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Dear friends of our sport,

The FIL Executive Board had their meeting in Zurich/SUI on June 17 and 18, 2021.

The focus of this Executive Board meeting was once again **the current developments concerning the COVID-19 crisis** and in correlation also some important resolutions and recommendations, also concerning the preparations for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games in Beijing/CHN.

Already prior to this Executive Board meeting, the FIL Presidium, the Artificial Track and Natural Track Commissions and the Youth Commission dealt in detail with the pending topics for the coming season.

I would like to bring all these resolutions and recommendations to your attention in this FIL Bulletin.

Preparations concerning the 2022 Olympic Winter Games in Beijing/CHN Eberspächer World Cup competitions in Yanqing/CHN and North America

The FIL's cooperation with the IOC and the 2022 Olympic Winter Games OC (BOCOG) is excellent.

In preparation for the ITW and the Olympic Test Event, the following information:

- The invitations necessary for applying for the visa to China will be sent by BOCOG by the middle of August 2021.
- As already known, the FIL is planning charter flights for the Eberspächer World Cup competitions from Europe to Beijing and then on to North America and back to Europe. Our Sport Director Maria Luise Rainer is in contact with all our national federations and partners regarding this matter.
We strongly recommend using these charter flights to ensure that all participants and their equipment reach the venues on time according to the schedule.

All preparation work is still subject to great uncertainties due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Regulations such as travel restrictions, quarantine mandates, etc. change constantly and at short notice.

Therefore, we strongly recommend to everyone striving for full COVID-19 vaccination protection at least 2 weeks before travel to the ITW to China to avoid possible travel and participation restrictions in training and competitions and similar.

The FIL will not force anyone to be vaccinated against COVID-19. However, we cannot prevent that unvaccinated persons might be subject to restrictions and limitations.

Of course, we will keep you informed about the latest developments.

The FIL WG "COVID-19" will continue to exist. In Artificial Track, Maria Jasencakova, the Permanent Technical Delegate for Youth A and Juniors, will complement this WG.

Events Schedule Artificial Track, Natural Track 2021/22 season

In Zurich, the Executive Board approved the **2021/22 events schedule for natural track**. The events schedule for artificial track had already been confirmed by the Executive Board in a circular resolution. Likewise, the **2022 Continental Championships for Artificial Track were confirmed as "race in race" competitions**.

The Executive Board approved the request of the Sports Commission to hold an additional Sprint event as a test (**see enclosure 1**).

All event schedules for artificial track and natural track for the coming season can be found in **enclosures 2-4**.

Standard Doubles Sled

The Technical Commission has dealt in detail with the experience gained so far regarding the standard doubles sleds.

As a result, **emergency motions to the Executive Board were formulated with the aim of permitting certain customizations**. These motions were approved by the Executive Board. You will find the adjustment options valid with immediate effect in **enclosures 5-9** in this bulletin.

Women's Doubles: World Cup, FIL World Championships

The Executive Committee dealt with several proposals from the Sport Commission and the Youth Commission concerning women's doubles:

A summary of the most important decisions:

- In the upcoming season, the **Eberspächer World Cup in the discipline women's doubles will be staged as a "race in race" competition during the Youth A and Junior World Cup**.
- As the women's doubles discipline is not currently in the Olympic program, a **World Championship general class in women's doubles will be staged in the 2021/22 season**.

We want to give this new discipline, which is now practiced by many NFs, a correspondingly high status by holding these title competitions already in the upcoming season.

This World Championship will take place **within the framework of the Junior World Championships in Winterberg/GER**.

For the details, please see **enclosure 10**.

Technical Commission: pressure measurement

The values for the pressure measurements (**enclosure 11**) Artificial Track remain unchanged for the upcoming 2021/22 season at the request of the Technical Commission.

Presenting Sponsor at FIL Junior World Championships

In the future, at Junior World Championships on artificial track and natural track, the awarding of a presenting sponsor after the JWCH title will be possible as follows: "FIL Junior World Championships presented by XY". With this, the FIL intends to offer the event organizers a new marketing opportunity for their competition. For contractual reasons, this only applies to Junior World Championships and not to the General Class.

FIL Strategic Plan "SLIDE 2026"

The strategic plan "SLIDE 2026" was unanimously approved at last year's online FIL Congress in November 2020. For its step-by-step implementation, several working groups have been formed with the aim to present some concrete proposal at this year's 69th FIL Congress in the fall. We would like to thank all working group members for their willingness to actively contribute to the proposals for implementation.

69th FIL Congress 2021

As already announced, the FIL Congress originally planned in Beijing/CHN had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Chinese sport colleagues once again for their understanding.

