4,0	73,1	100,1
68,3	0,9	4,0	73,2	100,2
68,4	0,8	4,0	73,2	100,2
68,5	0,8	4,0	73,3	100,3
68,6	0,7	4,0	73,3	100,3
68,7	0,7	4,0	73,4	100,4
68,8	0,6	4,0	73,4	100,4
68,9	0,6	4,0	73,5	100,5
<b>69,0</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>4,0</b>	<b>73,5</b>	<b>100,5</b>
69,1	0,5	4,0	73,6	100,6
69,2	0,4	4,0	73,6	100,6
69,3	0,4	4,0	73,7	100,7
69,4	0,3	4,0	73,7	100,7
69,5	0,3	4,0	73,8	100,8
69,6	0,2	4,0	73,8	100,8
69,7	0,2	4,0	73,9	100,9
69,8	0,1	4,0	73,9	100,9
69,9	0,1	4,0	74,0	101,0
<b>70,0</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>4,0</b>	<b>74,0</b>	<b>101,0</b>

**Reason:**

These regulations are written as a supplement and are valid in addition to the rules in the 2018 IRO. It contains: general regulations on the sled, weight of the sled, amendments to the sled, runners, bridges, steels, and §8 individual weight supplements.

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

none

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# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

**Applicant: NT Commission**

**IRO § 2**

**Motion No. 1**

*Translation (original language German)*

## **Old Text:**

### **1. FIL Competitions**

1.1 Luge competitions in Olympic Winter Games

### **1.2. FIL Championships**

World Championships	in uneven years
Junior World Championships	in even years
Continental Championships	in even years
North American Championships	annually
Continental Championships for juniors	in uneven years

The championships are numbered sequentially, including awarded championships that have been cancelled:

**21st World Championship    2017**  
**34th Jr. European Championship    2017**  
**11th Junior World Championship    2018**  
**27th European Championship 2018**

## **New Text:**

### **1. FIL Competitions**

1.2 Luge competitions in Olympic Winter Games

### **1.2. FIL Championships**

World Championships (WCh) annually

Junior World Championships (JWC) annually

U23 World Championships ("Race in Race" FIL-WCh) annually

Continental Championships ("Race in Race" World Cup) every two years in uneven years:

- European Championships (ECh) as "Race in Race" / WC
- America Pacific Championships (APCh) as "Race in Race" / WC
- Asia Championships (ACh) as "Race in Race" / WC

The championships are numbered sequentially, including awarded championships that have been cancelled:

**22<sup>nd</sup> World Championship    2019**  
**35<sup>th</sup> Jr. European Championship    2019**  
**12<sup>th</sup> Junior World Championship    2020**  
**28<sup>th</sup> European Championship    2020**

## **Reason:**

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

**Applicant: NT Commission**

**IRO § 3**

**Motion No. 2**

*Translation (original language German)*

## **Old Text:**

### **3. Age Group Regulations**

3.1 FIL competitions are held for the following age groups:

- Novice I
- Novice II
- Youth I
- Youth II
- Juniors I
- Juniors II
- General class

3.2 Age cohort for the individual age classes:

Novice I	Minimum age	Year of the event - 7
Novice I	Maximum age	Year of the event - 8
Novice II	Minimum age	Year of the event - 9
Novice II	Maximum age	Year of the event - 10
Youth I	Minimum age	Year of the event - 11
Youth I	Maximum age	Year of the event - 12
Youth II	Minimum age	Year of the event - 13
Youth II	Maximum age	Year of the event - 14
Juniors I	Minimum age	Year of the event - 15
Juniors I	Maximum age	Year of the event - 17
Juniors II	Minimum age	Year of the event - 18
Juniors II	Maximum age	Year of the event - 20
General class	Minimum age	Year of the event - 21

(minimum age and maximum age = age cohorts)

For competitions that occur at the beginning of the season (July 1 — December 31), athletes are assigned to the cohort to which they will belong for competitions taking place after the following January 1.

## **New Text:**

### **3. Age Group Regulations**

3.1 FIL competitions are held for the following age groups:

- Youth 1
- Youth 2
- Youth 3
- Youth 4
- Juniors I

- Juniors II
- General class

3.2 Age cohort for the individual age classes:

<b>Youth 1</b>	Minimum age	Year of the event - 7
<b>Youth 1</b>	Maximum age	Year of the event - 8
<b>Youth 2</b>	Minimum age	Year of the event - 9
<b>Youth 2</b>	Maximum age	Year of the event - 10
<b>Youth 3</b>	Minimum age	Year of the event - 11
<b>Youth 3</b>	Maximum age	Year of the event - 12
<b>Youth 4</b>	Minimum age	Year of the event - 13
<b>Youth 4</b>	Maximum age	Year of the event - 14
Juniors I	Minimum age	Year of the event - 15
Juniors I	Maximum age	Year of the event - 17
Juniors II	Minimum age	Year of the event - 18
Juniors II	Maximum age	Year of the event - 20
General class	Minimum age	Year of the event - 21

(minimum age and maximum age = age cohorts)

For competitions that occur at the beginning of the season (July 1 — December 31), athletes are assigned to the cohort to which they will belong for competitions taking place after the following January 1.

**Reason:**

Simplification

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

§ 3.2.7

§ 3.2.8

§ 5.1.3

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

**Applicant: NT Commission**

**IRO § 3**

**Motion No. 3**

*Translation (original language German)*

## **Old Text:**

### **5.3 Team Competition**

5.3.1 A team must consist of one woman, one man and a doubles (a total of four athletes per country). Teams with athletes from different nations are not permitted.  
For each race, each nation can appoint different athletes to the team (see §10 Para. 1.6.3, Team starting procedure and Drawing 4).

§10 Para. 1.6.3.1 Starting order

1.6.3.1 Starting order:

All three sleds of the team (women's, men's, doubles) start one after the other.

## **New Text:**

### **5.4 Team Competition**

5.3.1 A team must consist of **three singles athletes with at least one women and one man registered in the team (a total of three athletes per country)**. Teams with athletes from different nations are not permitted.

For each race, each nation can appoint different athletes to the team (see §10 Para. 1.6.3, Team starting procedure and Drawing 4).

§10 Para. 1.6.3.1 Starting order

1.6.3.1 Starting order:

All three sleds of the team (**1<sup>st</sup> woman, 2<sup>nd</sup> man, 3<sup>rd</sup> woman or man**) start one after the other.

## **Reason:**

In order to improve the team competition and offer more nations the opportunity to make teams we submit the new rule as follows:

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

**Applicant: NT Commission**

**IRO § 5**

**Motion No. 4**

*Translation (original language German)*

**Old Text:**

1.4.5 Height of the middle section of the forward bridge:  
maximum 200 mm - measurement C

**New Text:**

1.4.5 The middle section of the forward bridge (pin) may not extend over the structure.  
measurement C

**Reason:**

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

**Applicant: NT Commission**

**IRO § 5**

**Motion No. 5**

*Translation (original language German)*

## **Old Text:**

### **2.3 Helmets**

All athletes must wear a helmet. Each athlete who takes part in an FIL competition must wear a helmet that meets the safety provisions of his or her national federation. The outer ear must be covered by the uniform helmet material. Constructions for letting in sound are allowed (full shell with openings for hearing) (see the illustration of the helmet type).

## **New Text:**

### **2.3 Helmets**

All athletes must wear a helmet. Each athlete who takes part in an FIL competition must wear a helmet that meets at least the EN1077 standard or a comparable standard. The indication of the standard must be visible. The outer ear must be covered by the uniform helmet material. Constructions for letting in sound are allowed (full shell with openings for hearing). Additional constructions are prohibited. Every NF is responsible for complying with the safety regulations. See the illustration of the helmet type.

## **Reason:**

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track

Natural Track

**Applicant:** Working Group Marketing and Public Relations Campaign/Executive Board

**IRO § 7**

**Motion No. 6**

## Old Text:

### §7 Advertising

#### 1. Applicability, Measuring Procedure

##### **1.1 Applicability**

All these regulations are in force during FIL competitions, as well as for media and PR activities and are applicable to athletes and officials.

##### **1.2 Measuring**

The size of a commercial marking or trademark is the surface within a line following the actual outline of the integrated marking.

If the trademark is integrated within an area of different color, the total area of the different color is to be measured.

The adherence to the proper size of the trademark will be under the responsibility of the NFs. At FIL competitions, the Race Director, Technical Delegates and Jury have the right to carry out inspection measurements at any time.

#### 2. Race Clothing

Articles of clothing may carry manufacturers' identifications and/or trademarks of other sponsors.

The total surface area of the trademarks together on the clothing (except head coverings, gloves, and shoes) of one person shall not exceed 350 sq cm.

The complete surface can be divided into 8 parts at the most. The complete surface of a single part may not exceed 100 sq cm.

The trademarks of the same sponsor may not appear one above the other or one beside the other.

The NFs may decide the placing of the trademarks.

The markings on the clothing will be measured when the clothing is not worn.

The respective NF is responsible for maintaining the advertising regulations. (plus the specifications approved in 2005)

#### 3. Safety Helmets

Athletes' safety helmets may display two (2) trademarks of the manufacturer with a maximum size of 15 sq cm, one each side, placed over the ears.

The advertising surface on the front of helmets may only be used by the FIL (60 sq cm).

A national emblem (max. 30 sq cm) is permitted on the helmet and also the name of the athlete (maximum twice and the height of the lettering is limited to a maximum of 15 mm) without obstructing the official FIL advertising.

#### **4. Goggles**

Goggle straps shall correspond to the commercially available design.  
The width of a goggle's strap shall not measure more than 4 cm.  
In the case of double straps, only one strap may carry the trademark.

#### **5. Caps, Headbands and other Headgear**

Caps, headbands and other headgear may each have a maximum of three (3) trademarks of the manufacturer and/or other sponsors, with a maximum total surface of 90 sq cm.

#### **6. Start Numbers**

Advertising labels on start number bibs are permitted. The advertising surface must be smaller than the section bearing the start number.  
In doubles competition, both athletes shall wear start numbers.  
During FIL Championships of the general class and during WCs, the start number bibs provided by the FIL sponsor have to be worn during the official training as well.

#### **7. Racing Shoe**

Racing shoes may only show one manufacturer's trademark on each shoe.  
The size and quantity of the manufacturer's logo on the shoe must not exceed the size and quantity of a product which is publicly available.

#### **8. Gloves**

Gloves may only show one manufacturer's trademark on each glove, size 15 sq cm. The trademark can be divided into two parts.

#### **9. Sled**

In addition to the manufacturer's trademark, a maximum of (five) 5 commercial trademarks may be displayed on the entire sled, of which a maximum of (two) 2 trademarks may be displayed on the bottom of the seat mat.  
The size of the advertising surface on the bottom of the seat mat may not exceed 900 sq cm.

#### **10. Athlete**

Advertising with athletes is only allowed with the permission of the responsible NF.  
The name, title and picture from the athletes can only be used once for each advertisement.

#### **11. Forbidden Advertising**

Provided there are no stricter national laws, following advertisement is prohibited:

1. on the athlete and sled: advertising for tobacco, illegal drugs or alcohol.  
Exception: advertising for non-alcoholic beer and, regarding athletes of age (18), advertising for products with an alcoholic percentage of less than 10 %.
2. at the sports venue and on bibs: advertising for tobacco, illegal drugs or products with an alcoholic percentage of more than 10 %. The FIL Executive Board can allow an exception of this prohibition following a request from the event organizer or the venue operator.
3. advertising conveying religious, racial or any other discrimination.

## New Text:

### §7 Advertising

#### 1. Applicability, Measuring Procedure, Inspections

##### **1.1 Applicability**

All these regulations are in force during FIL competitions, as well as for media and PR activities within the scope of FIL competitions and are applicable to athletes and officials. The respective NF is responsible for complying with the advertising regulations (§7).

##### **1.2 Measuring Procedure**

~~The size of a commercial marking or trademark is the surface within a line following the actual outline of the integrated marking.~~

A rectangle is used to calculate the size of the advertising surface. The width (A) and height (B) of the trademark determine the sides of the rectangle.



If the trademark is integrated within an area of different color, the total area of the different color is to be measured.

~~The markings on the clothing will be measured when the clothing is not worn.~~

~~The adherence to the proper size of the trademark will be under the responsibility of the NFs. At FIL competitions, the Race Director, Technical Delegates and Jury have the right to carry out inspection measurements at any time.~~

##### **1.3. Inspections of the Advertising Surfaces**

At FIL competitions the Technical Delegates are authorized to initiate inspections of the advertising surfaces any time.

In case of violations of the advertising rules a disqualification may be issued by the race director.

#### **2. Sizes of Advertising Surfaces**

##### **2.1 Race Clothing and other Clothing worn at the Field of Play**

Articles of clothing may carry manufacturers' identifications and/or trademarks of other sponsors.

The total surface area of the trademarks together on the clothing (except head coverings, gloves, and shoes) of one person shall not exceed 350.600 sq cm.

The complete surface can be divided into 8.11 parts at the most.

The complete surface of a single part may not exceed 100.200 sq cm.

The trademarks of the same sponsor may not appear one above the other or one beside the other.

The NFs may decide the placing of the trademarks.

~~The markings on the clothing will be measured when the clothing is not worn.~~

~~The respective NF is responsible for maintaining the advertising regulations. (plus the specifications approved in 2005)~~

### **3.2.2 Safety Helmets**

~~The Athletes'~~ safety helmets may display two (2) trademarks of the manufacturer with a maximum size of 15 sq cm, one each side, placed over the ears.

The advertising surface on the front of helmets may only be used by the FIL (~~60~~ 70 sq cm). A national emblem (max. 30 sq cm) is permitted on the helmet and also the name of the athlete (maximum twice and the height of the lettering is limited to a maximum of 15 mm) without obstructing the official FIL advertising.

### **4.2.3 Goggles**

Goggle straps shall correspond to the commercially available design.

The width of a goggle's strap shall not measure more than 4 cm.

In the case of double straps, only one strap may carry the trademark.

### **5.2.4 Caps, Headbands and other Headgear**

Caps, headbands and other headgear may each have a maximum of three (3) trademarks of the manufacturer and/or other sponsors, with a maximum total surface of ~~90~~ 100 sq cm.

### **6.2.5 Start Numbers**

Advertising labels on start number bibs are permitted. These may only be used by the FIL. ~~The advertising surface must be smaller than the section bearing the start number.~~

In doubles competition, both athletes shall wear start numbers.

During FIL Championships of the general class and during WCs, the start number bibs provided by the FIL ~~sponsor~~ have to be worn during the official training as well.

### **7.2.6 Racing Shoe**

Racing shoes may only show one manufacturer's trademark on each shoe.

The size and quantity of the manufacturer's logo on the shoe must not exceed the size and quantity of a product which is publicly available.

### **8.2.7 Gloves**

Gloves may only show one manufacturer's trademark on each glove, size 15 sq cm. The trademark can be divided into two parts.

### **9.2.8 Sled**

In addition to the manufacturer's trademark, a maximum of (~~five six~~) 5-6 commercial trademarks may be displayed on the entire sled, of which a maximum of (two) 2 trademarks may be displayed on the bottom of the seat mat.

The size of the advertising surface on the bottom of the seat mat may not exceed ~~900~~ 1000 sq cm.

### **10.3. Athlete**

Advertising with athletes is only allowed with the permission of the responsible NF.

The name, title and picture from the athletes can only be used once for each advertisement.

#### **11.4. Forbidden Advertising**

Provided there are no stricter national laws, following advertisement is prohibited:

1. on the athlete and sled: advertising for tobacco, illegal drugs or alcohol.  
Exception: advertising for non-alcoholic beer and, regarding athletes of age (18), advertising for products with an alcoholic percentage of less than 10 %.
2. at the sports venue and on bibs: advertising for tobacco, illegal drugs or products with an alcoholic percentage of more than 10 %. The FIL Executive Board can allow an exception of this prohibition following a request from the event organizer or the venue operator.
3. advertising conveying religious, racial or any other discrimination.

#### **Reason:**

Please refer to motion 1 artificial track. Exception: For natural track luge, the approval procedure is not favored and the branch exclusivity of the helmet advertising is not considered necessary (different sponsor situation).

#### **Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

None

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

**Applicant: NT Commission**

**IRO § 8**

**Motion No. 7**

*Translation (original language German)*

## **Old Text:**

### **2. General Regulations**

#### **2.1 Official Training Runs**

- 2.1.1 At least one forerunner must always be available at the start for each training run.  
The forerunner must not use the track as an after-runner at the end of any training run.

	Singles	Doubles
FIL championships	at least 2	at least 2
FIL championships	at least 1	at least 1
Other FIL championships	at least 1	at least 1

## **New Text:**

### **2. General Regulations**

#### **2.1 Official Training Runs**

- 2.1.1 At least one forerunner must always be available at the start for each training run.  
The forerunner must not use the track as an after-runner at the end of any training run.

	Singles	Doubles
FIL championships	at least 2	at least 2
<b>FIL junior championships</b>	<b>at least 2</b>	<b>1</b>
World Cups	at least 1	at least 1
<b>Junior World Cups</b>	<b>at least 1</b>	<b>1</b>
Other FIL competitions	at least 1	at least 1
<b>Other FIL junior competitions</b>	<b>at least 1</b>	<b>1</b>

## **Reason:**

Following numerous discussions in winter, the issue of doubles was also dealt with by the commission. The commission decided to reduce the number of training and competition runs by one for the juniors, JWC, and championships based on the knowledge gained the past few years.

## **Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

**Applicant: NT Commission**

**IRO § 10**

**Motion No. 8**

*Translation (original language German)*

## **Old Text:**

### **2.5 Pursuit Competition**

#### **2.5.5 Men's competition runs:**

##### **1st round:**

The starting order is based on the qualification times. The athletes with the slowest time start first, etc.

If the times are the same, the computer decides the draw.

Advancement to the next round:

26 competes against 25, the winner advances

24 against 23

22 against 21

etc.

If the times are equal, the athlete advances who started second in the dual (the leader, i.e., the one who had the better time in the previous round).

13 men remain; four lucky losers are then added who also advance to the second round.

The lucky losers are the four athletes who lost their direct dual but have the fastest four times in the ranking of the losers.

If the times are equal in fourth place, the fastest qualification time serves as the tiebreaker.

Of the 17 men, the athlete with the slowest time is dropped so that 16 men qualify for the next round. In the event of equal times, the athlete with the slowest qualification time is dropped.

If both athletes of a pair are dropped or are disqualified, an additional lucky loser advances to the next round.

##### **2nd round:**

16 starters (12 direct winners plus 4 lucky losers)

Starting order:

The starting order is based on the times from the first round. If the times are the same, the computer decides the draw.

Advancement to the next round:

16 competes against 15, the winner advances

14 against 13

12 against 11

etc.

If the times are equal, the athlete advances who started second in the dual (the leader, i.e., the one who had the better time in the previous round).

8 men remain; two lucky losers are then added who also advance to the third round.

The lucky losers are the two athletes who lost their direct dual but have the fastest two times in the ranking of the losers.

If the times are equal in second place, the fastest qualification time serves as the tiebreaker.

##### **3rd round:**

10 starters (8 direct winners plus 2 lucky losers)

Starting order:

The starting order is based on the times from the second round. If the times are the same, the computer decides the draw.

