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DRAWINGS OF BOBSLEDS

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

1. NAME

- 1.1. The "FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE BOBSLEIGH ET DE TOBOGGANNING (F.I.B.T.)" was founded on 23rd November 1923, by the Delegates of Great Britain, France, and Switzerland and the representatives of Canada and of the United States, meeting at an International Congress in Paris.
- 1.2. The F.I.B.T. is the senior international organisation of all national bobsleigh and skeleton associations in accordance with the conditions contained in its Articles of Association.
- 1.3. The F.I.B.T. is the "supreme authority" in all matters relating to international bobsleigh and skeleton.
- 1.4. The F.I.B.T. is an independent, international non-governmental association, which is concerned with the task of international interests. It does not intend to pursue financial interests and fully complies with the principles set forth in Article No. 71 of the Charter of the United Nations, for "INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS" (I.N.G.O.).

2. REGISTERED OFFICES

- 2.1. The head office of the F.I.B.T. is at an address designated by the Executive Board of Directors.
- 2.2. The official languages are French, English and German. The English text has full priority in the event of any controversial matter.

3. PURPOSE AND TASKS

3.1. The F.I.B.T. and its members commit themselves to pursue the attainment of common goals, not individual interests, and to act in the best interests of the spirit of the sport.

PURPOSE:

3.2. The promotion of bobsleigh and skeleton, both as a sport for the masses, and in particular as a competitive sport. In order to comply with the Olympic ideal in general, and to adhere to the conditions of I.O.C. participation, the F.I.B.T. supports the principle of amateurism, the attainment of which is set forth in its chapter of its International Rules for competition.

3.3. Promotion of the sport of bobsleigh and skeleton on a regional and personal basis.

3.4. The representation of bobsleigh and skeleton with outside interests.

3.5. To act as intermediary and to direct bobsleigh and skeleton activity on an international level.

TASK:

3.6. To establish the rules for bobsleigh and skeleton competitions, and to ensure that they are enforced.

3.7. To ensure the existence of essential conditions for the performance and recognition of international competitions.

3.8. To control the World Championships, Continental Championships, and any other Championships, as well as participation in the Olympic Winter Games, including the confirmation of the results.

3.9. To organise international courses.

4. **AFFILIATION**

4.1. Ordinary, extraordinary, and honorary members belong to the F.I.B.T.

a) **Ordinary Members:** only National Associations concerned with bobsleigh or skeleton, and belonging to the National Olympic Committee in their country and having the right to vote at the General Assembly of their National Olympic Committee, may be Ordinary Members of the F.I.B.T.

An independent country may be affiliated to the F.I.B.T. through one Association only.

b) **Extraordinary Members:** these are Clubs of a country, provided that this country has no National Association as in 4.1. a) above, or National Federations not having the right to vote at the General Assembly of their National Olympic Committee. However, both clubs and National Federations must be recognised by the National Olympic Committee of their country and be authorised to represent their country for the sporting disciplines governed by the FIBT.

c) **Honorary Members:** these are personalities who have acquired particular merits in the field of bobsleigh and skeleton, and who are appointed as "Honorary Members" by decision of the Congress.

4.2. The applications to become ordinary members must include formal agreement to be subject to the Articles of Association and to the International Rules of the F.I.B.T.; such applications must be addressed in quintuplicate to the Secretary General, enclosing two copies of the Articles of Association of the National Association concerned, together with the authorisation of its National Olympic Committee.

4.3. The Executive Board of Directors, with a majority of 2/3, may take a decision about the inclusion of members within 6 weeks of the receipt of the application for affiliation. In the event of the application being refused, the applicant may appeal in writing within four weeks of the date of receipt of the refusal, and the Congress shall take a decision to grant an appeal with a simple majority.

4.4. Resignation by members must be declared by registered letter to the Secretary General at the end of any sporting year. Any obligations resulting from the affiliation must be fulfilled before the end of the affiliation.