The 69th FIL Congress 2021 will now be held on September 24-25, 2021 in Salzburg/AUT.

Again please note: From today's point of view, most likely in order to be able to participate in the FIL Congress, a complete vaccination against COVID-19 is urgently recommended (2 weeks before entering Austria).

2020/2021 Season Highlights Artificial Track

Finally, we are pleased to announce that **video files of 2020/2021 Artificial Track season highlights** have been created again and are available for download on the FIL FTP server:

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

User: TV_Highlights

Password: qKXx2Y

Important:

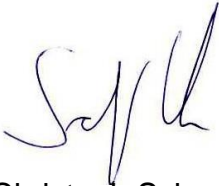
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The material was produced with the kind support of the German TV stations ARD and ZDF as well as the national federations of the FIL and the event organizers of the individual races.

Finally, also on behalf of the FIL Presidium and Executive Board, I would like to wish you a wonderful summer and your teams a good preparation time for the Olympic winter season.

Stay well and healthy through these still challenging times.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Schweiger', written in a cursive style.

Christoph Schweiger
Executive Director

11 enclosures

Sprintbewerb

Die FIL Exekutive hat dem Antrag der Sportkommission stattgegeben, einen zusätzlichen Sprintwettbewerb als Test durchzuführen.

Das Sprintformat soll zusätzlich als Test bei einem Weltcuprennen in der Saison 2021/2022 wie folgt geändert werden:

Zusätzlich zum herkömmlichen Sprint Weltcup Format

- einen Ampelstart bzw. einen Reaktionsstart aufzunehmen
- den Sprint-Weltcup als Freitagsrennen durchzuführen (als Race in Race mit dem Nationencup).

Sprint event

The FIL Executive Board has approved the Sport Commission's request to hold an additional Sprint event as a test.

In addition, the Sprint format is to be changed as a test at a World Cup race in the 2021/2022 season:

In addition to the conventional Sprint World Cup format,

- *to include a light signal start or a reaction start*
- *to hold the Sprint World Cup as a Friday race (as a race in race with the Nations Cup).*

2021/2022 - FIL - SPORT CALENDAR

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FIL/IBSF

2021	SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER	2021	NOVEMBER	2021	DECEMBER	2022	JANUARY	2022	FEBRUARY										
KW 39	27			KW 44	01			KW 49	06	Travel day		KW 01	03	Travel day		KW 05	31	1st TCM	
	28				02				07	Travel day			04	Travel day		February	01	Tr	
	29				03				08				05				02	Tr	IBSF- OWG
	30				04				09	Eberspächer WC			06	Eberspächer WC			03	Tr	Training
Okt	01				05	FIL ITW OWG			10	Altenberg/GER			07	Sigulda/LAT			04	Tr	Opening XXIV. OWG
	02				06	Yanqing/CHN			11	# 4			08	# 7			05		Yanqing/CHN
	03				07				12	T-R			09	Sprint			06		
KW 40	04			KW 45	08			KW 50	13	Travel day		KW 02	10	Travel day		KW 06	07		
	05				09				14				11	Travel day			08		
	06				10				15				12				09		
	07				11				16	Eberspächer WC			13	Eberspächer WC			10		
	08				12				17	Innsbruck/AUT			14	Oberhof/GER			11		
	09				13				18	# 5			15	# 8			12		
	10				14				19	Sprint			16	Sprint & T-R			13		
KW 41	11			KW 46	15			KW 51	20			KW 03	17	Travel day		KW 07	14		
	12				16				21				18				15		
	13				17				22				19				16		
	14				18				23				20	Eberspächer WC			17		
	15				19	Eberspächer WC			24				21	St. Moritz/SUI			18		
	16				20	Yanqing/CHN			25				22	# 9			19		
	17				21	# 1 T-R			26				23	T-R			20		
KW 42	18			KW 47	22	Travel day		KW 52	27	Travel day		KW 04	24			KW 08	21		
	19				23				28				25				22		
	20	ITW			24	Eberspächer WC			29	Eberspächer WC			26				23		
	21	Sigulda &			25	Whistler/CAN			30	Königssee/GER			27				24		
	22	Winterberg			26	# 2			31	# 6			28	Winterberg/GER			25		
	23				27	T-R		Januar	01	T-R			29	FIL WM			26		
	24				28	Travel day			02				30	DA Doppelsitzer			27		
KW 43	25			KW 48	29	Travel day								General class competitions		KW 09	28		
	26				30									9 WC		March	01		
	27	ITW		Dez	01	Eberspächer WC								6 Team Relay WC			02		
	28	Altenberg			02	Lake Placid/USA								4 BMW Sprint WC			03		
	29				03	# 3								53. FIL ECh/WC St. Moritz			04		Sepp Benz Memorial Race
	30				04	Sprint								XXIV. OWG Yanqing/CHN			05		St Moritz/SUI
	31				05												06		