Advancement to the next round (finals)

10 against 9, the winner advances

8 against 7

6 against 5

etc.

If the times are equal, the athlete advances who started second in the dual (the leader, i.e., the one who had the better time in the previous round).

5 men are left; one lucky loser is added — the fastest athlete who was dropped in the direct comparison.

If the times are equal, the fastest qualification time serves as the tiebreaker.

**4th round (finals):**

6 starters

Starting order:

The starting order is based on the times from the third round. If the times are the same, the computer decides the draw.

In the finals for the last six athletes, the starting order is based on time, i.e., the sixth, followed by the fifth, etc.

The ranking is based on the times; there are no direction duels in the final round.

If the times are equivalent, a discretionary placement is made for the respective rank.

**2.5.6 Women's competition runs:**

**1st round:**

The starting order is based on the qualification times. The athletes with the slowest time start first, etc.

If the times are the same, the computer decides the draw.

Advancement to the next round:

16 competes against 15, the winner advances

14 against 13

12 against 11

etc.

If the times are equal, the athlete advances who started second in the dual (the leader, i.e., the one who had the better time in the previous round).

8 women remain; two lucky losers are then added who also advance to the third round.

The lucky losers are the two athletes who lost their direct dual but have the fastest two times in the ranking of the losers.

If the times are equal in second place, the fastest qualification time serves as the tiebreaker.

If both athletes of a pair are dropped or are disqualified, an additional lucky loser advances to the next round.

**2nd round:**

10 starters (8 direct winners plus 2 lucky losers)

Starting order:

The starting order is based on the times from the first round. If the times are the same, the computer decides the draw.

Advancement to the next round:

10 competes against 9, the winner advances

8 against 7

6 against 5

etc.

If the times are equal, the athlete advances who started second in the dual (the leader, i.e., the one who had the better time in the previous round).

5 women remain; one lucky loser is then added who also advance to the third round.

If the times are equal, the fastest qualification time serves as the tiebreaker.

**3rd round (finals):**

6 starters

Starting order:

The starting order is based on the times from the second round. If the times are the same, the computer decides the draw.

In the finals for the last six athletes, the starting order is based on time, i.e., the sixth, followed by the fifth, etc.

The ranking is based on the times; there are no direction duels in the final round.

If the times are equivalent, a discretionary placement is made for the respective rank.

**2.5.7 Doubles competition runs:**

**1st round:**

The starting order is based on the qualification times. The doubles with the slowest time start first, etc.

If the times are the same, the computer decides the draw.

Advancement to the next round:

16 competes against 15, the winner advances

14 against 13

12 against 11

etc.

If the times are equal, the athlete advances who started second in the dual (the leaders, i.e., the ones who had the better time in the previous round).

8 doubles remain; two lucky losers are then added who also advance to the third round.

The lucky losers are the two athletes who lost their direct dual but have the fastest two times in the ranking of the losers.

If the times are equal in second place, the fastest qualification time serves as the tiebreaker.

If both doubles of a pair are dropped or are disqualified, an additional lucky loser advances to the next round.

**2nd round:**

10 starters (8 direct winners plus 2 lucky losers)

Starting order:

The starting order is based on the times from the first round. If the times are the same, the computer decides the draw.

Advancement to the next round:

10 competes against 9, the winner advances

8 against 7

6 against 5

etc.

If the times are equal, the athlete advances who started second in the dual (the leaders, i.e., the ones who had the better time in the previous round).

5 doubles remain; one lucky loser is then added who also advance to the third round.

If the times are equal, the fastest qualification time serves as the tiebreaker.

**3rd round (finals):**

6 starters

Starting order:

The starting order is based on the times from the second round. If the times are the same, the computer decides the draw.

In the finals for the last six athletes, the starting order is based on time, i.e., the sixth, followed by the fifth, etc.

The ranking is based on the times; there are no direct duels in the final round.  
If the times are equivalent, a discretionary placement is made for the respective rank.

### **New Text:**

## **2.5 Pursuit Competition**

### **2.5.5 Men's competition runs:**

#### **1st round:**

The starting order is based on the qualification times. The athletes with the slowest time start first, etc.

If the times are the same, the computer decides the draw.

Advancement to the next round:

26 competes against 1, the winner advances

25 against 2

24 against 3

etc.

If the times are equal, the athlete advances who started second in the dual (the leader, i.e., the one who had the better time in the previous round).

13 men remain; **three** lucky losers are then added who also advance to the second round.

The lucky losers are the **three** athletes who lost their direct dual but have the fastest four times in the ranking of the losers.

If the times are equal in **third** place, the fastest qualification time serves as the tiebreaker.

**16 men qualify for the next round. In the event of equal times, the athlete with the slowest qualification time is dropped.**

If both athletes of a pair are dropped or are disqualified, an additional lucky loser advances to the next round.

#### **2nd round:**

16 starters (13 direct winners plus 3 lucky losers)

Starting order:

The starting order is based on the times from the first round. If the times are the same, the computer decides the draw.

Advancement to the next round:

16 competes against 1, the winner advances

15 against 2

14 against 3

etc.

If the times are equal, the athlete advances who started second in the dual (the leader, i.e., the one who had the better time in the previous round).

8 men remain; two lucky losers are then added who also advance to the third round.

The lucky losers are the two athletes who lost their direct dual but have the fastest two times in the ranking of the losers.

If the times are equal in second place, the fastest qualification time serves as the tiebreaker.

#### **3rd round:**

10 starters (8 direct winners plus 2 lucky losers)

Starting order:

The starting order is based on the times from the second round. If the times are the same, the computer decides the draw.

Advancement to the next round (finals)

10 against 1, the winner advances

9 against 2

8 against 3

etc.

If the times are equal, the athlete advances who started second in the dual (the leader, i.e., the one who had the better time in the previous round).

5 men are left; one lucky loser is added — the fastest athlete who was dropped in the direct comparison.

If the times are equal, the fastest qualification time serves as the tiebreaker.

#### **4th round (finals):**

6 starters

Starting order:

The starting order is based on the times from the third round. If the times are the same, the computer decides the draw.

In the finals for the last six athletes, the starting order is based on time, i.e., the sixth, followed by the fifth, etc.

The ranking is based on the times; there are no direction duels in the final round.

If the times are equivalent, a discretionary placement is made for the respective rank.

### **2.5.6 Women's competition runs:**

#### **1st round:**

The starting order is based on the qualification times. The athletes with the slowest time start first, etc.

If the times are the same, the computer decides the draw.

Advancement to the next round:

16 competes against 1, the winner advances

15 against 2

14 against 3

etc.

If the times are equal, the athlete advances who started second in the dual (the leader, i.e., the one who had the better time in the previous round).

8 women remain; two lucky losers are then added who also advance to the third round.

The lucky losers are the two athletes who lost their direct dual but have the fastest two times in the ranking of the losers.

If the times are equal in second place, the fastest qualification time serves as the tiebreaker.

If both athletes of a pair are dropped or are disqualified, an additional lucky loser advances to the next round.

#### **2nd round:**

10 starters (8 direct winners plus 2 lucky losers)

Starting order:

The starting order is based on the times from the first round. If the times are the same, the computer decides the draw.

Advancement to the next round:

10 competes against 1, the winner advances

9 against 2

8 against 3

etc.

If the times are equal, the athlete advances who started second in the dual (the leader, i.e., the one who had the better time in the previous round).

5 women remain; one lucky loser is then added who also advance to the third round.

If the times are equal, the fastest qualification time serves as the tiebreaker.

#### **3rd round (finals):**

6 starters

Starting order:

The starting order is based on the times from the second round. If the times are the same, the computer decides the draw.

In the finals for the last six athletes, the starting order is based on time, i.e., the sixth, followed by the fifth, etc.

The ranking is based on the times; there are no direction duels in the final round.

If the times are equivalent, a discretionary placement is made for the respective rank.

### **2.5.7 Doubles competition runs:**

#### **1st round:**

The starting order is based on the qualification times. The doubles with the slowest time start first, etc.

If the times are the same, the computer decides the draw.

Advancement to the next round:

16 competes against 1, the winner advances

15 against 2

14 against 3

etc.

If the times are equal, the athlete advances who started second in the dual (the leaders, i.e., the ones who had the better time in the previous round).

8 doubles remain; two lucky losers are then added who also advance to the third round.

The lucky losers are the two athletes who lost their direct dual but have the fastest two times in the ranking of the losers.

If the times are equal in second place, the fastest qualification time serves as the tiebreaker.

If both doubles of a pair are dropped or are disqualified, an additional lucky loser advances to the next round.

#### **2nd round:**

10 starters (8 direct winners plus 2 lucky losers)

Starting order:

The starting order is based on the times from the first round. If the times are the same, the computer decides the draw.

Advancement to the next round:

10 competes against 1, the winner advances

9 against 2

8 against 3

etc.

If the times are equal, the athlete advances who started second in the dual (the leaders, i.e., the ones who had the better time in the previous round).

5 doubles remain; one lucky loser is then added who also advance to the third round.

If the times are equal, the fastest qualification time serves as the tiebreaker.

#### **3rd round (finals):**

6 starters

Starting order:

The starting order is based on the times from the second round. If the times are the same, the computer decides the draw.

In the finals for the last six athletes, the starting order is based on time, i.e., the sixth, followed by the fifth, etc.

The ranking is based on the times; there are no direct duels in the final round.

If the times are equivalent, a discretionary placement is made for the respective rank.

**Reason:**

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# IRO Amendment 2018



Artificial Track     Natural Track

**Applicant: NT Commission**

**IRO § 5**

**Motion No. 9**

**Old Text:**

§ 5 Sled and Equipment

1.7 Measured Areas

The above specified measurements and dimensions must be maintained over the entire sled.

**New Text:**

§ 5 Sled and Equipment

1.7 Measured Areas

The above specified measurements and dimensions must be maintained over the entire sled, **except 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).**

**Reason:**

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

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# General Motion to the 2018 FIL Congress



**Applicant: WG Marketing & Public Relations Campaign**

**Motion No. 1**

## **Motion:**

The WG AG Marketing and Public Relations Campaign recommends to the FIL Executive Board to no longer tolerate athletes taking drinking bottles and other branded items to the Leader's Box and sanction violations at FIL Championships and World Cups in the general class artificial track and natural track from the 2018/2019 season on.

## **Reason:**

Expansion of last year's resolution regarding flower and awards ceremonies, which has proven itself.

Protection of the FIL's main sponsors who contribute greatly to the financing of our events.

Athletes tend to overstate their own sponsor (on the drinking bottle) against the FIL's main sponsors, while the service the athletes get in return for the presence from their sponsors is often comparatively small.

The WG thinks that these advertising opportunities on drinking bottles and other items is not specified under §7 of the IRO and thus not permissible under the current rules. Therefore it is not necessary to announce a ban, but the compliance with the IRO has to be ensured, also by sanctioning violations.

# General Motion to the 2018 FIL Congress



**Applicant: Medical Commission**

**Motion No. 2**

## **Motion:**

### **First Aid Room Minimal Standards**

This is the list of the minimal standards / equipment that are needed in the first aid / emergency room at the sliding centers:

- a.** Cardiac resuscitation equipment including AED
- b.** Routine first aid supplies needed for wound care management (sterile and unsterile disposable gloves – various sizes; wound disinfectant; 1 -2 bandage scissors; wound gauze min. 2 Packages; compresses, sterile wound dressings; large sterile wound coverings; gauze bandages; short- stretch bandages; band-aid set/box; adhesive retention tape)
- c.** Suture kit for simple laceration care
- d.** Assorted splints, slings, and crutches needed for acute fracture stabilization
- e.** 1-2 rescue stretcher, 1 (folding) scoop stretcher, 1 spine board (backboard) or vacuum mattress
- f.** Cervical collars (Stif Nec) / stabilization – various sizes
- g.** Oxygen tank with supplies (Ambu bag with masks in different sizes; Guedel tube set – different sizes)
- h.** Emergency IV (- intravenous fluid therapy) equipment and normal saline infusion
- i.** Emergency medication kit, which includes medications needed for acute asthma attack, allergic reaction, cardiac event and pain control
- j.** The first aid room must be heated, dry and clean
- k.** The room must be of an appropriate size and amount of supplies need for the type of event and size of event
- l.** Telephone list (-> emergency dispatch center / emergency physician / emergency service, hospitals, helicopter...
- m.** Room furnishings: 1 examination table, 1 table, chairs for at least 2 – 3 people, adequate lightning
- n.** The room must have running water, sink, soap and hand disinfectant
- o.** The room should have privacy from spectators and media
- p.** The room must be clearly marked as first aid /emergency care room
- q.** Monitored connection to track video is recommended, so staff can have live feed to ensure quick response to crashes and injuries
- r.** Available over the counter medication additional for GI distress, pain and allergy
- s.** There must be easy access to room for emergency vehicle and ambulance

This list is the minimal equipment needed and can be added to by the local organizing committee.

**Reason:**

According to the 2017 FIL Congress Constanza, Romania resolution and at the request of the FIL Medical Commission and the FIL Track Construction Commission a list of FIL minimum standards for first aid room equipment at the track is to be submitted to the 2018 Congress in order to ensure optimal emergency medical care to the athletes (coaches, spectators) during training and competition!

# General Motion to the 2018 FIL Congress



**Applicant: Swedish Bobsleigh And Luge Federation**

**Motion No. 3**

## **Motion:**

### **Alpine luge, the folk festival of lugging**

For several years the Swedish Bobsleigh and Luge Federation have been developing a discipline within luge where we compete on snow, Alpine luge, in a regular ski slope. It has been of big success for us to keep the sledge sports alive within our country. With this new form we have a sport that is applicable in any ski resort. A sport that can be available for the families, from children to grandparents, and in the future give participants joy in competing or just lugging for fun and recreation. By introducing a more public form of lugging we think that our other disciplines will gain publicity and interest to younger public, as people develop their skills on snow, some will likely head to the ice sports.

In Sweden we have a touring national championship week where many winter/summer sports gathers together in winter/summer for a week. In cooperation with national television and the national sports federation. This is cause for a folk festival with the feeling of a local national Olympic Game in the hosting city. Competing on snow has given us the opportunity to be a part of these winter national games and it gives us a unique opportunity to be present in national TV, local media and to introduce the sport to the public of the hosting city.

### **Alpine luge races**

Our competitions is closest compared to giant slalom or super G slalom. In a regular ski slope, we set a course using snowboard slalom flags and compete in two runs with the best total time or in heats of parallel runs.

Therefore the Swedish Bobsleigh and Luge Federation ask the FIL congress to admit Alpine Luge as a discipline within the federation and be the governing body for this folk sport.

## **Reason:**

Alpine Luge has quickly become our biggest form of sled sport here in Sweden. Without any artificial tracks and only one natural track this is our biggest hope of keeping the sled sports within our country. As it introduces people to sledding, we think that this in time will generate more athletes to our federation's ice sports. We also think that Alpine Luge could help FIL establish in new countries who is missing traditional tracks. FIL should take the opportunity before ISSU takes it under their wings.

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**Annual Statement of Account April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018**

**Income:**

Annual Membership Fee from National Feredations	€	8.200,00
Return of Investments, Dividends, Interests	€	253.584,17
IOC Subsidies	€	88.983,05
Television an Advertising Revenues	€	1.435.500,00
Miscellaneous Income	€	4.591,50

**2017/2018 Total Income**

**€ 1.790.858,72**

**Expenses:**

Management and Administrative	€	461.485,06
FIL Comissions, Meetings, Congress	€	177.395,68
Travel Expenses Executive Board and Officials	€	98.306,02
Publications, Translation Expenses	€	39.355,57
Advertising, Public Relations Work	€	445.688,34
Social Media, Spezialized Litratue, Membership Fees	€	40.017,20
Athletes Subsidies, Trophies, Prize Money	€	1.596.030,05
Doping Controls	€	104.305,45
Subsidies for Organizers and Organization	€	1.010.813,60
Expenses for Permanent TDs/Directors	€	185.860,81
Development Program, "Patenschaft" Program	€	936.701,99
Special Programs, Development Womens Doubles Sled	€	183.661,39
Flight and Travel Subsidies to Athletes	€	250.157,38
TV Expenses	€	683.186,02
Miscellaneous Expenses	€	191.213,92
Description of Buildings, Equipments	€	49.769,07

**2017/2018 Total Expenses**

**€ 6.453.947,55**



**List of the FIL's financial assets as per March 31, 2018**

**1. FINANCIAL ASSETS:**

**LGT Bank in Liechtenstein AG.**

**a) Current accounts:**

CHF account	CHF	9.209,37	EUR	7.820,62		
EUR account			EUR	303.696,74		
USD account	USD	104.121,36	EUR	84.644,63		
EUR account GEO			EUR	633,86	<b>EUR</b>	<b>396.795,85</b>

**b) Call money:**

USD call money	USD	3.500.000,00	EUR	2.845.297,13		
interest not yet due as per March 31, 2018			EUR	66,26	<b>EUR</b>	<b>2.845.363,39</b>

**c) Investments liquidity:**

EUR account Liqu.			EUR	3.965,15		
USD account Liqu.	USD	146.028,58	EUR	118.712,77	<b>EUR</b>	<b>122.677,92</b>

**d) Investments:**

Bond funds			EUR	5.550.539,51		
Structured bond products			EUR	770.938,62		
Equity funds			EUR	782.723,29		
Hedge funds			EUR	234.689,21		
Private Equity			EUR	155.204,16		
Real estate funds			EUR	420.108,00		
Commodity funds			EUR	151.836,13	<b>EUR</b>	<b>8.066.038,92</b>

**e) Financing office Nonntal 10:**

Liquidity			EUR	104.553,38		
Fixed advances (credit)			EUR	- 1.370.000,00		
Interest not yet due as per March 31, 2018			EUR	- 10.085,33	<b>EUR</b>	<b>- 1.275.531,95</b>

**Salzburger Sparkasse Bank AG:**

Current account			EUR	55,18	<b>EUR</b>	<b>55,18</b>
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**Berchtesgadener Sparkasse:**

Account No. 365.171			EUR	7.642,25		
Konto Nr. 144.618			EUR	71.994,85	<b>EUR</b>	<b>79.637,10</b>

