



FIL BULLETIN No. 79

Dear sports friends!

I would like to inform you about important decisions of the FIL executive board at its meetings in Lausanne/SUI and Bucharest/ROU as well as about resolutions of the 71st FIL Congress 2023 in Bucharest / ROU:

# For the sports sector (artificial track and natural track):

On the proposal of the Technical Commission AT, the following values are set for the 2023/24 season:

Pressure measurement: runner/steel, runner, bridge box

bias:	2 Nm
measuring pressure:	7 Nm
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max. value: 1 mm

Pressure measurement: steel-screw-box bias: 1 Nm

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Measuring pressure:	3 Nm
max. value:	1 mm

The 55th FIL European Artificial Track Championships 2024 are awarded to Innsbruck/AUT in "Race in Race" mode.

The 13th America-Pacific Championships 2024 are awarded to Whistler/CAN in a "Race in Race" mode.

The 9th Asian Championships 2024 are awarded to PyeongChang/KOR.

The 45th FIL Junior European Artificial Track Championships 2024 will be awarded to St. Moritz in "Race in Race" mode. The 13th 2024 America-Pacific Junior Championships will be awarded to Whistler/CAN in a "Race in Race" mode. The 9th Asian Junior Championships 2024 will be awarded to

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The 2023/24 artificial track race calendars general class, juniors, and youth A are approved.

(see enclosures 1, 2, 3).

The FIL executive board approves the motion from the sport commission that the discipline women's doubles will be integrated into the team relay competition starting with the 2023/2024 season.

The FIL Executive Board approves the urgent motion from the technical commission that the sled weights of the doubles sleds male (youth A and juniors) be unified.

(see enclosure 4)

The 30th FIL European Championships 2024 on natural track will be held in Jaufental/ITA.

The 2023/24 natural track race calendars (general class and juniors) are approved.

(see enclosure 5)

The FIL executive board approves the urgent motion from the commission natural track and public sledding that the increase of the burr on the steel is increased from max. 0.06 mm to 0.09 mm.

<mark>(see enclosure 6)</mark>

Other important resolutions of the executive board and the presidium, respectively:

Mr. Matthias Böhmer has been acting as Sport Director Artificial Track of the FIL since April 1, 2023. Special thanks go to the former sport director Maria Luise Rainer for her dedicated work in this position since the 2010/11 season and for the conscientious training she gave Matthias Böhmer.

Ms. Maria Luise Rainer has assumed the newly created position of FIL Event Director Milano-Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games as of April 1, 2023. Ms. Rainer acts as the FIL's most important liaison person to all institutions involved in the preparation and realization of the 2026 Olympic luge events and the preparatory work (homologation, ITWs, Olympic test event,....). For the World Cup events in artificial track and natural track, the jury chairman will act as FIL representative from now on.

The FIL executive board accepts Nigeria as a provisional member of the FIL.

Nigeria is thus the first African member federation of the FIL.

- Due to budgetary necessities, but also in order to promote the discipline of women's doubles, the FIL presidium has again approved the following **participation subsidies artificial track:** 
  - Artificial track (WCs, World Championships general class and juniors):
    - 1 sled per discipline will be supported with €250, therefore max. €1,000
      - Additional €1,000 for participation in all 4 disciplines

NEW (executive board resolution): The participation subsidies artificial track for juniors and youth A will be combined. This means that for a maximum of 6 competitions Junior World Cup/Continental Cup, the above-mentioned maximum amounts can be used cumulatively. Detailed information will be provided in due time by the Vice President for Finance.

This season, participation subsidies will again be paid out in 2 installments retroactively (1st installment around New Year's, 2nd installment after the end of the season). The payments will now be able to be made promptly as the problems with the new accounting program have been resolved.

The transportation and travel subsidies artificial track for the 2023/24 season are approved by the executive board.

(see enclosure 7)

Increased priority was given to travel grants for non-European athletes participating in the qualifying events for the 2024 Youth Olympic Games taking place in Winterberg/GER and Oberhof/GER.

**The 71st FIL Congress, which was** moved from Lviv/UKR to Bucharest/ROU due to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, was attended by delegates from 34 national federations. At this point, we would like to thank the Romanian Federation with President Sorina Ticu at its head for the great and unbureaucratic assistance in organizing this congress!

