



## **INTERNATIONAL LUGE FEDERATION**

### **FIL Anti-Doping Program**

#### **FIL Samples Long Term Storage and Reanalyze Policy**

In order to protect clean Luge athletes and as part of FIL's effective anti-doping program, the FIL continues to implement a "Samples Long Term Storage and Reanalyze Policy" based on Article 4.7.3 of the WADA International Standard for Testing and Investigations and applying the respective WADA Guidelines for Long Term Storage.

Urine and/or Blood Samples collected In- and/or Out-of-Competition under FIL Testing Authority may be stored for a period up to ten years and may be re-analyzed at any time within this period.

This Policy follows various criteria as, among others, targeting specific athletes based on:

- (a) Risk Assessment (performed by the ITA);
- (b) Registered Testing Pool (RTP) / Testing Pool (TP) status;
- (c) Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) status;
- (d) results, ranking and athlete's sport performance history;
- (e) upcoming Major Events in which the athletes are set to compete;
- (f) unusual or significant improvements in performance;
- (g) the sport/training calendar of athletes;
- (h) analysis testing menu and laboratory's feedback;
- (i) any unusual behaviour(s);
- (j) available research on doping trends and country;
- (k) reliable intelligence originating from investigations and/or whistleblowing;
- (l) logistical considerations: location of samples, storage fees.

The purpose of FIL's Long Term Storage Policy is to enable the effective retesting of samples as set out in Code Article 6.2. Furthermore, long-term storage and further analysis conditions shall comply with requirements set forth in the International Standard for Laboratories (ISL) Articles 5.3.11.3 and 5.3.6.3. The opportunity to re-analyze samples will be assessed when a new analytical method and/or a more sensitive technology are/is available, additional intelligence, research on doping trends and/or other factors.

Applying the Samples Long Term Storage and Reanalyze Policy will allow the FIL to clamp down on Luge athletes who make use of previously undetectable substances, or Luge athletes who have evaded detection through standard testing.

To strengthen this Policy, it is important that the Luge athletes and their entourage are aware of the Policy. This information will therefore be published on the FIL website and FIL Members are also required to inform their Luge athletes, Coaches and Support Personnel.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter and your commitment to the fight for a Clean Sport!

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the FIL Anti-Doping Administrator, Ms. Diana Springl ([anti-doping@fil-luge.org](mailto:anti-doping@fil-luge.org)).