<b>S u b t o t a l</b>					<b>EUR</b>	<b>10.235.036,41</b>
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<b>S u b t o t a l</b>				<b>EUR</b>	<b>10.235.036,41</b>
<b><u>DKB Berlin:</u></b>					
Account No. 34.698		EUR	40,49	<b>EUR</b>	<b>40,49</b>
<b><u>Petty cash FIL office Berchtesgaden:</u></b>					
EUR cash		EUR	1.439,31		
USD cash	USD	63,27	EUR	51,41	
CAD cash	CAD	500,00	EUR	314,05	
CHF cash	CHF	94,50	EUR	80,35	
JPY cash	JPY	651.053,00	EUR	4.948,01	
PLN cash	PLN	10,00	EUR	2,37	
SEK cash	SEK	21,20	EUR	2,07	
RUB cash	RUB	4.730,00	EUR	67,17	
LAT cash	LAT	56,38	EUR	84,57	
WON cash	WON	153.000,00	EUR	122,40	<b>EUR 7.111,71</b>
<b>1. TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS AS OF MARCH 31, 2018</b>					<b>EUR 10.242.188,61</b>
<b><u>2. OTHER ASSETS:</u></b>					
<b><u>Receivables as per March 31, 2018 for 2018/2018:</u></b>					
Receivables according to accounting				<b>EUR</b>	<b>77.874,15</b>
<b><u>Prepaid expenses for 2018/2019:</u></b>					
according to accounting				<b>EUR</b>	<b>18.451,90</b>
<b>2. TOTAL OTHER ASSETS AS PER MARCH 31, 2018:</b>					<b>EUR 96.326,05</b>
<b><u>3. LIABILITIES:</u></b>					
<b><u>Unrealized gains from investments as per March 31, 2018:</u></b>					
				<b>EUR -</b>	<b>178.723,65</b>
<b><u>Accounts payable as per March 31, 2018 for 2017/2018:</u></b>					
				<b>EUR -</b>	<b>311.241,36</b>
<b>3. TOTAL LIABILITIES:</b>					<b>EUR - 489.965,01</b>
<b><u>4. FIXED ASSETS:</u></b>					
<b><u>Building:</u></b>					
Office Nonntal 10		EUR	1.277.934,79		
less depreciation as per March 31, 2018		EUR -	17.038,79	<b>EUR</b>	<b>1.260.896,00</b>
<b><u>Operating and office equipment old:</u></b>					
Book value April 1, 2017		EUR	71.319,00		
less depreciation as per March 31, 2018		EUR -	23.262,00	<b>EUR</b>	<b>48.057,00</b>
<b><u>Operating and office equipment new:</u></b>					
Additions from 04/1/2017 to 03/31/2018		EUR	125.610,28		
less depreciation as per March 31, 2018		EUR -	9.468,28	<b>EUR</b>	<b>116.142,00</b>

<b><u>Sleds and accessories for artificial track:</u></b>		
according to list development manager	EUR	38.600,00
<b><u>Sleds and accessories for natural track:</u></b>		
Equipment and tools according to dev. manager	EUR	14.850,00
Sleds, steels, according to dev. manager	EUR	26.400,00
<b><u>4. TOTAL FIXED ASSETS:</u></b>	EUR	<b>1.504.945,00</b>

**COMPILATION:**

<b>1. Financial assets as per March 31, 2018</b>	EUR	<b>10.242.188,61</b>
<b>2. Other active assets as per March 31, 2018</b>	EUR	<b>96.326,05</b>
<b>3. Liabilities</b>	EUR -	<b>489.965,01</b>
<b>4. Fixed assets</b>	EUR	<b>1.504.945,00</b>
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<b>Total FIL assets as per March 31, 2018</b>	EUR	<b>11.353.494,65</b>
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Salzburg, April 7, 2018



Harald Steyrer  
FIL Vice President for Finance

**Annual Budget from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019**

**Income:**

Annual Membership Fee from National Federations	€	3.300,00	
Return of Investments, Dividends, Interests	€	220.000,00	
IOC Subsidies	€	99.000,00	
Television and Advertising Revenues	€	1.510.500,00	
Miscellaneous Income	€	4.000,00	
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<b><u>2018/2019 Total Income</u></b>			<b>€ 1.836.800,00</b>
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**Expenses:**

Management and Administrative	€	561.100,00	
FIL Commissions, Meetings, Congress	€	200.000,00	
Travel Expenses Executive Board and Officials	€	110.000,00	
Publications, Translation Expenses	€	68.000,00	
Advertising, Public Relations Work	€	463.000,00	
Social Media, Spezialized Literature, Membership Fees	€	54.000,00	
Athletes Subsidies, Trophies, Prize Money	€	1.772.100,00	
Doping Controls	€	120.000,00	
Subsidies for Organizers and Organization	€	1.175.500,00	
Expenses for Permanent TDs/Directors	€	196.500,00	
Development Program, "Patenschaft" Program	€	1.020.000,00	
Special Programs, Development Womens Doubles Sled	€	180.000,00	
Flight and Travel Subsidies to Athletes	€	300.000,00	
TV Expenses	€	740.000,00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	€	224.000,00	
Description of Buildings, Equipments	€	55.000,00	
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<b><u>2018/2019 Total Expenses</u></b>			<b>€ 7.239.200,00</b>
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<b><u>Release of Reserves 2018/2019 from Annual Budget</u></b>			<b>€ 5.402.400,00</b>
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**To the 66th FIL Congress 2018  
in Bratislava / SVK**

**AUDIT REPORT of May 6, 2018**

We, the undersigned, members of the Control Commission, in accordance with our mandate and in the period from May 4 to May 6, 2018, in Prein an der Rax / AUT, examined the accounts, the annual financial statement for March 31, 2018 and all transactions for the business year 2017 / 2018.

We find that:

1. the accounts were correctly kept in accordance with the legal requirements,
2. all documentary evidence and bank statements are available and agree with the account entries,
3. we have checked the assets and liabilities as of March 31, 2018 for any impairment, and established that they were correct on that date,
4. the annual financial statement for March 31, 2018 and the balance sheet for March 31, 2018 are in agreement with the figures in the accounts.

The annual financial statement for March 31, 2018 shows:

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>1,790,858.72</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>6,453,947.55</b>
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<b>Net outlay of resources</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>4,663,088.83</b>
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The extremely pleasing development of our assets at the LGT Bank in Liechtenstein continued this year also and therefore again much higher yields from dividends and interest (budget item 1300) than in the budgetary estimate were achieved.

In the period from July 2, 2014 to March 31, 2018, our assets at the LGT Bank in Liechtenstein achieved overall performances of 15.07% in the "emergency reserve" funds or about 4.03% p.A. and 11.15% in the "working capital deposits" or about 2.98% p.A..

The differences between actual expenditures and the budgetary estimates have already been extensively covered in the notes to the annual accounts 2017/2018 are viewed in the same way by the members of the Control Commission and therefore require no further comment.

The random check of the inventory assets of the FIL on March 31, 2018 showed agreement of the items to hand with the records.

**Comments on the audit**

We find that, beyond the business transactions already discussed, there are no noteworthy changes relative to the estimates for 2017/2018 to be discussed

Dear Delegates, we once again find that, in the year 2017/2018, now ended, a year that has again been economically and financially challenging, our FIL Vice-President for Finance, Harald Steyrer, has managed the FIL's assets extremely professionally, prudently and, together with the FIL Presidium, with more than usual commitment, successfully, to 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 Finances works outstandingly well.

We should like to thank our colleagues in the FIL office, headed by Executive Director Christoph Schweiger, for their outstanding work..

For the year now ended, 2017/2018, it is therefore our earnest wish to thank the FIL Presidium with President Josef Fendt at its head, and especially the Vice-President for Finances Harald Steyrer, 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.

On the basis of the audit that we have carried out, we recommend that Congress grant release with thanks to the Vice-President for Finances Harald Steyrer, the Presidium of the FIL, the whole Executive and the Control Commission.

For the Control Commission:



Derek Prentice  
Chairman



Vlasta Vavruskova  
Member

Vienna, May 6, 2018

## **International Luge Federation (FIL)**

**Report on agreed-upon  
procedures concerning the**

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
as at 31 March 2018**

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## **List of abbreviations**

EUR	Euro
FIL	International Luge Federation (Fédération Internationale de Luge de Course)
UGB	Austrian Business Code
IFAC	International Federation of Accountants
ISA	International Standards on Auditing
ISRS	International Standard on Related Services
IAASB	International Accounting and Assurance Standards Board

## **1 Engagement and implementation of agreed-upon procedures**

### **1.1 Agreed-upon procedures**

Based on an engagement as of 09 May 2018 by the

International Luge Federation, 5071 Wals-Salzburg,  
(hereinafter also referred to as "FIL")

we have been instructed to carry out procedures agreed upon in detail with regard to the Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the International Luge Federation as at 31 March 2018.

In accordance with the engagement and in compliance with "Fachgutachten KFS/PG 14" the following procedures had to be performed:

- Obtaining external confirmations of the credit balances and debit balances in bank accounts and securities accounts as defined by the International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 505 "External Confirmations", to compare the balances of assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2018 with the bank letters and to determine deviations.
- Inspection of the cash journal to compare the balances of assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2018 with the account books.
- Obtaining external confirmations of the accounts receivable as at 31 March 2018 and accounts payable as at 31 March 2018 on a test basis of ten. The selection of random has to include the five highest accounts receivables and accounts payables and moreover at random. Provided that the relevant outstanding items are balanced at the time of the procedure, it is permitted to verify instead of external confirmations the payment flow in compliance with bank statements.

## 1.2 Implementation of agreed-upon procedures

The agreed-upon procedures were implemented in May and June 2018, with Mr. Ewald Klösch as the leading person.

Neither an audit nor a review was carried out, so that no assurance is expressed.

The sole purpose of the instruction is to check accuracy of the Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the International Luge Federation as at 31 March 2018 by means of agreed-upon procedures in order to be able to document accuracy vis-à-vis the bodies and members of FIL. Our report must not be used for any other purpose.

Our activities were based on the General Conditions of Contract for the Public Accounting Professions issued by the *Kammer der Wirtschaftstreuhänder* [Austrian Chamber of Public Accountants and Tax Advisors]. A copy thereof is attached to this report as Annex 4.

## 1.3 Documents

The following material documents were taken into consideration:

- a. Status of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2018 (Annex 1)
- b. Detailed list "Accounts receivable as at 31 March 2018" (Annex 2)
- c. Detailed list "Accounts payable as at 31 March 2018" (Annex 3)

## 2 Findings

### 2.1 Credit balances and debit balances in banks

The check of credit balances and debit balances in bank accounts and securities accounts as stated in the "Status of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2018" was carried out by sending letters to banks and by obtaining the relevant confirmations directly from those banks as defined by the International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 505 "External Confirmations". We received all letters of confirmation directly by post.

The credit balances and debit balances in accounts and securities accounts stated in the "Status of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2018" were confirmed by the relevant banks.

### 2.2 Other assets

The "Status of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2018" shows "accounts receivable according to bookkeeping" in the total amount of EUR 77,874.15 as other assets.

We examined those accounts receivable on a test basis as agreed upon, which examination covered a total amount of EUR 68,895.79 (88%).

For the claim against the OCT OWS Beijing 2022 in the amount of € 13,688.05 (travel costs) it is not yet clear which institution ultimately assumes these costs.

The examination of "unrealised price changes assets 31 March 2018" was not part of the agreed-upon procedures.

### 2.3 Liabilities

The "Status of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2018" shows "liabilities as at 31 March 2018" in the amount of EUR 311,241.36.

We examined those accounts receivable on a test basis as agreed upon, which examination covered a total amount of EUR 216,819.86 (70%).

### 3 Final remarks

The engagement was undertaken in compliance with the statutory provisions applicable in Austria as well as in accordance with the International Standard on Related Services (ISRS) 4400 "Engagements to Perform Agreed-Upon Procedures Regarding Financial Information" issued by the International Accounting and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC).

Neither an audit nor a review was carried out, so that no assurance is expressed.

We would like to point out that in the course of additional examination procedures, reviews or an audit of annual financial statements additional aspects may be found, on which we would then report.

Our activities were based on the General Conditions of Contract for the Public Accounting Professions issued by the *Kammer der Wirtschaftstreuhänder* [Austrian Chamber of Public Accountants and Tax Advisors]. A copy thereof is attached to this report as Annex 4.

If it is established that pecuniary damage is due to gross negligence on our part, our liability shall be limited to EUR 2,000,000 in accordance with the provisions of Section 275 (2) UGB.

In accordance with the regulation contained in the General Conditions of Contract for Audits of Annual Accounts liability on our part for slight negligence is excluded. The limitation of our liability also applies vis-à-vis any third party that takes or refrains from taking actions in reliance upon these agreed-upon procedures.

**SOT Süd-Ost Treuhand GmbH**  
**Wirtschaftsprüfungs- und Steuerberatungsgesellschaft**



*Nina Klösch*

Mag Nina Klösch

Auditors

*Ewald Klösch*

MMag Ewald Klösch

Salzburg, 11 June 2018

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No bids received.

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No bids received.

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FIL  
z. hd. Christoph Schweiger  
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Innsbruck, am 04.05.2018

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren

anbei möchte ich im Namen des Österreichischen Rodelverbandes folgende Kandidatenvorschläge für die Wahlen beim 66. FIL-Kongress abgeben:

Kandidatenvorschläge für die Wahl der Exekutivmitglieder:

Präsident: Josef Fendt (GER)  
Generalsekretär: Einars Fogelis (LAT)  
Vizepräsident Finanzen: Harald Steyrer (AUT)  
Vizepräsident Naturbahn: Peter Knauseder (AUT)

Kandidatenvorschläge für die Wahl von:

Rechtsausschuss: Dr. Andreas Ruetz (AUT)  
Spotkommission: Rene Friedl (GER)  
Technische Kommission: Peter Penz (AUT)  
Naturbahnkommission: Bruno Kammerlander (AUT)  
Kommission Jugend / Entwicklung: Sandra Lemberg (GER)

Bitte um Info, welche Unterlagen / Erklärungen seitens der Kandidaten bis zur Wahl noch eingebracht werden müssen.

mit der Bitte um Kenntnisnahme

mit freundlichen Grüßen



Reinhard Poller  
Generalsekretär ÖRV

May 10, 2018

FIL Office  
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Germany  
Attention: Christoph Schweiger

Re: Nominations of Candidates for Election

Dear Christoph,

The Canadian Luge Association would like to make the following nominations for elections at the 2018 FIL Congress in Bratislava, Slovakia.

For International Luge Board membership

*Mr. Edward Moffat – Member at Large*

*Mr. Walter Corey – Chair of the Technical Commission in Artificial Track*

For the International Luge Federation Commission membership;

*Mr. Wolfgang Staudinger – Sport Commission in Artificial Track*

*Mr. Bernhard Glass – Technical Commission in Artificial Track*

*Mr. Chris Wightman – Commission in Natural Track*

Yours in Sport,



Tim Farstad  
Executive Director  
Canadian Luge Association



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Berchtesgaden den, 24.04.2018

### **Wahlvorschläge Deutschland zum FIL Kongress 2018 in Bratislava**

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,  
der Bob und Schlittenverband für Deutschland e.V. möchte zum FIL Kongress 2018 in Bratislava  
folgende Vorschläge zu den Neuwahlen einbringen:

- |                                  |                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Präsident                     | Josef Fendt         |
| 2. Technische-Kommission KB      | Georg Hackl         |
| 3. Sportkommission KB            | Norbert Loch        |
| 4. Naturbahnkommission           | Thomas Niemetz      |
| 5. Vorsitzender Jugendkommission | Hans Jürgen Köhne   |
| 6. Vorsitzender Rechtsausschuss  | Dr. Christian Krähe |
| 7. Ethikbeauftragter             | Norbert Hiedl       |

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Thomas Schwab



FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA  
SPORT INVERNALI

Milan, 11<sup>th</sup> may 2018

Attention to  
Mr. Cristoph Schweiger  
Executive Director  
FIL  
International Luge Federation

**FIL Congress 2018 Bratislava:  
Nomination of Candidates for the Executive Board and the Commissions**

Dear Mr. Schweiger,

The Italian Winter Sport Federation, in order to ensure the best experts to the FIL Executive Board and Commissions, is going to support the candidacy of the following nominations:

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Vice President Technical Matters Artificial Track

**ARMIN ZÖGGELER**

Expert Commission Sport - Artificial Track

Member

**KURT BRUGGER**

Expert Commission Technical – Artificial Track

Member

**OSWALD HASELRIEDER**

Expert Commission Natural Track

Member

**EVI MITTERSTIELER**

Thanking in advance for your attention.  
Best regards

Flavio Roda



May. 03. 2018

Regional Vice President Asia Recommendation Letter

Dear whom it may Concern,

Korea Luge Federation highly Recommend Mrs. PARK Jieun as a candidate for FIL Regional Vice President Asia.

She has excellent communication skills such as Sport diplomacy. In addition, She is extremely make the happen that coordination between Asia Nations.

Mrs. Park would be a tremendous asset for Luge Sport and Highest recommendation. if you have any further Questions with regard to her qualifications. Please do not hesitate to contact korea Luge federation.

Professional Career

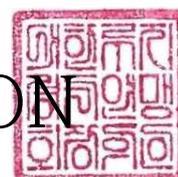
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| 2018 |           | Deputy Chef de Mission,<br>Korea House for 2018 PyeongChang Winter<br>Olympic Game                                |
| 2016 | - Present | Ex Officio member,<br>The PyeongChang Organizing Committee<br>for the 2018 Olympic<br>and Paralympic Winter Games |
| 2016 | - Present | Executives Board Member,<br>Korea Sports & Olympic committee  |
| 2016 | - Present | President,<br>Korea Luge Federation   |
| 2016 | - Present | Vice President,   |

Taegu Science University  
4/2016 - 8/2016 Vice President,  
Korea Luge Federation  
2013 - Present Women in Sport Commission member  
Korea Sports & Olympic committee  
2013 Executives Board Member,  
Korea Judo Association

#### Sporting Achievements

2018 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympic Game  
- Men's Single 30th  
- Women's Single 8th, 18th  
- Double 9th  
- Team Relay 9th

KOREA LUGE FEDERATION



Mr. Josef Fendt  
President of FIL and  
FIL Executive Board

Riga, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

Nr. 53

*FIL Congress 2018 in Bratislav:*

*Nomination of Candidates for the Executive Board and the Commissions*

Dear Mr. Fendt and FIL Executive Board,

Latvian Luge Federation very appreciates your job regarding to our communication with International Luge Federation. Thanks to you we have realized many events and projects. We are very thankful for your support and cooperation.

In accordance with the FIL statutes, we would like to nominate candidates for the election of the FIL Executive Board and Commissions:

The Executive Board:

- Secretary General - Einars Fogelis

The Commissions:

- Technical Commission – Martins Rubenis
- Youth Commission – Zintis Saicans
- Sport Commission – Atis Strenga

Best regards,

Secretary General



Dace Gods - Romanovska



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Date 14.05.2018

## Candidate for election to the position of Executive Board member

The Norwegian Luge-, Bob- and Skeleton Federation are proposing Harald Rolfsen as a candidate for election to the position of Executive Board member 2018 – 2020 at the FIL 2018 Congress.

Harald Rolfsen has been in several positions in the FIL since 1998. This gives Mr. Rolfsen a unique position, as he knows the history in FIL and also has the authority to do a good job as an Executive Board member.

Norges Ake-, Bob- og Skeletonforbund

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Thomas Vesteraas'.

Thomas Vesteraas  
Secretary General



## Erika Votz

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**Betreff:** 2018 elections

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**Von:** Geoff Balme <[gbalme@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gbalme@xtra.co.nz)>  
**Gesendet:** Montag, 14. Mai 2018 11:29  
**An:** Christoph Schweiger <[Schweiger@fil-luge.org](mailto:Schweiger@fil-luge.org)>  
**Betreff:** 2018 elections

Hi Christoph

The New Zealand Olympic Luge Association would like to make the following nominations for the upcoming elections:

EB Member at large – Geoff Balme, New Zealand  
EB Member at large – Dwight Bell, USA  
VP Oceania – Geoff Balme, New Zealand

I look forward to meeting you at the Congress.