4.5. In particular cases, the F.I.B.T. may enforce the exclusion of a member, only after confirmation by the Congress to do so:

a) if after 2 reminders it has not complied with its financial commitments;

b) in case of particular breach of discipline, or for other serious reasons.

5. **RIGHTS OF AFFILIATED MEMBERS**

Any ordinary and extraordinary member affiliated to the F.I.B.T. has the following rights:

- 5.1. Claim for moral and technical support from the F.I.B.T. in the promotion of bobsleigh and skeleton, in particular in the development of sports equipment, and in connection with the construction of bob tracks and in the running of competitions.
- 5.2. Participate in all the competitions organised by the F.I.B.T. and by its affiliated members, according to the regulations laid down by the organisers.
- 5.3. Organise national and international championships under the control of the F.I.B.T.

5.4. Participation and voting at the Congress.

The right to present proposals or to vote is the sole prerogative of the Ordinary Members, providing they take an active part in the Federation's sports programme: i.e:

- that they have already taken part in bob and/or skeleton competitions in the Olympic Games and the World Championships;
- that over the 24 months prior to mailing the invitation to the Congress they took part in at least five F.I.B.T. competitions on two different tracks.

The Ordinary Members who take an active part in the Federation's sporting activities, in both bob and skeleton, have the right to vote in all matters regarding bob and skeleton: Vice versa, Ordinary Members who take part only in competition activity for bob will have the right to vote only on issues concerning bob; Ordinary Members who take part only in competition activity for skeleton, will have the right to vote only on issues concerning skeleton.

6. OBLIGATIONS OF AFFILIATED MEMBERS

- 6.1. The affiliated members commit themselves to do their utmost to achieve the common goals of the F.I.B.T., and to carry out their task in accordance with the Articles of Association and with the Rules of the F.I.B.T.

To create the financial conditions which are required for the fulfilment of the organising tasks of the F.I.B.T., on request of the Executive Board of Directors.

Within the time scale of annual Congresses, the following fees are due:

- a) Affiliation fee: this is an annual fee, to be settled by all ordinary and extraordinary members by 31st December of the year concerned, at the latest.
- b) Inclusion fee: for ordinary and extraordinary members on attaining membership of the F.I.B.T.

- 6.2. The F.I.B.T., as a member of the International Olympic Committee family supports the Olympic ideal of Fair Play in sport, and the F.I.B.T., all of its affiliated members, officials,

coaches and athletes will adhere to the I.O.C. anti-doping Code and Rules and practice the principle with due diligence and without exception.

7. **ORGANS**

7.1. The organs of the F.I.B.T. are:

- a) The CONGRESS
- b) The EXECUTIVE BOARD of DIRECTORS
- c) The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the BOARD of DIRECTORS

8. **CONGRESS**

8.1. The Congress is the representative body of the F.I.B.T., and it consists of:

- a) The Delegates, nominated by the ordinary and extraordinary members, and the honorary members.

Any ordinary and extraordinary member may appoint a delegate, who has the sole right to vote, and also an advisory assistant who is not entitled to vote.

The delegate must possess the citizenship of the country he represents, or have been resident on an habitual basis in this country for at least three years on the date of the Congress.

- b) The Executive Board of Directors.

- c) Each member that is not represented at the Congress by its own Delegate can nominally mandate the Delegate of another member to exercise its right to vote on its behalf.

This proxy must be formulated in writing by the president of the national federation or club that wishes to be represented.

Each Delegate representing a country with the right to vote may receive a single proxy in addition to the one of the federation he represents.

The Congress is presided over by the President of the F.I.B.T., or one of the Vice-Presidents.

8.2. The Congress will be held once a year, preferably in the second quarter.

8.3. An extraordinary Congress may be called at any time at the request of the majority of the members of the Executive Board of Directors, or by one fifth of the ordinary members.

8.4. Provided the previous Congress did not take any decision about the site of the Congress, the President may determine the site, the time and the agenda of the Congress.

The President shall call the Congress by written invitation to members of the Executive Board of Directors and Member Associations, at least 2 months in advance of the date chosen.