During the congress, deserving officials of the sport of luge were awarded the FIL Medal of Honor by President E. Fogelis and Secretary General D. Bell:

Medal of Honor in GOLD:

- Dr. Jörg Ellermeyer

# Medal of Honor in BRONZE:

- Erin Warren/USA
- Beverly Detweiler/USA
- Ivan Bayik /UKR
- Vasyl Kazmiruk/UKR

# FIL Medal of Honor

- Rudolf Größwang Sr. (RGS)
- Stefan Krauß (Infront)

# I would like to inform you about some congress resolutions, in particular:

# 1. Amendments to the Statutes:

A package of amendments to the statues, prepared under the legal direction of Dr. Christian Krähe, was approved.

The main points of these amendments to the statues, briefly summarized:

- Clarification and expansion of the possibilities for the FIL to generate revenue (for example, by establishing or participating in corporations).
- o Deletion of the title "Honorary Vice President".
- Extension of the deadline for writing various minutes from 4 to 6 weeks.

The current statutes are available at https://www.fil-luge.org/en/about-fil/statutes.

# 2. Awarding of championships (through 2027):

# Artificial Track:

- World Championships 2027: Innsbruck/AUT
- Junior World Championships 2025: St. Moritz/SUI
- Junior World Championships 2027: Winterberg/GER

# Natural Track:

- European Championships 2024: Jaufental/ITA
  - This championship was awarded by the executive board in accordance with the congress resolution

# 3. Elections:

Due to the resignation of Philipp Trattner from the position of Vice President for Finance of the FIL, a new election had to be held for this position: The congress elected **Geoff Balme/NZL as the new Vice President for Finance of the FIL.** 

# 4. Important motions:

The congress approved a motion from the FIL executive board that starting with the 2023/24 sport year (begins on 1 July 2023) all athletes have to prove a **successfully completed anti-doping training according to FIL requirements for the application of a FIL license.** This applies equally to artificial and natural track luge. A corresponding circular with detailed information has already been sent to all national federations.

The Congress has adopted 2 important resolutions at the motion of the executive board / WG Olympic Rules, concerning the **homologation of new artificially iced tracks.** 

You can read these resolutions under enclosures 8 and 9.

# Finally, other important information:

• Regarding **transports in the artificial track to North America**, the FIL is offering a material transport. You will receive detailed information in due time.

# • Anti-Doping Education

# We ask for active participation in the FIL / ITA Webinars 2023:

- The webinars are open to all members of the FIL community not only the athletes, but also the wider community.
- Simultaneous translations are available in French, Spanish, Arabic, Mandarin, and Russian.
- We ask the national federations to participate and invite their members they can learn about anti-doping in a webinar free of charge for their organization.
- Registration links are available on the FIL website at <u>https://www.fil-luge.org/en/anti-doping-fairplay/ita-webinars</u>.

# • E-license

For all athletes participating in FIL competitions in the categories general class, juniors, and youth A or in natural track general class and juniors, an e-license has to be applied for again for the 2023/24 season.

Detailed information on this has now been sent to each national federation.

Cost of the license: €10 per athlete and sport year (unchanged)

# • Season Highlights 2022/2023 Artificial Track

We are pleased to announce that video files with 2022/2023 artificial track season highlights have again been created and are available for download on the FIL FTP server:

https://ftp.fil-luge.org:9090 User: TV\_Highlights Password: qKXx2Y

# Important: The material may be used for internal purposes only. Not authorized are

public screenings, use on the internet and any social networks, use for advertising or promotional purposes as well as copying, selling the material and passing it on to third parties.

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.

## • Press work, social media

We ask you and your athletes again for active support with our press work and social media appearances. We will be happy to publish or share your contributions and photos! Please send them to our communication manager Margit Dengler-Paar (press@fil-luge.org).

We also rely on your help to update our athlete profiles on the website. Please check the profiles of your athletes and send us current portrait photos and info for these profiles.

In our own interest, the portraits should be kept up to date. We would like to ask you to support us in updating the athletes' biographies and to send us the latest information and portrait photos to Daniela Schwab at <u>d.schwab@fil-luge.org</u>.

## • <u>Request for forwarding of information within your federation</u>

Finally, we would like to ask you to forward this and other information to all individuals within your federation for whom it may be relevant. A good communication flow is essential for good work, but it is not possible for us to inform all individuals within the national federations. Here we rely on your assistance and thank you in advance for your help.

We wish you nice and relaxing summer months and good preparation for the 2023/24 season!