Thanks and best regards

Geoff

**Geoff Balme**  
**President**  
**New Zealand Olympic Luge Association Inc**  
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11/05/2018

International luge Federation  
President  
Josef Fendt  
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Dear Mr. Fendt,  
Dear Josef,

Russian luge Federation recommends a candidate of Einars Fogelis for a post of General Secretary of the International luge Federation.

Mr. Fogelis is the FIL Vice President Technical Matters Artificial Track. He is a very responsible and hard-working person with rich experience in luge sport and the international Olympic movement. Einars practiced in the position of General Secretary of Latvian Olympic Committee and we consider that he will succeed in this position.

*Faithfully yours,*

Natalia Gart  
President



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**Herrn Josef Fendt**  
**FIL Praesident**

**Moskau**  
**11.05.2018**

**Sehr geehrter Herr Praesident,**  
**Lieber Joseph,**

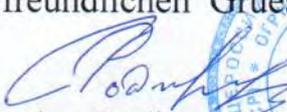
Der Russische Rennrodelverband schlaegt Kandidatur von Frau Natalia Gart als FIL Vize-Praesidentin Naturbahn vor. Falls sie nicht gewaehlt wird, nominieren wir Frau N. Gart als FIL Exekutivmitglied.

Sie begann ihre Taetigkeit im Russischen Rennrodelverband 2010 als Beraterin des Presidenten. 2012 wurde sie als Presidentin des RRV gewaehlt. Seit dieser Zeit fuehrt Frau Gart eine aktive Arbeit im Rennrodelsport auf Kunstbahn und Naturbahn sowohl in Russland als auch in der Welt durch.

GmbH "GRM Group", die Frau Gart leitet, war Generalsponsor bei der WM in Vancouver, mehrerer WM auf Naturbahn. Einige Jahre ist ihre "GRM Group" Generalsponsor der FIL im Naturbahnsport. Einen grossen Beitrag leistet sie zur Durchfuehrung aller internationalen FIL Rennen in Russland. Ihre Taetigkeit als Presidentin trug zur einer soliden Entwicklung des Rennrodelsportes und Naturban in den russischen Regionen, sowie auch den hohen Ergebnissen bei den internationalen FIL Rennen. Eine grosse Arbeit wurde von Frau Gart mit Mass Media, TV und im Marketing Bereich durchgefuehrt, was zur Popularisierung des Rennrodelsportes und Naturbahn in Russlad beitrug. Fuer ihre erfolgreiche Taetigkeit im Rennrodelsport wurde Frau Gart mit Ehrenkunden und Ehrenzeichen vom Sportministerium und staatlichen Organen verschiedener Regionen Russlands ausgezeichnet. Fuer die aktive Teilnahme an der Vorbereitung und Durchfuehrung der OWS Sochi 2014 wurde Frau Gart mit den Ehrenkunden vom Presidenten Russlands Herrn V. Putin, von der FIL, OK President Sochi 2014 und vom IOC Praesident Herrn Thomas Bach ausgezeichnet.

Beschluss der Exekutive - einstimmig

Mit freundlichen Gruessen,

  
Gennady Rodionov,  
Vize-President





## NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE TO FILS EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Swedish Bobsleigh and Luge Federation hereby nominate **Mr. Peter Knauseder** candidate for election as Vice president Naturbahn and member of the Executive Board of the FIL.

Mr. Knauseder is today doing a great job leading the development of Natural track and The Swedish Bobsleigh and Luge Federation would prefer if he could continue his work towards the next Olympics in Beijing 2022.

Niclas Bentzer – Secretary General  
Swedish Bobsleigh and Luge Federation



Östersund 23.04.2018

# UNITED STATES LUGE ASSOCIATION



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April 11, 2018

Mr. Josef Fendt  
President  
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**Transmitted via email to:**  
**Fendt@fil-luge.org**  
**Schweiger@fil-luge.org**

Mr. Christoph Schweiger  
Executive Director  
International Luge Federation  
5071 Salzburg-Wals, Austria  
ZVR 80131917

Dear Mr. Josef Fendt and Mr. Christoph Schweiger,

Pursuant to the May 14, 2018 deadline for Executive Board nominations the United States Luge Association would like to put forward the following individual for nomination to the FIL Executive Board.

Please accept this letter as our unequivocal recommendation for Claire DelNegro as Vice President Sport/Artificial Track.

If there is any additional information you need from us, please reach out to me. I look forward to seeing you both at the 66<sup>th</sup> FIL Congress in June.

Kind regards,

Jim Leahy  
CEO / Executive Director  
United States Luge Association

Cc: Ms. Erin Warren  
President  
Board of Directors  
United States Luge Association

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May 13, 2018

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Please accept this letter as our unequivocal recommendation for Dwight Bell to the Executive Board as a Member At Large.

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Kind regards,

Jim Leahy  
CEO / Executive Director  
United States Luge Association

Cc: Ms. Erin Warren  
President  
Board of Directors  
United States Luge Association

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FIL  
z. hd. Christoph Schweiger  
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Innsbruck, am 04.05.2018

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren

anbei möchte ich im Namen des Österreichischen Rodelverbandes folgende Kandidatenvorschläge für die Wahlen beim 66. FIL-Kongress abgeben:

Kandidatenvorschläge für die Wahl der Exekutivmitglieder:

Präsident: Josef Fendt (GER)  
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Vizepräsident Finanzen: Harald Steyrer (AUT)  
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mit der Bitte um Kenntnisnahme  
mit freundlichen Grüßen



Reinhard Poller  
Generalsekretär ÖRV

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z. Hd. Christoph Schweiger  
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Innsbruck, am 25.05.2018

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren

anbei möchte ich im Namen des Österreichischen Rodelverbandes folgenden Kandidatenvorschlag für die Wahl des Mitgliedes des Schiedsgerichtes bekanntgeben:

Mag. Dr. Michael Bielowski (AUT)

Im Falle der Wahl meiner Person zum Mitglied des Schiedsgerichtes bestätige ich hiermit, dass ich die Wahl annehme.

mit der Bitte um Kenntnissnahme und freundlichen Grüßen



Mag. Dr. Michael Bielowski  
Präsident ÖRV

May 10, 2018

FIL Office  
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Germany  
Attention: Christoph Schweiger

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*Mr. Bernhard Glass – Technical Commission in Artificial Track*

*Mr. Chris Wightman – Commission in Natural Track*

Yours in Sport,



Tim Farstad  
Executive Director  
Canadian Luge Association

**Von:** [Českomoravská sáňkařská asociace](#)  
**An:** [FIL Office](#)  
**Betreff:** candidate for the election  
**Datum:** Dienstag, 29. Mai 2018 10:43:52

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Dear friends,

we would like to inform you we have one candidate for the election as member in the Commission Natural Track:

Tomas Perun, Vice-President Natural Track of the Czech Luge Federation

best regards

Vlasta Vavruskova, secretary of the Czech Luge Federation

**Betreff:**

WG: Control Commission Nomination

-----Ursprüngliche Nachricht-----

Von: Gavin Arnold <gavinarnold130@gmail.com>

Gesendet: Donnerstag, 24. Mai 2018 10:35

An: Christoph Schweiger <Schweiger@fil-luge.org>

Cc: derek.prentice@outlook.com; markaluge@yahoo.co.uk; Graham Luge <grahamholmesluge@yahoo.co.uk>

Betreff: Control Commission Nomination

Guten Morgen Christoph,

On behalf of the Great Britain Luge Association I would like to submit our nomination for Mr Derek Prentice as substitute for the FIL Control Commission at the 2018 Congress.

I look forward to seeing you in Bratislava next month,

Best wishes,

Gavin Arnold

General Secretary

Great Britain Luge Association

**Von:** [Mark Armstrong](#)  
**An:** [FIL Office](#)  
**Cc:** [Graham Holmes](#); [Gavin Arnold](#); [Mark Hatton](#); [Derek Prentice](#); [Josef Fendt](#); "[Harald Steyrer](#)"; [Svein Romstad](#)  
([sromstad@icloud.com](mailto:sromstad@icloud.com)); [Christoph Schweiger](#)  
**Betreff:** Great Britain Luge Association Nomination  
**Datum:** Mittwoch, 23. Mai 2018 23:40:43

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Dear Sports Friends,

Please accept this email as the nomination by the GBLA for Mr Mark Hatton to be a member of the Commission Youth/Development Artificial Track.

Kind regards,

Mark

M A ARMSTRONG  
President GBLA



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Berchtesgaden den, 24.04.2018

### **Wahlvorschläge Deutschland zum FIL Kongress 2018 in Bratislava**

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,  
der Bob und Schlittenverband für Deutschland e.V. möchte zum FIL Kongress 2018 in Bratislava  
folgende Vorschläge zu den Neuwahlen einbringen:

- |                                  |                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Präsident                     | Josef Fendt         |
| 2. Technische-Kommission KB      | Georg Hackl         |
| 3. Sportkommission KB            | Norbert Loch        |
| 4. Naturbahnkommission           | Thomas Niemetz      |
| 5. Vorsitzender Jugendkommission | Hans Jürgen Köhne   |
| 6. Vorsitzender Rechtsausschuss  | Dr. Christian Krähe |
| 7. Ethikbeauftragter             | Norbert Hiedl       |

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Thomas Schwab



FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA  
SPORT INVERNALI

Milan, 11<sup>th</sup> may 2018

Attention to  
Mr. Cristoph Schweiger  
Executive Director  
FIL  
International Luge Federation

**FIL Congress 2018 Bratislava:  
Nomination of Candidates for the Executive Board and the Commissions**

Dear Mr. Schweiger,

The Italian Winter Sport Federation, in order to ensure the best experts to the FIL Executive Board and Commissions, is going to support the candidacy of the following nominations:

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Vice President Technical Matters Artificial Track

**ARMIN ZÖGGELER**

Expert Commission Sport - Artificial Track

Member

**KURT BRUGGER**

Expert Commission Technical – Artificial Track

Member

**OSWALD HASELRIEDER**

Expert Commission Natural Track

Member

**EVI MITTERSTIELER**

Thanking in advance for your attention.  
Best regards

Flavio Roda





# FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA SPORT INVERNALI

IL PRESIDENTE

Milan, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Attention to  
Mr. Cristoph Schweiger  
Executive Director  
FIL  
International Luge Federation

## **FIL Congress 2018 Bratislava: Nomination of Candidates for the Court of Arbitration Commission**

Dear Mr. Schweiger,

The Italian Winter Sport Federation is going to support the candidacy as follow:

### **FIL Court of Arbitration**

Representative of the Chairperson

**DR. RICHARD MOSER**

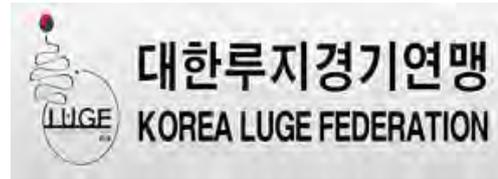
Thanking in advance for your attention.

Best regards

Flavio Roda  


Korea Luge Federation

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Olympic-ro 424, Songpa-Ku, Seoul, Korea



4<sup>th</sup>, April, 2018

To FIL Office,

Korea Luge Federation would officially like to recommend following Olympic experienced FIL judge to the “FIL Expert Commission” for **Sport** – Artificial Track.

1. Kyungyoung Lee

Korea Luge Federation would officially like to recommend following Olympic experienced FIL judge to the “FIL Expert Commission” for **Technical** – Artificial Track.

1. Sungsik Shin

Sincerely,

President of Korea Luge Federation,

Jieun Park,

Korea Luge Federation



**Kyungyoung Lee**  
**108-1503 Booyoung APT, Donong-ro 34**  
**Namyangju-si, Gyeonggi-do, South Korea**  
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## **OBJECTIVE**

To obtain a position in FIL expert commission for Sport – Artificial Track.

## **EDUCATION**

HanYang University in Seoul, Korea  
(03/2000 ~ 02/2004)

Bachelor of Science in  
Physical Education

## **LUGE RELAVANT EXPERIENCE**

06/2013 – 02/2014  
International Luge Federation (FIL)  
***FIL Intern***

03/2014 - CURRENT  
Korea Luge Federation (KLF)  
***PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympic Sport Administrator***

12/2015 – CURRENT  
International Luge Federation (FIL)  
***International Judge***

11/2016  
PyeongChang Olympic Sliding Centre Pre-Homologation (POCOG)  
***National Technical Official (NTO)***

02/2017  
Luge 1<sup>st</sup> International Training Week (ITW) in PyeongChang (POCOG)  
***Assistant Race Director***

02/2017  
2017 8<sup>th</sup> Viessmann Luge World Cup in PyeongChang / Luge Olympic Test Event (POCOG)  
***Assistant Race Director***

10/2017 - 11/2017  
Luge 2<sup>nd</sup> International Training Week (ITW) in PyeongChang (POCOG)  
***Assistant Race Director***

02/2018  
23<sup>rd</sup> 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympic Luge Event (POCOG)  
***Assistant Race Director***

02/2018 - CURRENT  
Korea Luge Federation (KLF)  
***Member of Judge Commission***



**Mr. Sungsik SHIN**  
**Date of Birth : December 10<sup>th</sup> 1956.**  
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## **OBJECTIVE**

To obtain a position in FIL expert commission for Technical – Artificial Track.

## **EDUCATION**

State of NewYork Univ. in U.S.A (09/1988~05/1994)	Bachelor of Science
Alliance Theological Seminary in U.S.A (09/1994~05/1996)	Master of Divinity

## **LUGE RELAVANT EXPERIENCE**

12/2015 – CURRENT

International Luge Federation (FIL)

*International Judge*

02/2018 - CURRENT

Korea Luge Federation (KLF)

*Chairman of Judge Commission*

11/2016

PyeongChang Olympic Sliding Centre Pre-Homologation (POCOG)

*National Technical Official (NTO)*

02/2017

Luge 1<sup>st</sup> International Training Week (ITW) in PyeongChang (POCOG)

*NTO-Start Leader*

10/2017 ~ 11/2017

Luge 2<sup>nd</sup> International Training Week (ITW) in PyeongChang (POCOG)

*NTO-Finish Leader*

02/2017

2017 8<sup>th</sup> Viessmann Luge World Cup in PyeongChang / Luge Olympic Test Event (POCOG)

*FIL Technical Delegate*

02/2018

23<sup>rd</sup> 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympic Luge Event (POCOG)

*FIL Technical Delegate*

Mr. Josef Fendt  
President of FIL and  
FIL Executive Board

Riga, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

Nr. 53

*FIL Congress 2018 in Bratislav:*

*Nomination of Candidates for the Executive Board and the Commissions*

Dear Mr. Fendt and FIL Executive Board,

Latvian Luge Federation very appreciates your job regarding to our communication with International Luge Federation. Thanks to you we have realized many events and projects. We are very thankful for your support and cooperation.

In accordance with the FIL statutes, we would like to nominate candidates for the election of the FIL Executive Board and Commissions:

The Executive Board:

- Secretary General - Einars Fogelis

The Commissions:

- Technical Commission – Martins Rubenis
- Youth Commission – Zintis Saicans
- Sport Commission – Atis Strenga

Best regards,

Secretary General



Dace Gods - Romanovska



Aangesloten bij NOC\*NSF, I.B.S.F. en F.I.L.

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per E-mail: [office@fil-luge.org](mailto:office@fil-luge.org)

Abcoude, May 24, 2018

Uw kenmerk :

Betreft : Candidacy Court of Arbitration

Dear Mr. Schweiger,

With this letter the Netherlands Bob and Sledding Federation (BSBN) would like to bring to the attention of the members participating in the FIL congress in Bratislava our proposal for the election of Ben Heijmeijer as Chairman of the Court of Arbitration.

Please find his resume in the annex.

Kind regards,

Dirk Jongkind  
general secretary

## **RESUME**

### **RELEVANT PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: Ben Heijmeijer  
Nationality: Dutch  
Date of Birth: March 18, 1959

### **RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE**

1997 – today: Schoenmaker Bedrijfsjuridisch Advies (Law firm)

### **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

2017 – today FIL: chairman of Court of Arbitration  
2014 – 2017 FIL: member of Court of Arbitration  
2010 IBSF: Special Advisory Committee  
1990-ies FIL: member Natural Track Committee  
1986 – today BSN (NL Federation): member of the Board, currently VP  
  
2002 – 2004 FIL: Team Captain Natural Track Luge  
1983 – 2000 FIL: Athlete Natural Track Luge

### **RELEVANT EDUCATION**

Master of Laws (LLM) (1990)

### **LANGUAGES**

Dutch (Native)  
English (Full Professional Proficiency)  
German (Full Professional Proficiency)  
French (Limited Working Proficiency)  
Russian (Elementary Proficiency)



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Date 14.05.2018

## **Candidate for election to the position of Sport – Artificial Track**

The Norwegian Luge-, Bob- and Skeleton Federation are proposing Jo Alexander Koppang as a candidate for election to the position of Sport – Artificial Track 2018 – 2020 at the FIL 2018 Congress.

Jo Alexander Koppang has been a luge athlete competing in the Olympic winter games in Sochi 2014. After this he has had different tasks for the Norwegian federation.

Norges Ake-, Bob- og Skeletonforbund

Thomas Vesteraas  
Secretary General



Von: [sekretarz.generalny@pzssan.pl](mailto:sekretarz.generalny@pzssan.pl)  
An: [FIL Office](#)  
Betreff: 66th 2018 FIL Congress in Bratislava  
Datum: Sonntag, 13. Mai 2018 22:37:22

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*Dear Friends,*

The Polish Luge Federation submits candidates to work in FIL Commissions (2018-2022):

1. Technical Commission for Artificial Track

**Mr Marek Skowroński** – a long-time head coach of the Polish National Team

2. Natural Track Commission

-  
**Mr Adam Jędrzejko** – member of the Polish National Team on Natural Track, coach-mechanik

*Best regards*  
*Janusz Tatera*

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**Herrn Josef Fendt  
Praesident der FIL**

**03.05.2018**

**Moskau**

Sehr geehrter Herr Praesident,  
Lieber Joseph,

Der Russische Rennrodelverband nominiert Kandidatur von Frau Anna Andreeva als Mitglied der FIL Sportkommission Kunstbahn.

A. Andreeva ist im Rennrodelsport seit 2012 aktiv taetig. Sie ist eine der Organisatoren der allrussischen und internationalen FIL Veranstaltungen in Russland. Seit 2014 ist Frau Andreeva Generalsekretaerin des Russischen Rennrodelverbandes und fuer administrative und organisatorische Fragen zustaendig. Sie hat allrussische und internationale Kampfrichterlizenzen und nimmt auch als Kampfrichterin an verschiedenen allrussischen und internationalen FIL Veranstaltungen in Russland teil. Fuer ihre aktive Taetigkeit im Rennrodelsport wurde Frau A. Andreeva mit verschiedenen Ehrenkunden vom Sportministerium Russlands und von Praesidentin des Russischen Rennrodelverbandes ausgezeichnet.