2021/2022 - FIL - SPORT CALENDAR

Junior/Youth A Class

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2021	SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER	2021	NOVEMBER	2021	DECEMBER	2022	JANUARY	2022	FEBRUARY	
KW 39	27	KW 44	01	KW 49	06	KW 01	03	KW 05	31 1st TCM	
	28		02		07		04	February 01	Tr	
	29		03		08		05		02 Tr IBSF- OWG	
	30		04		09		06	03 Tr	Training	
Okt	01		05		10		07	04 Tr	Opening XXIV. OWG	
	02		06		11		08	05	Yanqing/CHN	
	03		07		12	Travel day	09	06		
KW 40	04	KW 45	08	KW 50	13	KW 02	10	KW 06	07	
	05		09		14		11		08	
	06		10		15		12		09	
	07		11		16		13		10	
	08		12		17		14		11	
	09		13		18		15		12	
	10		14		19		16		13	
KW 41	11	KW 46	15	KW 51	20	KW 03	17	KW 07	14	
	12		16		21		18		15	
	13		17		22		19		16	
	14		18		23		20		17	
	15		19		24		21		18	
	16		20		25		22		19	
	17		21		26		23		20	
KW 42	18	KW 47	22	KW 52	27	KW 04	24	KW 08	21	
	19		23		28		25		22	
	20		24		29		26		23	
	21		25		30		27		24	
	22		26		31		28		25	
	23		27	Januar	01		29		26	
	24		28		02		30		27	
KW 43	25	KW 48	29	Junior/Youth A class competitions			6 JWC 43. JECCh Bludenz/AUT 37th JWCh Winterberg/GER XXIV. OWG Yanqing/CHN		KW 09	28
	26		30						March	01
	27	Dez	01							02
	28		02							03
	29		03							04
	30		04							05
	31		05		06					

Rennkalender Weltcup und Juniorenweltcup 2021/2022

		Dez 21		Jan 22		Feb 22		Mrz 22			
Tag		Weltcup	Junioren Weltcup	Weltcup	Junioren Weltcup		Junioren Weltcup	Weltcup	Junioren Weltcup		
1	Mi			1	Sa	ITW FILGruppe	ITW FILGruppe	1	Di		
2	Do			2	So	Allgemeine	Junioren	2	Mi		
3	Fr			3	Mo	Winterleiten	Latzfons (ITA)	3	Do		
4	Sa			4	Di	(AUT)		4	Fr		
5	So			5	Mi		2. JWC	JWM	4	Fr	Weltcup Finale
6	Mo			6	Do		Latzfons (ITA)	Jaufental	5	Sa	Mariazell
7	Di			7	Fr	1. Weltcup		(ITA)	6	So	(AUT)
8	Mi			8	Sa	Umhausen			7	Mo	
9	Do			9	So	(AUT)			8	Di	
10	Fr			10	Mo				9	Mi	
11	Sa			11	Di				10	Do	
12	So			12	Mi				11	Fr	
13	Mo			13	Do			4. JWC	12	Sa	
14	Di			14	Fr	2. Weltcup		Unterammergau (GER)	13	So	
15	Mi			15	Sa	Seiser Alm			14	Mo	
16	Do			16	So	(ITA)			15	Di	
17	Fr			17	Mo				16	Mi	
18	Sa			18	Di			EM	17	Do	
19	So			19	Mi			LAAS	18	Fr	
20	Mo			20	Do			(ITA)	19	Sa	
21	Di			21	Fr	3. Weltcup			20	So	
22	Mi			22	Sa	Vatra Dornei	FIL Jugendspiele		21	Mo	
23	Do			23	So	(ROU)	Prein (AUT)		22	Di	
24	Fr			24	Mo				23	Mi	
25	Sa			25	Di				24	Do	
26	So			26	Mi			5. Weltcup	25	Fr	
27	Mo		ITW FILGruppe	27	Do			Moskau	26	Sa	
28	Di		Junioren	28	Fr	4. Weltcup		(RUS)	27	So	
29	Mi		Winterleiten	29	Sa	Zelesniki		Verfolgung	28	Mo	
30	Do		(AUT)	30	So	(SLO)	3. JWC		29	Di	
31	Fr		1. JWC	31	Mo		Umhausen (AUT)		30	Mi	
			Winterleiten (AUT)						31	Do	

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IRO Amendment 2020



Artificial Track Natural Track

Applicant: Technical Commission

**Supplement 5
§ 5 Pt. 1.3.2**

Motion No.: 1

Old text:

- 1.3.2 Standard doubles pod
- a) The original pod must be used.
 - b) Pod form may not be changed with the exception of repairs and cutouts.
 - c) The pod construction may not be changed.
 - d) The seat construction may not be changed; however, it is permitted to change the position of the raised seat.
 - e) The closure system of the belts may not be changed.