Best regards,

Christoph<sup>4</sup> Schweiger Executive Director

9 enclosures

# 2023/2024 - FIL SPORT CALENDAR





**Team Relay** 



NOVEMBER DECEMBER JANUARY FEBRUARY KW 43 KW 48 KW 01 Jan 01 KW 05 Travel dav Travel day **ITW Altenberg** Eberspächer WC # 3 Feb 01 Eberspächer WC # 5 Winterberg/GER Dec 01 ITW Lake Placid Altenberg/GER **Team Relay Team Relay** KW 06 Travel day KW 44 KW 49 KW 02 Travel day ITW Sigulda Nov 01 Eberspächer WC # 1 Eberspächer WC # 4 Lake Placid /USA 55. Ech Eberspächer WC # 6 Sprint Innsbruck/AUT **Oberhof/GER Team Relay Team Relay** Travel day KW 45 KW 50 Travel day KW 03 Travel day KW 07 Day off Travel day **ITW Innsbruck** Eberspächer WC # 2 13. JAPCh ITW Eberspächer WC # 7 Whistler/CAN Altenberg/GER **Oberhof/GER Team Relay** Sprint **KW 46** KW 51 KW 04 KW 08 Travel day Travel day 52. FIL-WM Altenberg/GER Eberspächer WC # 8 Sigulda/LAT Sprint KW 47 KW 52 General class competitions KW 09 Day off 09 Weltcups 6 Team Relay Weltcups 3 Sprint Weltcups Eberspächer WC # 9 52. FIL-WM Altenberg/GER Sigulda/LAT

# 2023/2024 - FIL SPORT CALENDAR

# (Junior Class)

# Bestätigt Exekutive, März 2023

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	02			07	JWC # 3		11	Winterberg/GER		30		
	03			08	Whistler/CAN		12			09	Lillehammer/NOR	
	04			09	13. JAPCh		13			10		
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# 2023/2024 - FIL SPORT CALENDAR

# (Continental Cup, Youth A)

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M.L.Rainer, 20.03.2023

2023	NOVEMBER	2023		DECEMBER		24	JANUARY	2024	FEBRUARY	
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# **General motion/proposal Technical Commission 2023**

Applicant: Commission Youth/Development Motion: Motion No..:

The Youth/Development Commission has discussed in the meeting of 18.03.2023 about the sled weights of the doubles Youth A and Junior men for the season 2023/24.

The Commission proposes the following weights for the 2023/24 season.

Doubles Youth A men: Minimum weight: 25kg / Maximum weight: 31kg / Calculation weight: 30kg.

Doubles Junior men:

Minimum weight: 25kg / Maximum weight: 31kg / Calculation weight: 30kg.

These weights are to be used for all sleds, not only for the standard sleds (Kästle).

### Reason:

In discipline doubles Youth A and Juniors men both standard doubles (Kästle) and "normal doubles" will be used. This results from the fact that in 2020 at the YOG in Lausanne / St. Moritz, the double seater Youth A men had to run the standard double seater (Kästle) and the Technical Commission has presented a timetable for the double seater sledges, in which it was planned that until 2026 the standard double-seater would be used in all classes (men).

As a result, many nations invested in the standard double-seater.

Then in 2022, contrary to this timetable, a new direction for the male doubles was decided and distance was taken from the 2020 timetable.

This decision has hit hard all nations that have invested in the standard double-seater sled in the Youth and Junior disciplines.

In the discipline doubles Junior men only 5 nations and in the discipline doubles Youth A men only 8 nations competed in the season 2022/23.

- 1. In order to offer the nations, the possibility to further develop the doubles Youth A and Junior men we propose the above mentioned solution.
- 2. At the YOG 2024 in Pyeongchang and the qualification for the YOG (4 races Youth A World Cup / Continental Cup) both versions will be used and we would like to avoid by the above mentioned proposal, that by confusion/misunderstanding possible disqualifications in relation to the sled weight arise.
- 3. In order to give the TDs in the Junior World Cup and the organizers of the Continental Cups more security and also to save work, the commission proposes to allow the above-mentioned weights for all sleds. Otherwise always two lists must be made, and a source of error can be closed.