Mit freundlichen Gruessen,

**Natalia Gart  
Praesidentin**



**Herrn Josef Fendt**  
**Praesident der FIL**

**03.05.2018**  
**Moskau**

Sehr geehrter Herr Praesident,  
Lieber Joseph,

Der russische Rennrodelverband nominiert Kandidatur vom Herrn Albert Demchenko als Mitglied der FIL Technischen Kommission Kunstbahn.

Albert Demchenko ist Praesident des regionalen Rennrodelverbandes bei Moskau Region und Mitglied der Technischen Kommission im Russischen Rennrodelverband. Albert Demchenko ist verdierter Meister des Sportes Russlands, dreimaliger Vize-Olympiameister (2006 und 2014) und vielfacher Meister Russlans. Fuer seinen Beitrag zur Entwicklung des Rennrodelsports und hohe sportliche Leistungen wurde A. Demchenko mit verschiedenen Ehrenzeichen ausgezeichnet.

Mit freundlichen Gruessen,

**Natalia Gart**  
**Praesidentin**



**Herrn Josef Fendt  
Praesident der FIL**

**03.05.2018**

**Moskau**

Sehr geehrter Herr Praesident,  
Lieber Joseph,

Der Russische Rennrodelverband nominiert Kandidatur vom Herrn Dmitry Kasatkin als Mitglied der FIL Jugendkommission.

D. Kasatkin ist als Trainer der Junioren-Nationalmannschaft seit 2006 taetig. Seit 2014 ist er Mitglied der FIL Jugendkommission. Herr D. Kasatkin ist Vorsitzender des Traenerrates des Russischen Rennrodelverbandes. Er nimmt an der Vorbereitung und Durchfuehrung der allrussischen Junioren -und Jugend Veranstaltungen aktiv teil und hat internationale Kampfrichterlizenz. Fuer seine aktive Taetigkeit im Rennrodelsport wurde er mit verschiedenen Uhrkunden ausgezeichnet.

Mit freundlichen Gruessen,

**Natalia Gart  
Praesidentin**



**Herrn Josef Fendt  
Praesident der FIL**

**03.05.2018**

**Moskau**

Sehr geehrter Herr Praesident,  
Lieber Joseph,

Der russische Rennrodelverband nominiert Kandidatur vom Herrn Andrey Knir als Mitglied der FIL Naturbahnkommission.

Herr Andrey Knir betreut erfolgreich als Cheftrainer die russische Nationalmannschaft seit 1996 und nimmt an der Vorbereitung und Durchfuehrung der FIL Veranstaltungen im Naturbahnrodeln in Russland aktiv teil. Seit 2006 arbeitete er als Funktionaer in der Technischen Kommission NB. Fuer seine Taetigkait im Naturbahnsport wurde er mit FIL Ehrenzeichen in Bronze und Silber ausgezeichnet.

Mit freundlichen Gruessen,

**Natalia Gart  
Praesidentin**



**Herrn Josef Fendt**  
**Praesident der FIL**

**03.05.2018**  
**Moskau**

Sehr geehrter Herr Praesident,  
Lieber Joseph,

Der Russische Rennrodelverband nominiert Kandidatur vom Herrn Gennadi Rodionov als Mitglied des FIL Schiedsgerichtes.

Herr Gennadi Rodionov is Vize-Praesident des Russischen Rennrodelverbandes. Seit 1985 ist er aktiv im internationalen Rennrodelsport taetig. Seit 2000 arbeitete er als Mitglied der FIL Sportkommissionen Naturbahn und Kunstbahn und Jurymitglied bei verschiedenen FIL Veranstaltungen. In der Zeit 2012 – 2014 war Herr Rodionov Vorsitzender der Sportkommission Naturbahn und Mitglied der FIL Exekutive. In der Zeit 2017-2018 war er im FIL Schiedsgericht taetig. Fuer seine aktive langjaehrige Taetigkeit im internationalen Rennrodelsport wurde Herr Rodionov mit FIL Ehrenzeichen in Bronze, Silber und Gold ausgezeichnet.

Mit freundlichen Gruessen,

**Natalia Gart**  
**Praesidentin**



**Herrn Josef Fendt**  
**Praesident der FIL**

**03.05.2018**  
**Moskau**

Sehr geehrter Herr Praesident,  
Lieber Joseph,

Der Russische Rennrodelverband nominiert Kandidatur vom D-r Alexandr Shakhnazarov als Mitglied des FIL Rechtsausschusses.

A.Schakhnazarov is Vize-Praesident des Russischen Rennrodelverbandes. Seit 1974 ist Herr Shakhnazarov im Rennrodelsport. Seit 2002 war er Jurymitglied and Technischer Delegierter bei verschiedenen FIL Veranstaltungen. Herr A. Shakhnazarov war Leiter des Planungsbueros fuer Kunsteisbahn in Paramonovo. Seit 2006 is D-r Shakhnazarov Mitglied des FIL Rechtsausschusses. Fuer seine aktive langjaehrige Taetigkeit im internationalen Rennrodelsport wurde er mit FIL Ehrenzeichen in Bronze, Silber und Gold ausgezeichnet.

Mit freundlichen Gruessen,

**Natalia Gart**  
**Praesidentin**





## NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE TO TECHNICAL COMMISSION

The Swedish Bobsleigh and Luge Federation hereby nominate **Mr. Anders Söderberg** to FILs Technical Commission Artificial Track for the upcoming period 2018-2022.



Niclas Bentzer – Secretary General  
Swedish Bobsleigh and Luge Federation

Östersund 23.04.2018



## NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE TO NATURAL TRACK COMMISSION

The Swedish Bobsleigh and Luge Federation hereby nominate **Mr. Michael Törnquist** to FILs Natural Track Commission for the upcoming period 2018-2022.



Niclas Bentzer – Secretary General  
Swedish Bobsleigh and Luge Federation

Östersund 23.04.2018



## NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE TO YOUTH/DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Swedish Bobsleigh and Luge Federation hereby nominate **Mr. Hans Kohala** to FILs Youth/Development Commission for the upcoming period 2018-2022.

**Mr. Kohala** is employed as national coach for the Swedish artificial track luge national team. He has a career as luge athlete and competed in the Olympics 1992 Albertville and 1994 in Lillehammer. His coaching skills are very good and we are convinced that **Mr. Kohala** would be a great member of the youth/development commission.

Niclas Bentzer – Secretary General  
Swedish Bobsleigh and Luge Federation

Östersund 25.04.2018

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Mr. Christoph Schweiger  
Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Josef Fendt and Mr. Christoph Schweiger,

Pursuant to the June 4, 2018 deadline for FIL Commission Committee nominations the United States Luge Association would like to put forward the following individuals for nomination.

Please accept this letter as our unequivocal recommendation for the following Commission Committees:

- Technical Commission – Lubomir Mick & Jon Owen
- Sports Commission – Mark Grimmette
- Track Construction Commission / Artificial Track– Tony Carlino
- Medical Commission – Dr. Eugene Byrne
- Youth/Development Commission – Zianibeth Shattuck-Owen

If there is any additional information you need from us, please reach out to me. I look forward to seeing you both at the 66<sup>th</sup> FIL Congress in June.

Kind regards,

Jim Leahy  
CEO / Executive Director  
United States Luge Association

Cc: Ms. Erin Warren  
President  
Board of Directors  
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Dear Mr. Josef Fendt and Mr. Christoph Schweiger,

Pursuant to the June 4, 2018 deadline for FIL Commission Committee nominations the United States Luge Association would like to put forward the following individual for nomination.

Please accept this letter as our unequivocal recommendation for the following Commission Committee:

- Court of Arbitration – Erin Warren

If there is any additional information you need from us, please reach out to me. I look forward to seeing you both at the 66<sup>th</sup> FIL Congress in June.

Kind regards,

Jim Leahy  
CEO / Executive Director  
United States Luge Association

Cc: Ms. Erin Warren  
President  
Board of Directors  
United States Luge Association

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# 2018/2019 - FIL - SPORT CALENDAR

Stand: 20.05.2018

M.L. Rainer, final

2018		OKTOBER		2018		NOVEMBER		2018		DECEMBER		2019		JANUARY		2019		FEBRUARY	
		<b>CW 43</b>	22	<b>ITW</b>	<b>CW 48</b>	26	<i>Travel day</i>	<b>CW 1</b>	31	<i>Travel day</i>	<b>CW 05</b>	28	<i>Travel day</i>						
			23	<b>Oberhof</b>		27		January	1			29							
			24			28	<b>Viessmann WC</b>		2			30							
			25			29	<b>Whistler</b>		3	<b>Viessmann WC</b>		31	<b>Viessmann WC</b>						<b>Viessmann WC</b>
			26			30	<i>Team Relay</i>		4	<b>Königssee</b>	February	1	<b>Altenberg</b>						<b>Altenberg</b>
			27		December	1			5	<i>Team Relay</i>		2	<i>Team Relay</i>						<i>Team Relay</i>
			28			2	<i>Travel day</i>		6			3							
		<b>CW 44</b>	29		<b>CW 49</b>	3	<i>Travel day</i>	<b>CW 02</b>	7	<i>Travel day</i>	<b>CW 06</b>	4	<i>Travel day</i>						<i>Travel day</i>
			30			4			8			5							
			31			5	<b>Viessmann WC</b>		9	<b>Viessmann WC</b>		6							
		November	1			6	<b>Calgary</b>		10	<b>Sigulda</b>		7	<b>Viessmann WC</b>						<b>Viessmann WC</b>
			2			7	<b>BMW Sprint</b>		11	<i>Team Relay</i>		8	<b>Oberhof</b>						<b>Oberhof</b>
			3			8			12			9	<i>Team Relay</i>						<i>Team Relay</i>
			4			9	<i>Travel day</i>		13			10							
<b>CW 40</b>	Oct	<b>CW 45</b>	5	<b>ITW</b>	<b>CW 50</b>	10	<i>Travel day</i>	<b>CW 03</b>	14	<i>Travel day</i>	<b>CW 07</b>	11							
	2		6	<b>Königssee</b>		11	<i>Travel day</i>		15			12							
	3		7	<b>&amp; Innsbruck</b>		12			16	<b>FIL ITW</b>		13	<b>Rennpause</b>						<b>Rennpause</b>
	4		8			13	<b>Viessmann WC</b>		17	<b>Winterberg</b>		14	<i>Race break</i>						<i>Race break</i>
	5		9			14	<b>Lake Placid</b>		18			15							
	6		10			15	<i>Team Relay</i>		19			16							
	7		11			16			20			17							
<b>CW 41</b>	8	<b>CW 46</b>	12		<b>CW 51</b>	17	<i>Travel day</i>	<b>CW 04</b>	21		<b>CW 08</b>	18							
	9		13			18			22			19							
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	11		15			20			24	<b>Winterberg</b>		21	<b>Viessmann WC</b>						<b>Viessmann WC</b>
	12		16			21			25			22	<b>Sochi</b>						<b>Sochi</b>
	13		17			22			26			23	<b>BMW Sprint</b>						<b>BMW Sprint</b>
	14		18			23			27			24							
<b>CW 42</b>	15	<b>CW 47</b>	19		<b>CW 52</b>	24		General class competitions				<b>CW 09</b>	25						
	16		20			25		<b>9 Viessmann Weltcups</b>					26						
	17		21			26		<b>6 Team Relay WC</b>					27						
	18	<b>ITW</b>	22	<b>Viessmann WC</b>		27		<b>3 BMW Sprint WC</b>					28						
	19	<b>Altenberg</b>	23	<b>Innsbruck</b>		28		<b>50. EM Oberhof</b>				March	1						
	20		24	<b>BMW Sprint</b>		29		<b>8. APCh Lake Placid</b>					2						
	21		25			30		<b>48. FIL-WM Winterberg</b>					3						

# 2018/2019 - FIL - SPORT CALENDAR

## Junioren/Jugend A

20.05.2018

FIL- M. L. Rainer

2018	Oktober	2018	November	2018	December	2019	January	2019	February
		<b>CW 43</b> 22	<i>ITW</i>		<b>CW 48</b> 26		<b>CW 1</b> 31		<b>CW 05</b> 28
		23	<i>Oberhof</i>		27		January 1		29
		24			28		2		30
		25			29	<b>JWC # 1</b>	3		31
		26			30	<b>Park City</b>	4	February 1	1
		27			December 1		5		2
		28			2		6		3
		<b>CW 44</b> 29			<b>CW 49</b> 3	<i>day off</i>	<b>CW 02</b> 7		<b>CW 06</b> 4
		30			4		8		5
		31			5		9		6
		November 1			6	<b>JWC # 2</b>	10	<i>ITW</i>	7
		2			7	<b>Park City</b>	11	<i>St. Moritz</i>	8
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		4			9		13		10
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2		6	<i>Königssee</i>		11		15		12
3		7	<i>&amp; Innsbruck</i>		12	<b>JWC # 3</b>	16	<b>JWC # 4 /40.EJM</b>	13
4		8			13	<b>Calgary</b>	17	<b>St Moritz</b>	14
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19	<i>Altenberg</i>	23			28		<b>6 JWCs</b>		
20		24	<i>ITW</i>		29		<b>40. JEM in St.Moritz/SUI</b>	March 1	1
21		25	<i>Park City</i>		30		<b>8. JAPCh in Calgary/CAN</b>		2
							<b>34. JWM in Innsbruck/AUT</b>		3