New text:

- 1.3.2 Standard doubles pod
- a) The original pod must be used.
 - b) Pod form may not be changed with the exception of repairs and cutouts.
 - c) The pod construction may not be changed.
 - d) The raised seat, from the upper edge of the bridge, including the leg support shell of the front woman/man, may be individually adapted in compliance with the dimensions valid in the 2020 IRO § 5 Pt. 1.3.2. The seat construction may not be changed; however, it is permitted to change the position of the raised seat.
 - e) The closure system of the belts may not be changed.

Reason:

Emergency motion to the FIL Executive Board for improved individual adjustment. After feedback from the Youth Commission and the national federations GER, ITA, RUS, USA, LAT, AUT as well as a selection of technical experts from the Youth Commission, National Federations and the FIL, the above changes were discussed and worked out. The Technical Commission AT supports these motions one hundred percent.

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

IRO Amendment 2020



Artificial Track Natural Track

Applicant: Technical Commission

**Supplement 5
§ 5 Pt. 1.3.3**

Motion No.: 2

Old text:

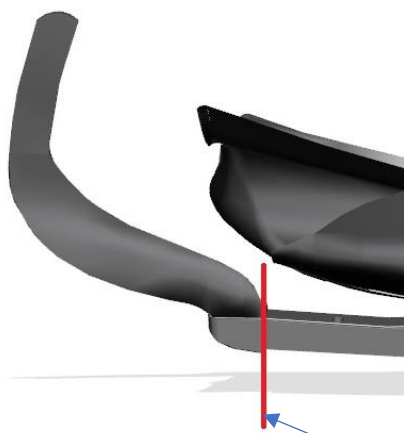
1.3.3 Standard doubles runner

- a) The original runners must be used.
- b) The runner form may not be changed on the outside with the exception of repairs and evening out the radius.
- c) Cutting out the foot supports, and runner horns is permitted.
- d) The runner construction may not be changed.
- e) steel screws/bolts M 8
- f) No additional drilling in the runner is permitted.

New text:

1.3.3 Standard doubles runner

- a) The original runners must be used.
- b) The runner form may not be changed on the outside with the exception of repairs and evening out the radius.
- c) ~~Cutting out the foot supports, and runner horns is permitted.~~ The runner horns may be individually adapted from the interface section "insertion groove for runner horns" in compliance with the dimensions valid in the 2020 IRO § 5 Pt. 1.3.3. Self-produced runner horns may also be used.



interface section "insertion groove for runner horns"

- d) The runner construction may not be changed.
- e) steel screws/bolts M 8
- f) No additional drilling in the runner is permitted.

Reason:

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

IRO Amendment 2020



Artificial Track Natural Track

Applicant: Technical Commission

**Supplement 5
§ 5 Pt. 1.2**

Motion No.: 3

Old text:

1.2 The weights including attached accessories are:

Sled	Minimum	Maximum	Basis for calculation
Doubles women	25 kg	30 kg	27 kg
Doubles Juniors women	25 kg	30 kg	27 kg
Doubles Youth A women	25 kg	30 kg	27 kg

New text:

1.2 The weights including attached accessories are:

Sled	Minimum	Maximum	Basis for calculation
Doubles women	25 kg	30 31 kg	27 30 kg
Doubles Juniors women	25 kg	30 31 kg	27 30 kg
Doubles Youth A women	25 kg	30 31 kg	27 30 kg

Reason:

Emergency motion to the FIL Executive Board for improved individual adjustment. After feedback from the Youth Commission and the national federations GER, ITA, RUS, USA, LAT, AUT as well as a selection of technical experts from the Youth Commission, National Federations and the FIL, the above changes were discussed and worked out. The Technical Commission AT supports these motions one hundred percent.

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

IRO Amendment 2020



Artificial Track Natural Track

Applicant: Technical Commission

**Supplement 5
§ 1**

Motion No.: 4

Old text:

§ 1 General Regulations

- For the doubles - disciplines Youth A women, Youth A men, & Junior women (from 2020/2021) and women (from 2021/2021) additionally, to the IRO (in the current valid edition), the provisions of supplement 5 apply.
- For the doubles disciplines Youth A women, Youth A men, & Juniors (from 2020/21) and women (from 2021/22) all standard sleds (V1, V2) and components must be used from the manufacturer named by the FIL.