# NATURAL TRACK LUGE

# Race calendar World Cup and Junior World Cup 2023/2024

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6	Mi			6		2. World Cup		6				6	Mi		
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8	Fr				Mo			8	Do			8	Fr		
9	Sa				Di			9			JWCH	9	Sa		
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# FIL Unterstützung für Reise- und Transportkosten 2023/2024 2023/2024 FIL Support for Travel and Transportation costs

# Kunstbahn / Artificial Track:

Kistentransport nach Übersee (Lake Placid- Whistler) für nicht- amerikanische Nationen

**Transportation of sleds** from overseas (Lake Placid-Whistler) für nations outside of America

4 Kisten pro NF bzw. 5 Kisten pro NF mit mindestens 10 teilnehmenden Athleten: max. € 500,-- pro Kiste 4 boxes per NF respectively 5 boxes per NF with at least 10 athletes participating: max. € 500,-- per box)

Wer nur an einem Übersee- Bewerb teilnimmt, erhält nur 1/2 des Zuschusses For participation in only one competition in overseas, one will get only 1/2 of the support.

Kistentransport nach Übersee (europäische Bewerbe) für nichteuropäische Nationen

**Transportation of sleds** from overseas (competitions in Europe) für non-european NFs

4 Kisten pro NF bzw. 5 Kisten pro NF mit mindestens 10 teilnehmenden Athleten: max. € 500,-- pro Kiste

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Wer nicht an allen Bewerben (inklusive Weltmeisterschaften) in Europa teilnimmt, erhält nur 1/2 des Zuschusses

Those who do not participate in all competitions (including World Championships) in Europe will receive only 1/2 of the subsidy





**Kistentransport** Lake Placid- Whistler: wird von FIL übernommen **Transportation of sleds** Lake Placid – WC Whistler: will be covered by FIL

Kistentransport nach Übersee JWC (Park City, Whistler) (gilt 2023/24 gleichermaßen für nichteuropäische NFs bezüglich Junioren-Weltcups und YOG- Qualifikationsbewerbe in Europa Transportation of sleds from overseas JWC (Park City, Calgary) (also valid in the 2023/24 season for non-European NFs with regard to Junior/ World Cups and YOG qualification events in Europe):

4 Kisten pro NF bzw. 5 Kisten pro NF mit mindestens 10 teilnehmenden Athleten: max. € 500,-- pro Kiste 4 boxes per NF respectively 5 boxes per NF with at least 10 athletes participating: max. € 500,-- per box

Wer nicht an zumindest 3 Bewerben in Übersee teilnimmt, erhält nur 1/2 des Zuschusses.

Those who do not participate in at least 3 overseas competitions will receive only 1/2 of the subsidy.

Flugreise für nicht- europäische Nationen bezüglich YOG-Qualifikationsbewerbe in Europa:

# Financial support for travel costs by air for non- European NFs with regard to YOG qualification events in Europe

• Pro NF max. 6 Athleten à max. € 1.500 (gesamt max. € 9.000);

Wer nur an Bewerben in einer (1) Übersee- Destination in Europa teilnimmt, erhält keinen Zuschuss.

Max. 6 athletes per NF at a maximum of € 1.500 each (maximum total € 9.000);

Those competing in only one (1) overseas destination in Europe will not receive a grant.

# Generell gilt: Alle Zuschüsse werden erst nach Vorlage der tatsächlichen Kosten ausbezahlt.

The general rule:

All allowances will only be paid after presentation of the actual costs.



# **Urgent motion to the FIL Congress 2023**

Applicant: WG Olympic Rules/Executive Board <u>Motion:</u>

Application No.: 1, Supplement 1

# Supplement 1

## Commissioning

The FIL Executive Board decides on official recognition and approval of an artificial luge track for OWG, FIL Championships and FIL competitions.

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The FIL Executive Board decides on official recognition and approval of an artificial luge track for OWG, FIL Championships and FIL competitions which must take place at least one year prior to the first international competition held on this track.

### **Reason**

On every newly built track/facility, deficiencies (including safety-related ones) have been identified during pre-homologation, which had to be subsequently rectified.



# **Urgent motion to the FIL Congress 2023**

Applicant: WG Olympic Rules /Executive Board

Application No.: 2, Supplement 4

# Supplement 4

Motion:

# 1.10 International Training Courses on the Olympic Track

a) The event organizers of the Olympic luge competitions are obligated to offer in the pre Olympic and the Olympic season altogether two International Training Weeks for all NFs.

b) At least 6 training days and a maximum of 10 training days, with at least 3 training runs per day are to be made available in each week.

c) The same number of training runs must be made available to all NF's.

d) Cancelled training runs must be replaced.

# 1.11 Test Race

<u>One year prior to the OWG</u>, the track has to be available to the FIL for a test competition open to all NFs, during the same time period as the Games are scheduled.

# Supplement 4

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