**2018/2019 Event Schedule World Cup and Junior World Cup  
confirmed by FIL Executive Board on May 17, 2018**

		Dez 18		Jan 19		Feb 19				
Tag		Weltcup	Junioren Weltcup	Weltcup	Junioren Weltcup	Weltcup	Junioren Weltcup			
1	Sa			1	Di					
2	So			2	Mi	ITW FIL Gruppe Winterleiten oder Südtirol	2. JWC ITA			
3	Mo			3	Do			1	Fr	
4	Di			4	Fr			2	Sa	
5	Mi			5	Sa			3	So	
6	Do			6	So			4	Mo	
7	Fr			7	Mo			5	Di	
8	Sa			8	Di			6	Mi	
9	So			9	Mi			7	Do	
10	Mo			10	Do			8	Fr	
11	Di			11	Fr	2. WC St. Sebastian AUT		9	Sa	
12	Mi			12	Sa				10	So
13	Do			13	So				11	Mo
14	Fr	1. WC Kühtai AUT Klassiker		14	Mo			12	Di	
15	Sa			15	Di			13	Mi	
16	So			16	Mi			14	Do	
17	Mo			17	Do	Geplant Moskau		15	Fr	
18	Di			18	Fr	3. WC Latsch ITA Klassiker		16	Sa	
19	Mi			19	Sa				17	So
20	Do			20	So				18	Mo
21	Fr			21	Mo		3. JWC offen	19	Di	
22	Sa			22	Di			20	Mi	
23	So			23	Mi			21	Do	
24	Mo			24	Do			22	Fr	
25	Di			25	Fr	4. WC Deutschenofen Klassiker		23	Sa	
26	Mi			26	Sa				24	So
27	Do	ITW FIL Gruppe		27	So				25	Mo
28	Fr			28	Mo			26	Di	
29	Sa			29	Di			27	Mi	
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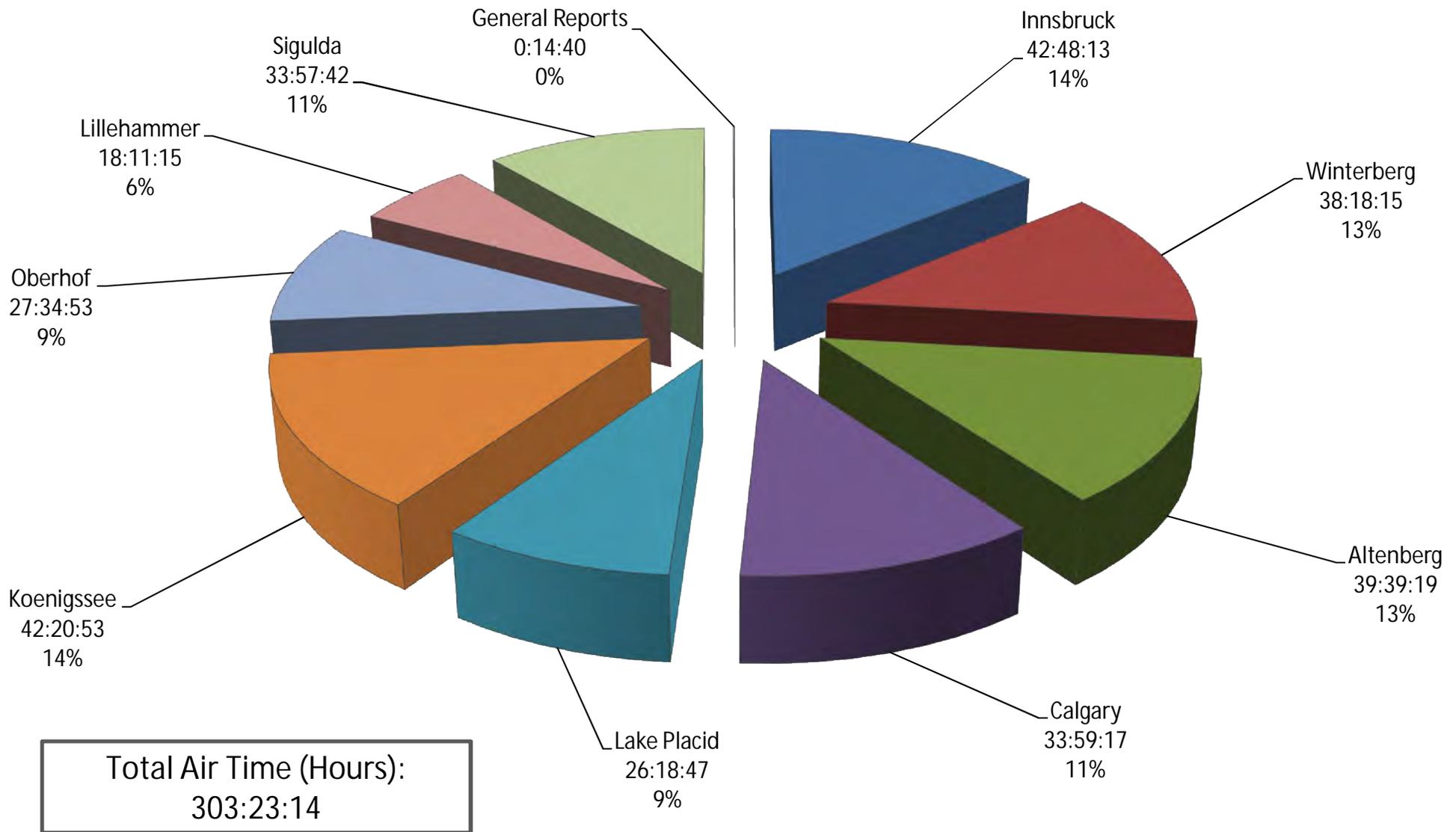