New text:

§ 1 General Regulations

- For the doubles - disciplines Youth A women, **Youth A men**, & Junior women (from 2020/2021) and women (from 2021/2021) additionally, to the IRO (in the current valid edition), the provisions of supplement 5 apply.
- For the doubles disciplines Youth A women, **Youth A men**, & Juniors (from 2020/21) and women (from 2021/22) all standard sleds (V1, V2) and components must be used from the manufacturer named by the FIL.

Reason:

Emergency motion to the FIL Executive Board for improved individual adjustment. After feedback from the Youth Commission and the national federations GER, ITA, RUS, USA, LAT, AUT as well as a selection of technical experts from the Youth Commission, National Federations and the FIL, the above changes were discussed and worked out. The Technical Commission AT supports these motions one hundred percent.

Because only standardized component groups (bridges, runners) will be used from the 2022 / 2023 season for all men's doubles classes, it does not make sense to equip the Youth A male doubles necessarily with the complete standard sled V1, V2. Of course, the V1, V2 sled can be used.

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

IRO Amendment 2020



Artificial Track Natural Track

Applicant: Technical Commission

**Supplement 5
§ 5 pt. 1.3.4**

Motion No.: 5

Old text:

- 1.3.4 Standard doubles bridges
- a) The original bridges must be used.
 - b) The distance between the runners must measure 415 to 450 mm.
 - c) The front bridge mounting bracket may not be changed.
 - d) The back bridge mounting bracket can be changed individually.
 - e) The connection between bridges and runners may not be changed. However, various hardness's with the same measurements (rubber inserts that cover the bridge foot) can be used.

New text:

- 1.3.4 Standard doubles bridges
- a) The original bridges must be used.
 - b) The distance between the runners must measure 415 to 450 mm.
 - ~~c) The front bridge mounting bracket may not be changed.~~
 - d) The **front and** back bridge mounting bracket can be changed individually.
 - e) The connection between bridges and runners may not be changed. However, various hardness's with the same measurements (rubber inserts that cover the bridge foot) can be used.

Reason:

Emergency motion to the FIL Executive Board for improved individual adjustment. After feedback from the Youth Commission and the national federations GER, ITA, RUS, USA, LAT, AUT as well as a selection of technical experts from the Youth Commission, National Federations and the FIL, the above changes were discussed and worked out. The Technical Commission AT supports these motions one hundred percent.

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



FIL- WM 2022, Damen Doppelsitzer, Allgemeine Klasse

Im Rahmen der 37. Junioren Weltmeisterschaften 2022 in Winterberg/GER werden in der Disziplin Damen Doppelsitzer, Allgemeine Klasse erstmalig WM-Medaillen vergeben.

Die FIL-WM Damen Doppelsitzer wird als separates Rennen am Sonntag, 30.01.2022 in Winterberg durchgeführt.

- **Startberechtigt sind zu den FIL Weltmeisterschaften 3 Damen Doppelsitzer Paare pro NF.**

Die Durchführung der Wettbewerbe erfolgt analog der Herrendoppelsitzer-Wettbewerbe allgemeine Klasse.

Alle weiteren Regelungen sind Ergänzungen analog der Allgemeine Klasse Doppelsitzer-Disziplin.

2022 FIL WCh, Women's Doubles, General Class

During the 37th Junior World Championships 2022 in Winterberg/GER, medals will be awarded for the first time in the discipline women's doubles general class.

The FIL WCh women's doubles will be held as a separate race in Winterberg on Sunday January 30, 2022.

- **3 women's doubles pairs per NF are eligible to participate.**

The competitions will be staged analogous to the men's doubles competition general class.

All other regulations are supplements analogous to the general class doubles discipline.

Motion to the Executive Board



Artificial Track Natural Track

Applicant: Technical Commission

§ 5 pt. 3 h)

Motion No.: 6

§ 5 Pt.3.h) The Executive Board annually decides on the pressure in Newton meters (Nm) to be used on the inspection device and the resulting maximum measurement value.

Proposal TC:

Pressure measurement runner/steel, runner, bridge-box

bias: 2 Nm

measurement pressure: 7 Nm

maximum value: 1 mm

Pressure measurement steel-screw/bolt-box

bias: 1 Nm

measurement pressure: 3 Nm

maximum value: 1 mm

Reason:

No change to previous year

Annual resolution by the Executive Board necessary

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

none