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FIL Anti-Doping Program

FIL Samples Long Term Storage and Reanalyze Policy

In order to protect the clean Luge athletes and in line with the FIL Anti-Doping Rules the FIL has improved its Anti-Doping Program by implementing a “Samples Long Term Storage and Reanalyze Policy” based on Article 5.2.12.1 of the WADA International Standard for Laboratories 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. The FIL will select four samples per year for Long Term Storage.

This Policy follows various criteria as, among others, targeting specific athletes based on: i) Risk Assessment (performed by ITA); ii) Registered Testing Pool, iii) the Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) status; iii) ranking; iv) unusual performances; v) analysis menu and laboratory’s feedback; vi) as well as intelligence originating from investigations and whistleblowing. Retesting the samples should follow be conducted on specific period, e.g. few months prior the Olympic Winter Games, applying the latest testing methods and techniques.

Applying the Samples Long Term Storage and Reanalyze Policy will allow 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).