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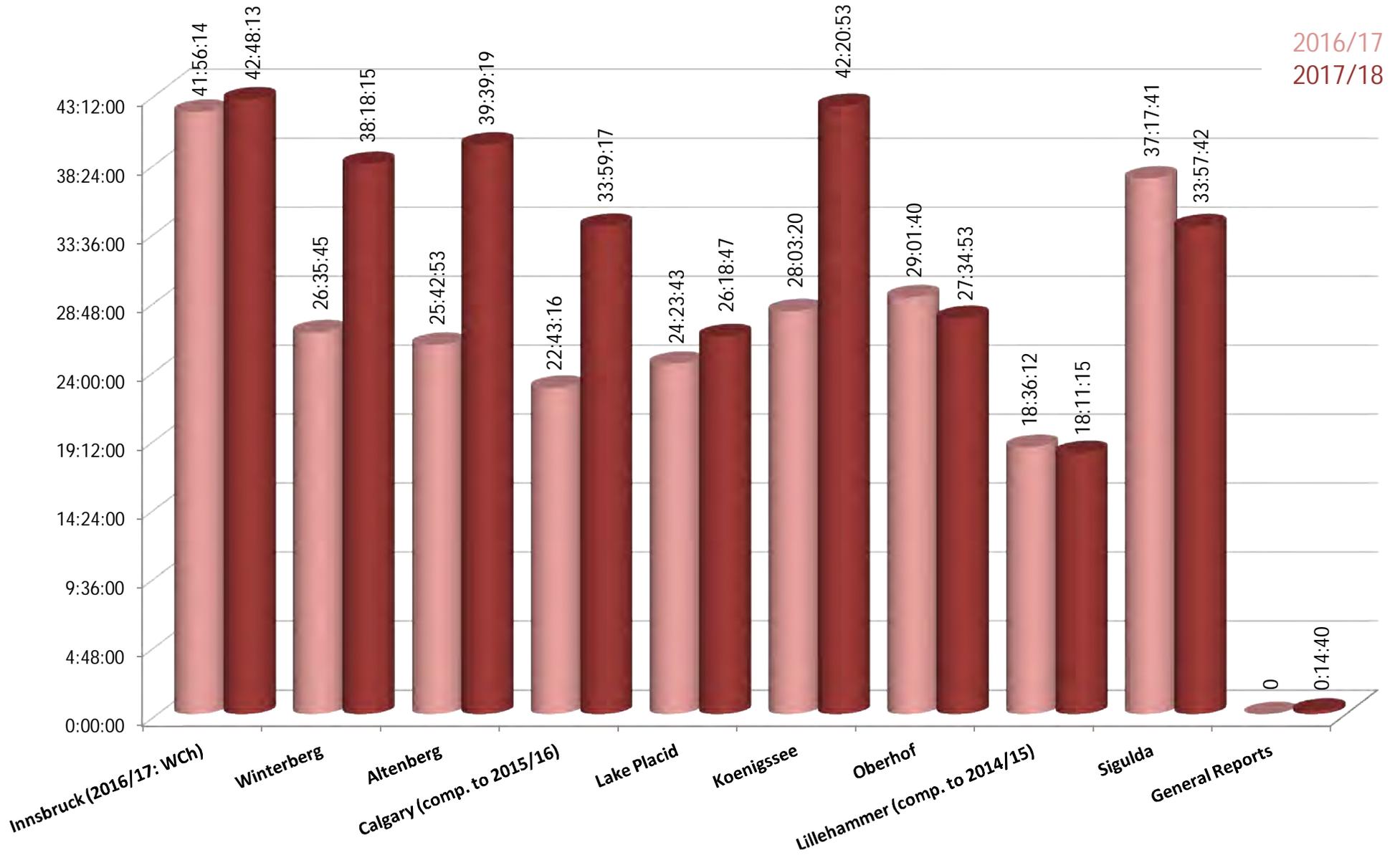
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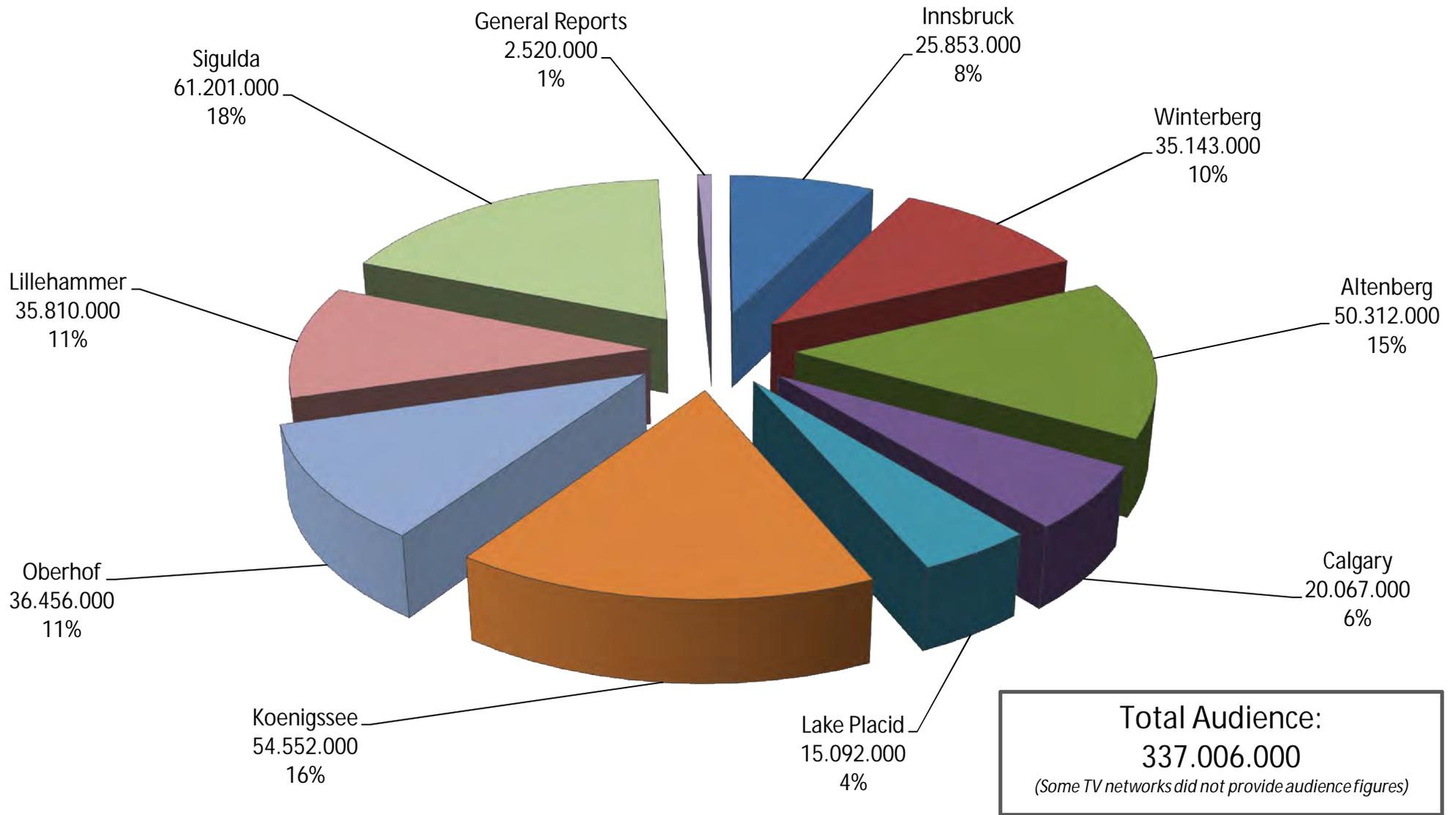
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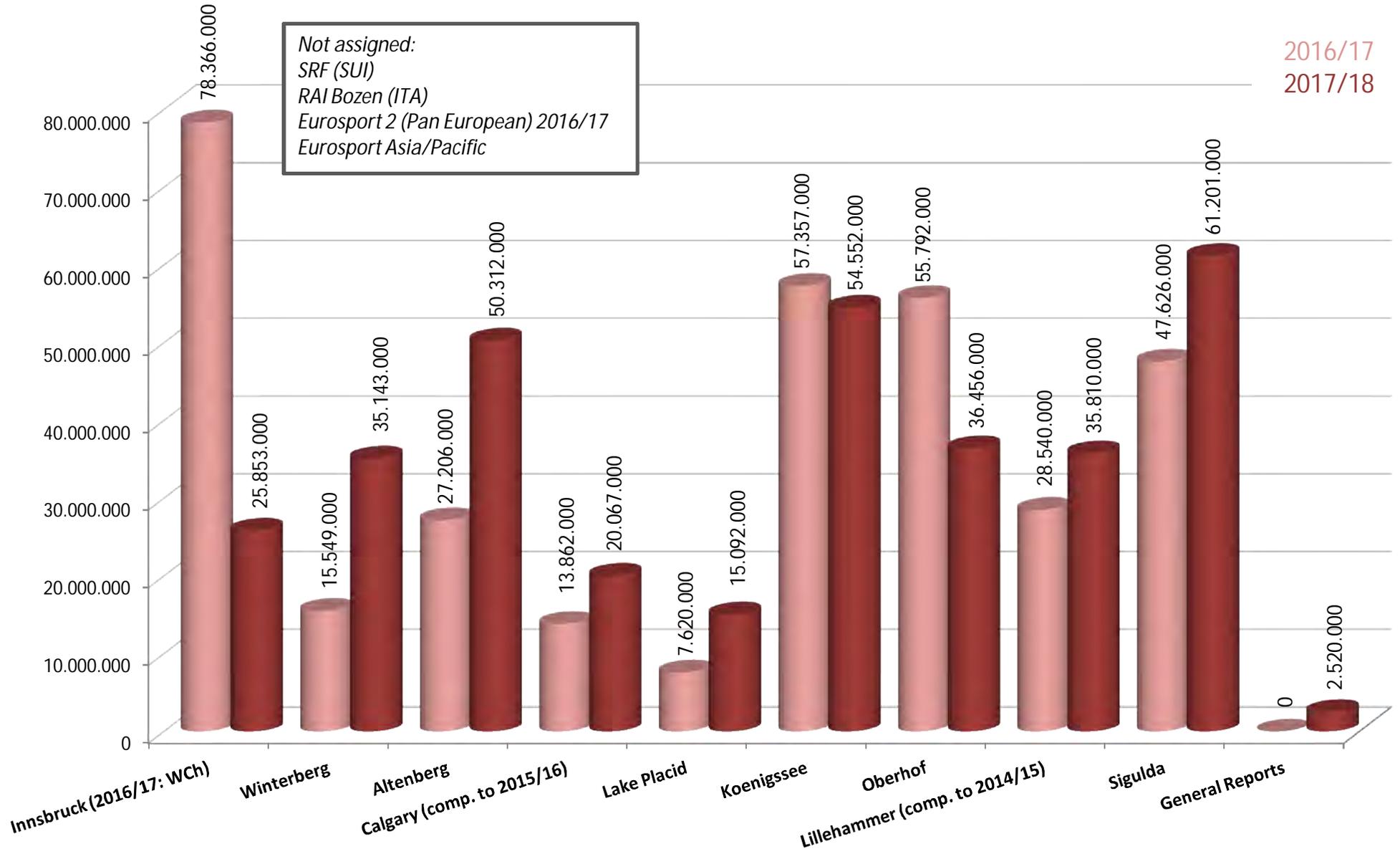
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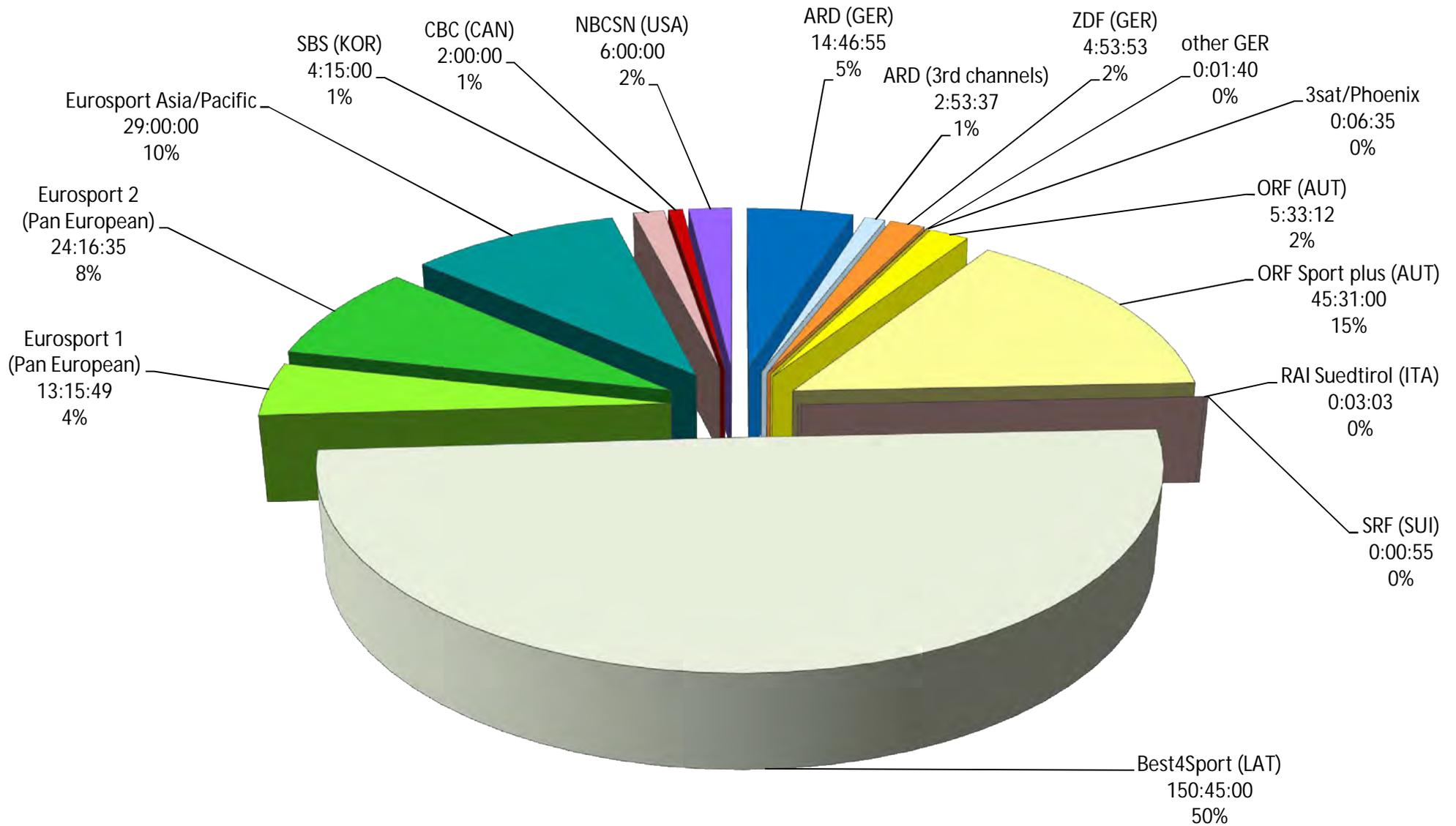
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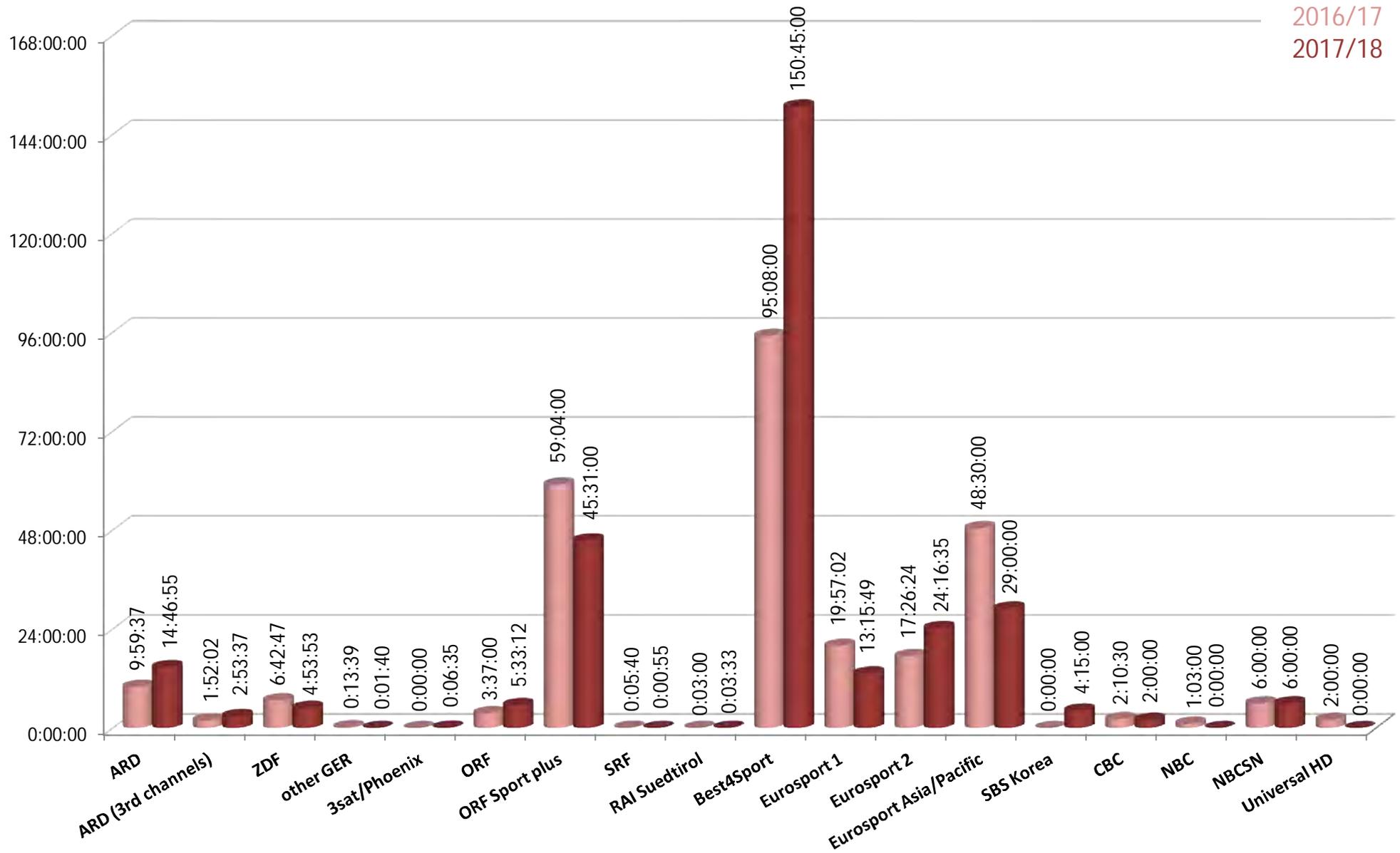
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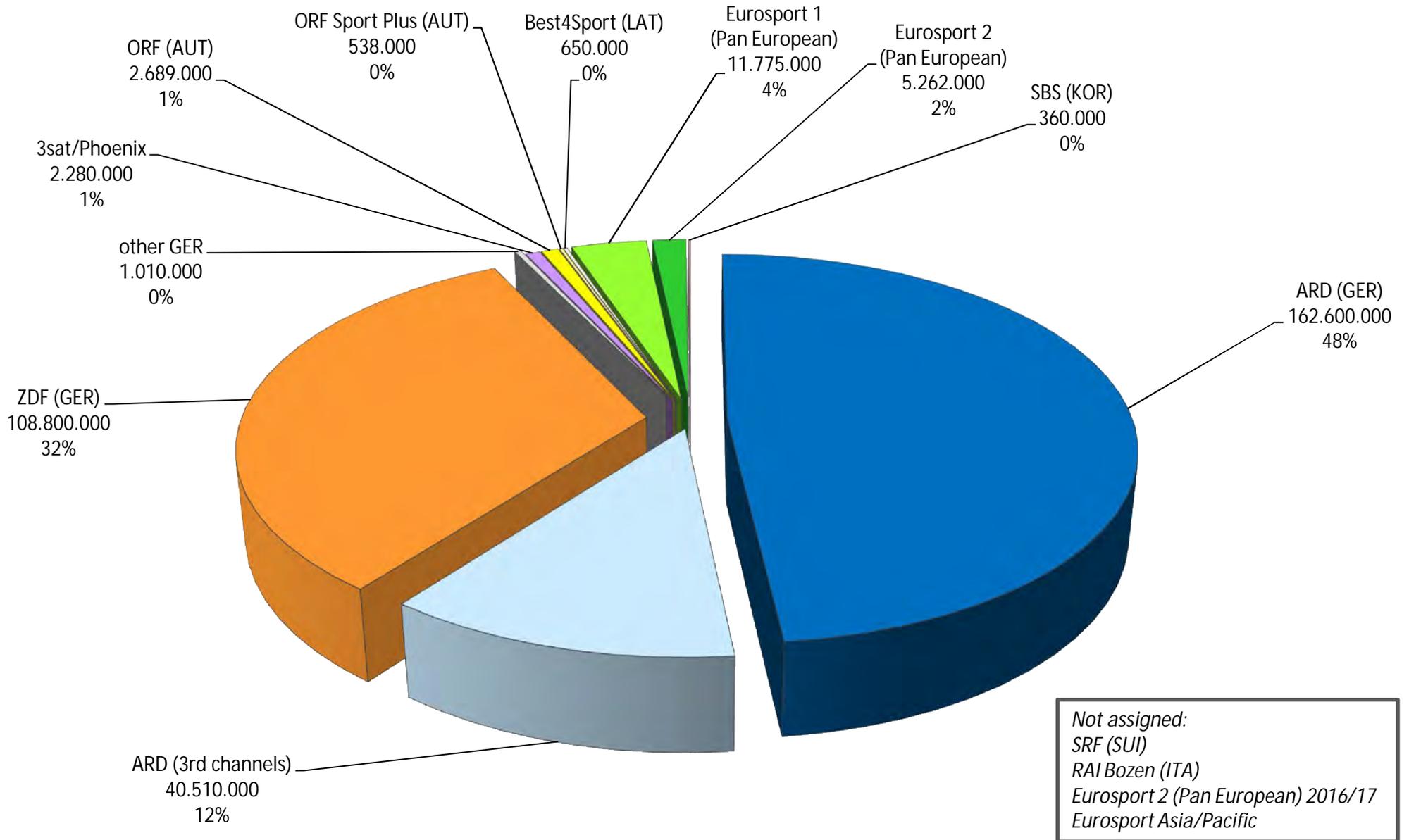
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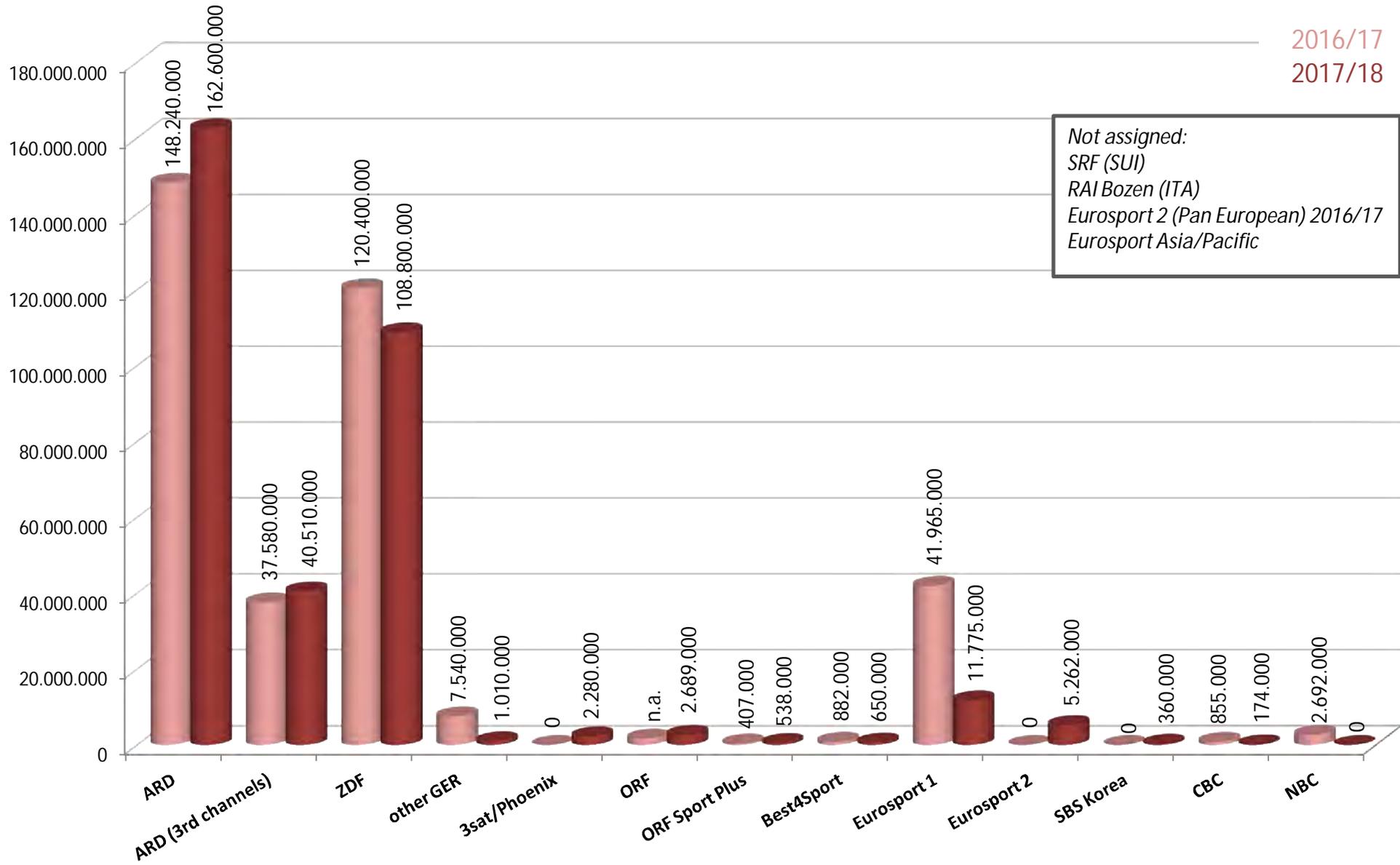
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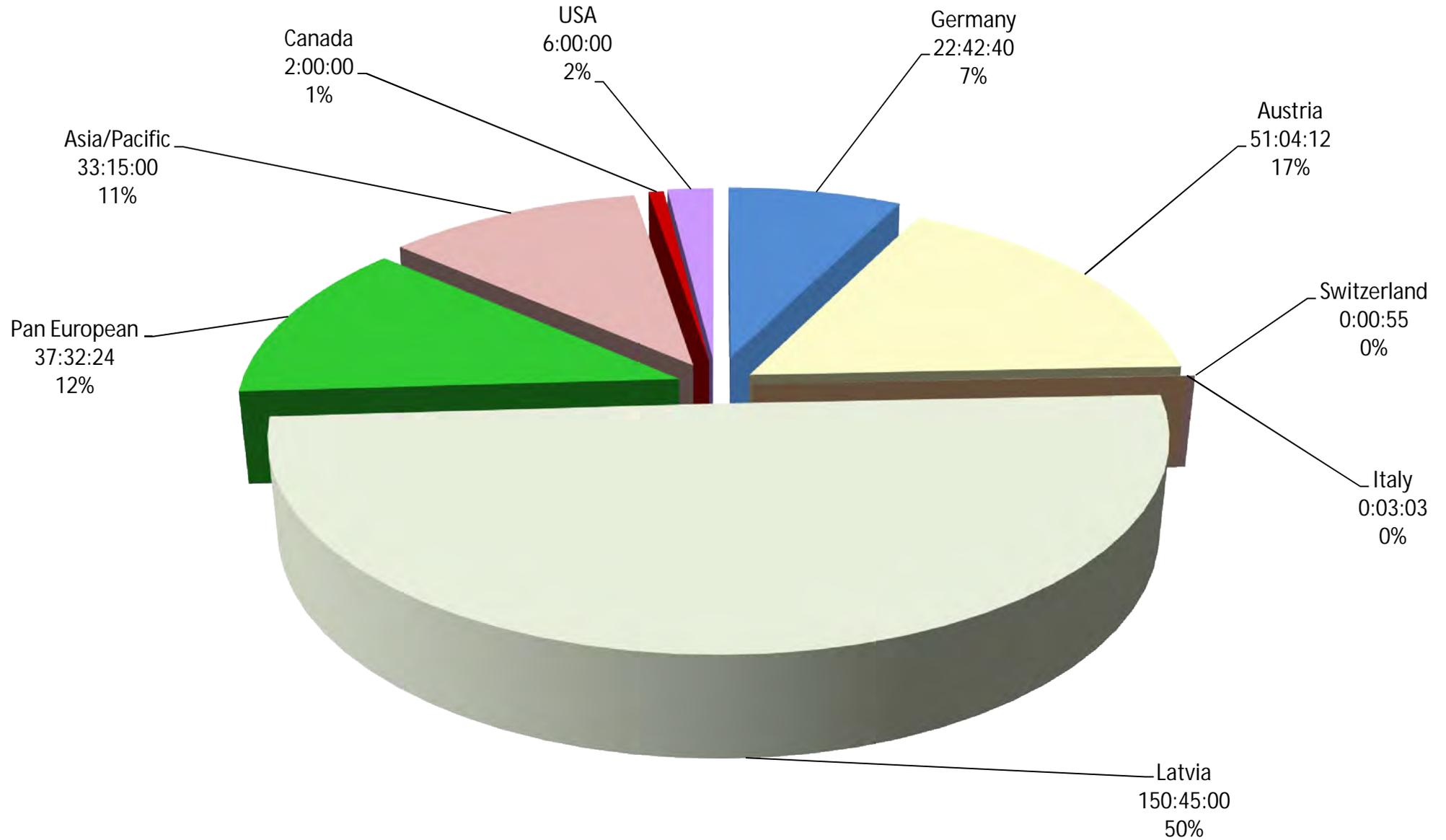
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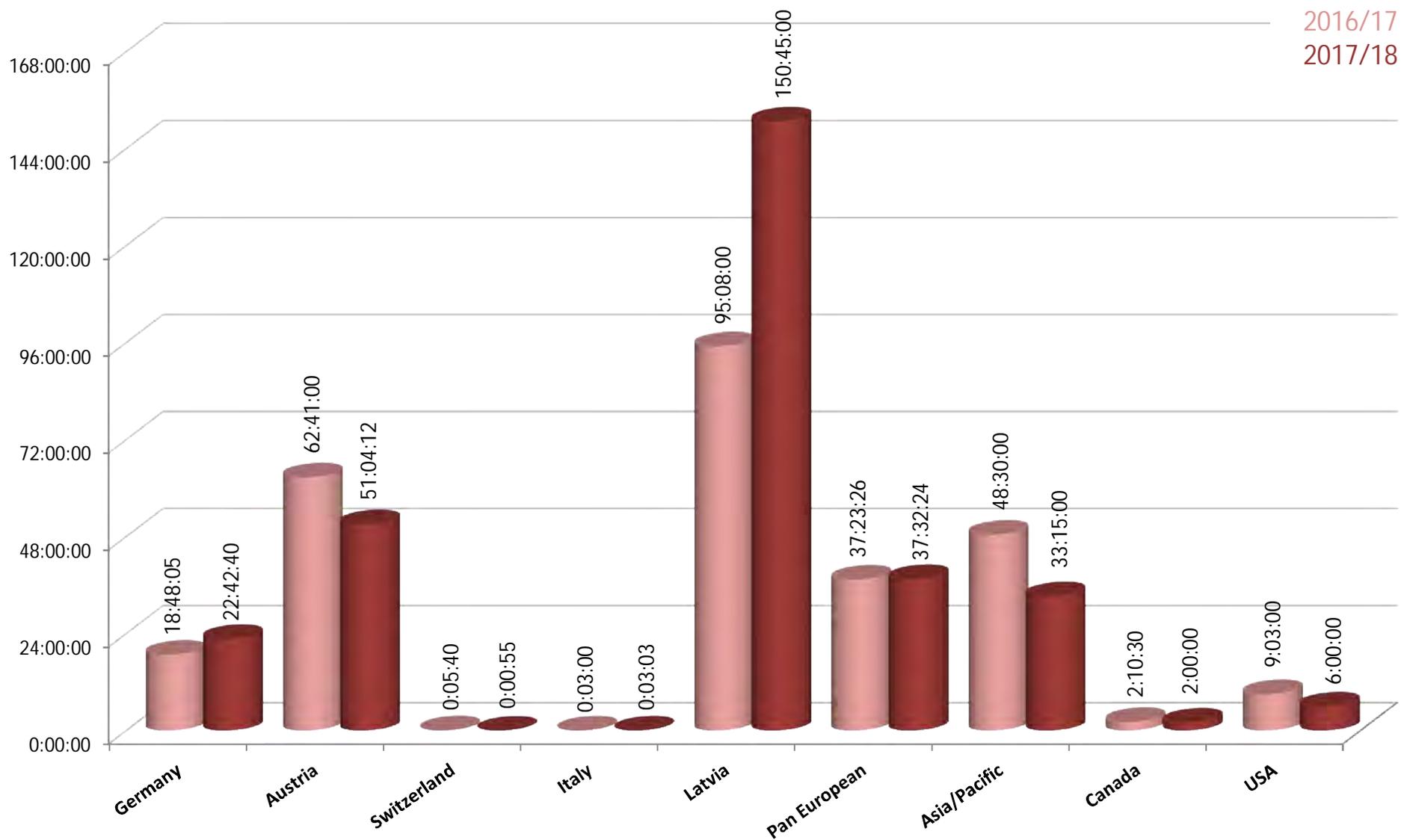
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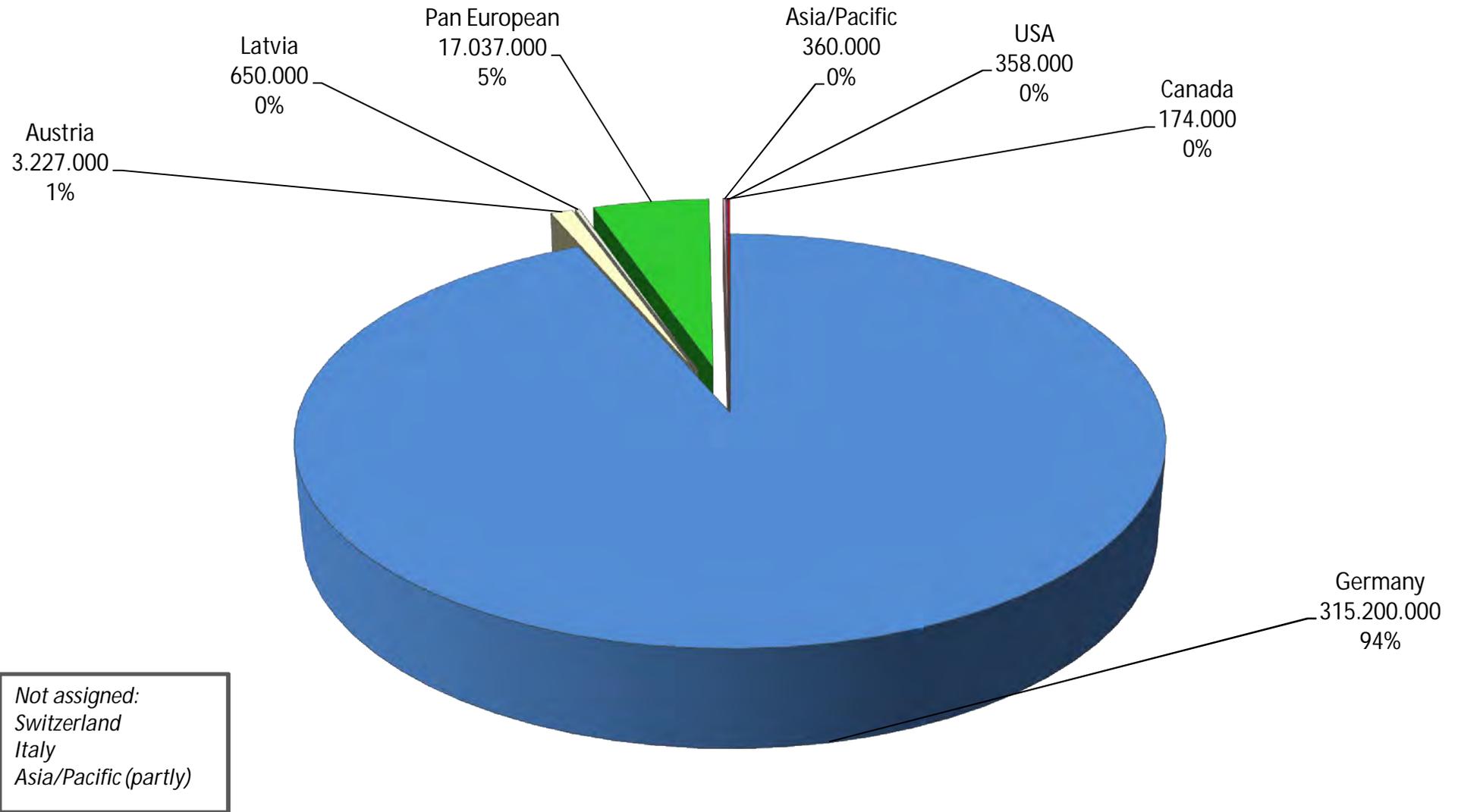
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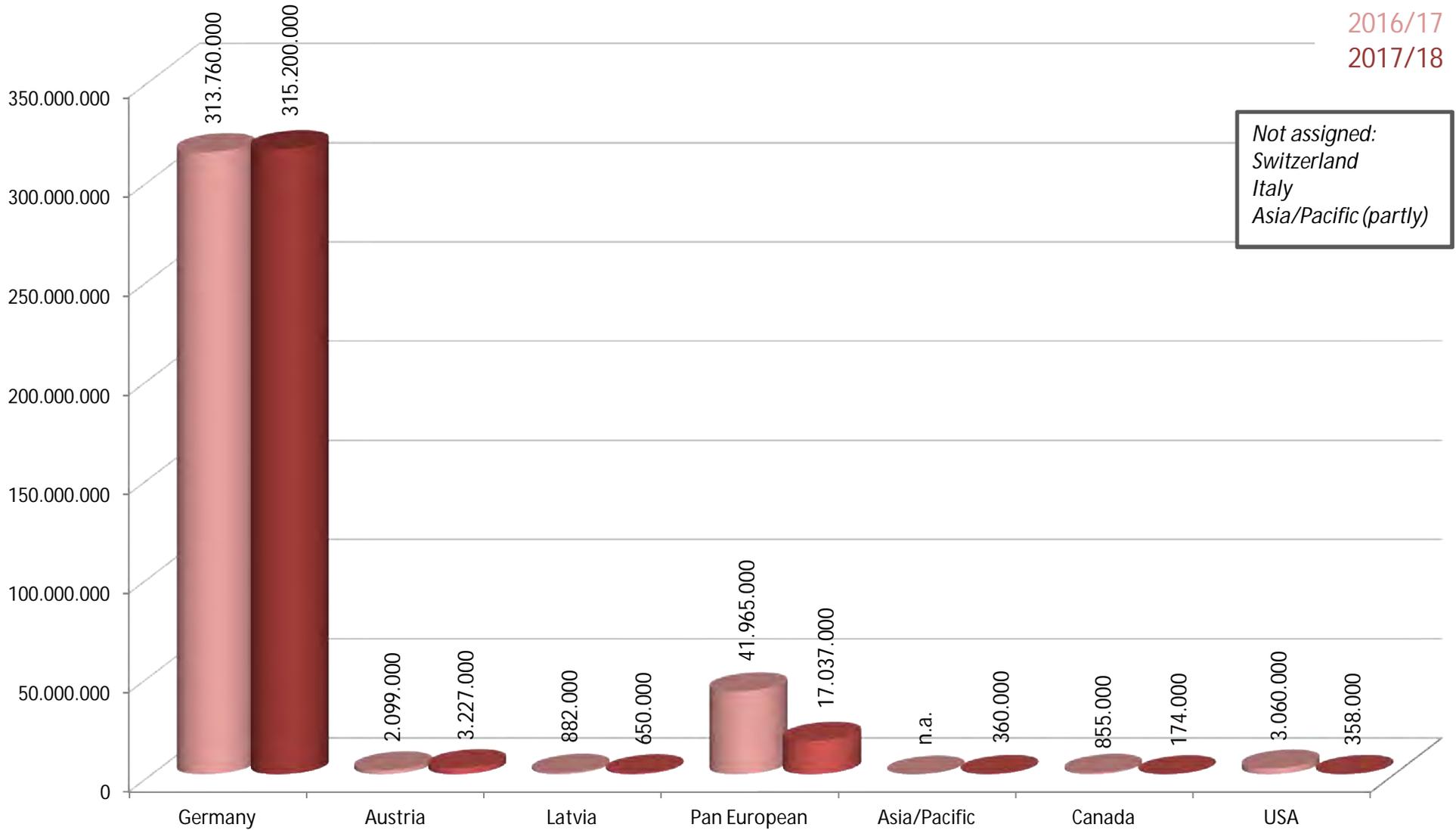
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TV Exposure 2017/18 - Compared to previous season: Audience by Territory



## Distribution Overview

### FIL Natural Track Luge

# World Cup Season 2017/18 & European Championships 2018

– Status May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018 –

### Events & distributed TV products

The FIL natural track luge medialisation in the 2017/18 season comprises the following events:

1. World Cup Kühtai (AUT)
2. World Cup Deutschnofen (ITA)
3. World Cup Umhausen (AUT)
4. European Championships Styria (AUT)

For each event the following TV products were produced and distributed internationally: **3min news cut & 26min highlight show**. For these TV products the following categories were considered: **men's singles, women's singles & doubles**. Furthermore, the season kick-off was broadcasted **live**.

### I. Live distribution

The kick-off of the world cup season in Kühtai (AUT) was broadcasted live on the Austrian public sports channel ORF Sport+. The comprising coverage included the final run in the men's competition (live), the final run in the women's competition (live delayed) and the final run of the team competition (live).



### II. News distribution

So far, in 2017/18 news reports and short reports have been shown on the channels mentioned below:

Deutsche Welle	(International)	TVE International	(International)
i24 News	(International)	BNT World	(International)
TRT World	(International)		



Be In Sport	(AND)	Pirineus TV	(AND)
<b>ORF 1</b>	<b>(AUT)</b>	<b>ORF 2</b>	<b>(AUT)</b>
<b>ORF Sport+</b>	<b>(AUT)</b>	<b>Servus TV</b>	<b>(AUT)</b>
Kanal 3 Steiermark	(AUT)	Tirol TV	(AUT)
RTS Salzburg	(AUT)	N1 Niederösterreich	(AUT)
Wien 24	(AUT)	LT1 Oberösterreich	(AUT)
Kärnten1	(AUT)	SchauTV	(AUT)
Ötztal TV	(AUT)	Sölden TV	(AUT)
Ländle TV	(AUT)		
<b>RTBF</b>	<b>(BEL)</b>	Ketnet	(BEL)
La Trois	(BEL)		
EDGE Sport	(BEL/NED)		
Fox Sports Europe	(CYP/GRE/MAL/NED)		
Viasat Sport	(FIN / NOR / SWE)		
<b>beIN Sport</b>	<b>(FRA)</b>		
<b>ZDF</b>	<b>(GER)</b>	München TV	(GER)
Sky Sports Arena	(IRL/UK)		
<b>RAI Südtirol</b>	<b>(ITA)</b>	<b>RAI Sport</b>	<b>(ITA)</b>
<b>RAI News 24</b>	<b>(ITA)</b>	RAI Ladinia	(ITA)
<b>Italia 1</b>	<b>(ITA)</b>	Mediaset Premium	(ITA)
<b>La7</b>	<b>(ITA)</b>	Sky Sport 24	(ITA)
SDF	(ITA)	Rei TV Canale 103	(ITA)
OASPORT	(ITA)	RTV38	(ITA)
TV Iest	(ITA)	GRP TV	(ITA)
Parma TV	(ITA)	CDS TV	(ITA)
Antenna Blu	(ITA)	TVR Teleitalia 7 GOLD	(ITA)
Lira TV	(ITA)	Noi TV	(ITA)
Extra TV	(ITA)	Telebelluno	(ITA)
TV Udine	(ITA)	TV STUDIO1 Sport	(ITA)
IRCSport-Tv	(ITA)	Sky Sport Italia	(ITA)
Tricks Tv	(ITA)	TV IES	(ITA)
GO Sports	(MAL)	Melita Sports	(MAL)
BeIn Sport	(MCO)		
Sport TV	(POR)	WooHoo	(POR)
TVG 2	(POR)		
<b>TELEDEPORTE TVE</b>	<b>(ESP)</b>	La 8	(ESP)
PR Extreme TV	(ESP)	TV Galicia	(ESP)



Canal Sur 2	(ESP)	Vilafranca TV	(ESP)
TV Gerona	(ESP)	IB 3	(ESP)
ETB Euskal Telebista	(ESP)	Viladecans Televisio	(ESP)
Canal 24 Horas	(ESP)	TVE La 1	(ESP)
E3 Deporte	(ESP)	Catalunya TV3	(ESP)
Tele 7 Vizcaya	(ESP)	Tele Cabarga	(ESP)
+ 30 local channels	(ESP)		
TV Catalunya Canal Super 3	(ESP)		
Supersport	(ALB)		
Alma Sport	(RUS / UKR / ARM / KAZ / MDA)		
Sportklub	(CRO / SRB / BIH / MAC / SLO / MNE / POL)		
TV+	(BUL)		
Sport5	(CZE)		
RTV Montenegro	(MNE)		
GMG Sport	(GEO)		
Polsat Sport	(POL)		
<b>Channel 1</b>	<b>(RUS)</b>		
TRT Spor	(TUR)	Fox Sports Turkey	(TUR)
<b>Fox Sports Network</b>	<b>(USA)</b>		
TVG 2	(ARG / BRA / MEX)		
<b>ESPN Brasil</b>	<b>(BRA)</b>	WooHoo	(BRA)
FLOW Sports	(Caribbean)		
<b>Fox Sports Asia</b>	<b>(Pan Asia)</b>	EDGE Sport	(Pan-Asia)
TVWAN Action	(Pan Asia)		
<b>ABC</b>	<b>(AUS)</b>	Fox Sports Australia	(AUS)
Astro Supersport	(BRN/MYS)		
<b>Star Sports</b>	<b>(CHN)</b>	<b>Guangdong Sports Channel</b>	<b>(CHN)</b>
TVB Pearl	(HKG)		
Yonhap News TV	(KOR)	Star Sports	(KOR)



RTM TV1	(MYS)		
TVNZ	(NZL)		
HUB Sports	(SGP)	SuperSports	(SGP)
True Sport	(THA)		
VTV	(VNM)		
Supersport	(Pan Africa)		
Fox Sports Africa	(Pan Africa)		
Kwese Sports Africa	(Pan Africa)		
Star Times Sports Arena	(Pan Africa)		
ONTV	(NGA)		
BBC Arabic / BBC Persia	(Pan Middle East)		
OSN Sports Pan Middle East	(Pan Middle East)		
Dubai Sports TV	(Pan Middle East)		
Abu Dhabi Sports TV	(Pan Middle East)		
Al Dawri & Al Kass Sport	(Pan Middle East)		
BeIN Sports	(Pan Middle East)		
Oman TV	(Pan Middle East)		
Al Dowaly	(Pan Middle East)		
Alma Sport	(AZE/KGZ/UZB)		
Marjan TV	(IRN)		
Fox Sports	(ISR)		
Nile Sport	(EGY)		
Marjan TV	(IRA)		

⇒ **More than 130 channels in 193 countries**

### III. Highlight distribution

In 2017/18 highlight airings (= 26min magazine show) of the 4 televised events have been respectively will be broadcasted on the below mentioned channels.

- **ORF Sport+** (AUT)
- **TV Sports HD (IPTV)** (DEN / NOR / SWE)
- **SRF Sport 3** (FRA / BEL / LUX / POR / SUI / ISR / ALG / MAR / TUN)
- **TV8 Mont-Blanc** (FRA)
- **Fox Sports Europe** (GRE / CYP / MAL / NED)
- **Novasports** (GRE / CYP)
- **Sky Sports Arena** (IRE / UK)
- **RAI Sport** (ITA)
- **Sky Sport** (ITA) + approx. further 15 regional channels in Italy
- **Sport TV** (POR)
- **Canal Sur 2** (SPA) + approx. further 5 regional channels in Spain
- **Garage TV** (SPA)
- **MySports** (SUI / LIE)
- **Teleclub** (SUI)
- **Freesports TV** (UK)
- **BTV Ring** (BUL)
- **Sportklub** (CRO / SRB / BIH / MAC / SLO / MNE)
- **Sport 5** (CZE)
- **Nova Sport** (CZE / SLK)
- **Nova Action** (CZE / SLK)
- **Sportklub** (POL)
- **Russkiy Ekstrim** (RUS / UKR / AZE / MDA / KYR)
- **Sport TV** (SLO)
- **X-Sport** (UKR)
- **FOX Sports Network** (USA) / multiple regional affiliates e.g. Fox Sports North
- **MSG +** (USA)
- **MASN 2** (USA)
- **Root Sports** (USA)
- **Flow Sports** (Caribbean)
- **Fox Sports Asia** (Pan Asia)
- **Star Sports** (CHN / KOR)
- **TVNZ** (NZL)
- **Solar Sports** (PHI)
- **Supersport** (Pan Africa)
- **Fox Sports Africa** (Pan Africa)
- **Kwese Sports** (Pan Africa)
- **Abu Dhabi Sports TV** (Pan Middle East)

- **Pluto TV** (VOD/OTT)
- **Sports Channel Network UK** (VOD/OTT)

⇒ **Over 55 channels in more than 145 countries**

#### IV. Main facts distribution 2018

<b>Total number of Transmissions:</b>	<b>14.908</b>
News	5.273
Short report	3.029
Highlight	6.601
LIVE	5
<b>Total Time (in hours):</b>	<b>2363:34:18</b>
Western Europe	401:19:25
Eastern Europe	261:36:05
Northern America	70:34:29
South & Middle America	12:25:37
Asia-Pacific	110:12:36
Africa	1323:25:27
Middle East	184:00:39

##### 1. FIL Natural Track Luge 2017/2018 – World Cup Kühtai (AUT)

<b>Number of Transmissions:</b>	<b>6.626</b>
News	3.676
Short report	1.449
Highlight	1.497
Live	4
<b>Total Time (in hours):</b>	<b>629:01:25</b>
Western Europe	132:43:44
Eastern Europe	75:24:32
Northern America	20:58:29
South & Middle America	10:34:37
Asia-Pacific	40:18:08
Africa	270:22:03
Middle East	78:39:52

## 2. FIL Natural Track Luge 2017/2018 – World Cup Deutschnofen (ITA)

<b>Number of Transmissions:</b>	<b>2.867</b>
News	623
Short report	523
Highlight	1.721
<b>Total Time (in hours):</b>	<b>597:04:41</b>
Western Europe	87:55:56
Eastern Europe	56:43:21
Northern America	21:36:00
South & Middle America	01:00:51
Asia-Pacific	29:49:38
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Middle East	35:08:17

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## 3. FIL Natural Track Luge 2017/2018 – World Cup Umhausen (AUT)

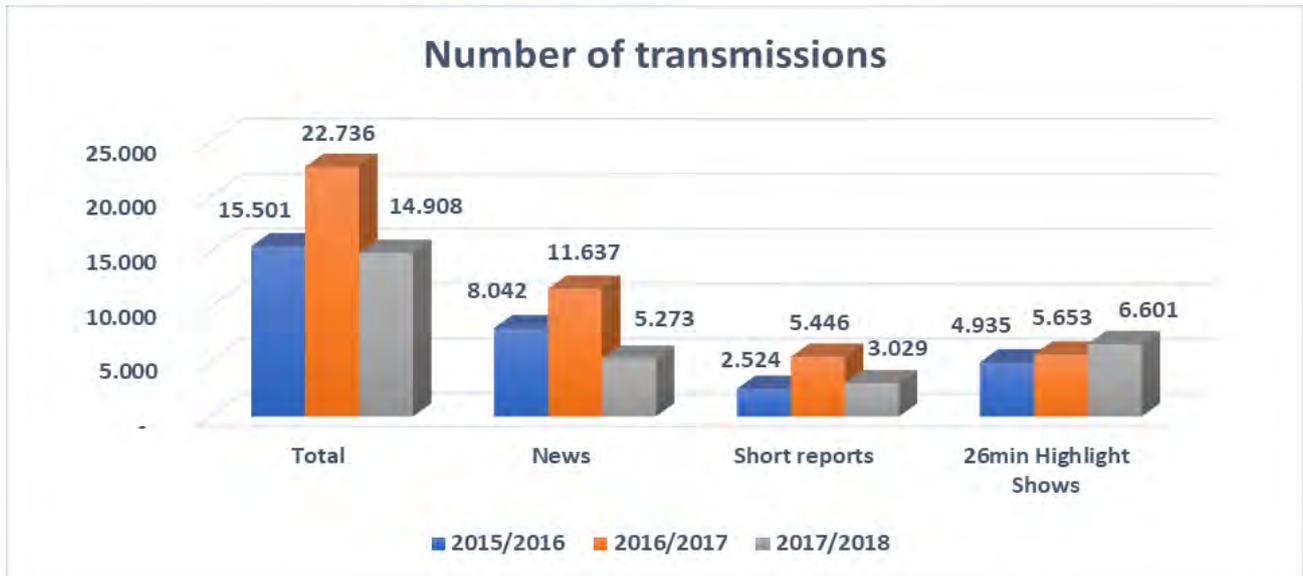
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News	582
Short report	558
Highlight	1.700
<b>Total Time (in hours):</b>	<b>560:31:40</b>
Western Europe	96:50:40
Eastern Europe	61:08:04
Northern America	14:00:00
South & Middle America	0:06:06
Asia-Pacific	17:40:22
Africa	335:31:28
Middle East	35:15:00

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## 4. FIL Natural Track Luge 2017/2018 – European Championships Winterleiten (AUT)

<b>Number of Transmissions:</b>	<b>2.575</b>
News	392
Short report	499
Highlight	1.683
LIVE	1
<b>Total Time (in hours):</b>	<b>576:56:32</b>
Western Europe	83:49:05
Eastern Europe	68:20:08
Northern America	14:00:00
South & Middle America	0:44:03
Asia-Pacific	22:24:28
Africa	352:41:18
Middle East	34:57:30

## V. Development of media coverage 2015 – 2018



**\*Comments:**

- Decrease in terms of number of transmissions of **News** and **Short reports** from 2016/2017 to 2017/2018 caused by the Winter Olympics 2018
- Highlight Shows are not affected as they get broadcasted by other channels and after the Olympic period – moreover here we see a constant increase



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### Antrag auf Ausrichtung FIL-Kongress 2020

Sehr geehrter Herr Präsident,

hiermit bewirbt sich der Bob- und Schlittenverband für Deutschland e.V. (BSD) für die Ausrichtung des 68. FIL-Kongresses in Berchtesgaden.

Der BSD ist davon überzeugt, gemeinsam mit der FIL im AlpenCongress Berchtesgaden einen hochwertigen und organisatorisch einwandfreien FIL-Kongress durchführen zu können. Ebenso bietet das Hotel Edelweiss, welches sich direkt neben dem Kongresszentrum befindet, eine hervorragende Übernachtungsmöglichkeit für die Kongressteilnehmer und die bis dahin neu errichtete Bergstation der Jennerbahn die geeignete Location für die gemeinsame Abendveranstaltung.

Im Falle eines positiven Votums unseres Antrags durch die Exekutive der FIL, bitten wir um zeitnahe Übermittlung des präferierten Ausrichtungsdatums, um den Sitzungssaal sowie die entsprechenden Zimmerkontingente buchen zu können.

In der Hoffnung auf eine positive Rückmeldung verbleibe ich

mit freundlichen Grüßen

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## FIL Congresses

### Financial and organizational expenditure for the host of a FIL Congress

- **Date:** in the middle / at the end of June
- **Total number of attending persons: approx. 120**  
(NF representatives, Executive Board, other FIL officials, media, agencies, OWG host, bidders for championships, organizers of championships in the upcoming season, guests)
- **Meetings:**
  - Wednesday: Presidium (4 persons)
  - Thursday: Executive Board (approx. 15 persons)
  - Friday and Saturday: Congress
- **Congress room:** if possible in the hotel, in which the delegates are staying / presentation equipment must be available.
- **Expenses to be covered by the Congress host:**
  - Taking over of expenses for one delegate per NF from Thursday to Sunday morning (approx. 34 persons),
  - Providing meeting rooms (Congress: approx. 110 persons; Executive Board meeting: approx. 15 persons; Presidium: 4 persons),
  - Manufacturing and/or providing one banner and a lectern ,
  - Guaranteeing simultaneous interpreting in German and English
  - Guaranteeing transportation to and from airport / train station,
  - Providing a small office with two assistants (copying and fax machines, telephone, PC),
  - Organization and financing simple accreditations for the participants of the Congress,
  - Welcome-Dinner für all Congress participants on the day of arrival (Thursday evening)
  - Organization of a program of cultural events (usually on the first day of the Congress in the afternoon and/or evening).

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