The time required to call an extraordinary Congress may be reduced to 4 weeks. In this case, the time required for presentation of requests is reduced to two weeks.

- 8.5. The agenda shall be attached to the invitation to the Congress. The agenda shall mention the following points:
- a) checking of powers, roll-call, verification of entitlement to vote, statement of receipt of invitation and approval of the agenda;
 - b) approval of the Minutes of the last Congress;
 - c) report by the members of the Executive Board of Directors, with presentation of accounts, budget, and report of the Auditors of Accounts;
 - d) discussion of reports, and release of the Executive Board of Directors;
 - e) election of the members of the Executive Officers of the Executive Board of Directors - in election years;
 - f) election of the Adjunct Members of the Executive Board of Directors – every two years
 - g) election of the Auditors of Accounts - every two years;
 - h) election of the members of the Court of Arbitration – every four years;
 - i) determination of the affiliation fee, and of the admission fee;
 - j) request for honours;
 - k) allocation of World Championships, Continental Championships, and any other International Championships;
 - l) decision on the site and date of the next Congress.
- 8.6. Additions to the Agenda of the Congress may be presented by members of the Executive Board of Directors, and by ordinary members. These must be in the hands of the President, with a written statement for the grounds for inclusion, 8 weeks before the date of the Congress at the very latest.
- 8.7. Late additions to the Agenda may only be discussed if they are presented in writing before the opening of the Congress, and provided that 2/3 of delegates, who are entitled to vote, agree.
- 8.8. The Congress Minutes must be drawn up within four weeks after the end of the said Congress, and be sent without any delay to all Member Associations, to the Members of the Executive Board of Directors, and to the Auditors of Accounts.

The Minutes must be signed by the President.

In the same way, also the Minutes of the meetings of the various Committees must be prepared within four weeks.

9. EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

9.1. The Executive Board of Directors shall consist of:

A) **Executive Officers**

1. President
2. Vice President of Law and Finance
3. Vice President of Sport Operations
4. Vice President of International Affairs
5. Vice President of Tracks

B) **Executive Board Adjunct Members**

3 Members

C) **Secretary General** - Appointed by the Executive Board with voice but without vote

9.2. The Federation shall be governed by the Executive Board of Directors.

9.3 The President of the F.I.B.T. shall be the Chair of the Executive Board of Directors. In the absence of the President, the Vice President of Law and Finance shall preside, and in the absence of both the President and the Vice President of Law and Finance, the Vice President of Sport Operations shall preside. If all three are absent, the Directors shall choose a presiding officer for the meeting by majority vote.

9.4 The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer and shall preside at all meetings of the F.I.B.T. The President shall be an ex officio member of all committees and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by vote of the Executive Board of Directors.

9.5 The Vice President of Law and Finance shall, along with the President and Vice President of Sport Operations, serve as a member of the Executive Committee of the Executive Board of Directors. The Vice President of Law and Finance shall be responsible for all matters that concern legal and financial regulations.

9.6 The Vice President of Sport Operations shall, along with the President and Vice President of Law and Finance, serve as a member of the Executive Committee of the Executive Board of Directors. The Vice President of Sport Operations shall be responsible for all matters that concern organization, operation, and validation of competitions and shall be directly responsible for bobsleigh and skeleton.

9.7. The Vice President of International Affairs shall be responsible for international relations that concern the development and growth of the disciplines of bobsleigh and skeleton. The Vice

President of International Affairs shall chair meetings of the Attachés and address issues of emerging nations and nations requiring special assistance for sport competition

- 9.8. The Vice President of Bobsleigh/Skeleton Tracks shall be responsible for technical specifications of tracks including issues of athlete safety in relation to competition sites, and also be responsible for issues relating to Race Organizers and competitions
- 9.9. The President and each of the Vice Presidents shall have one (1) vote. No member nations shall have more than one (1) individual elected to the offices of President or any of the Vice Presidents.
- 9.10 With the exception of the Secretary General, all members of the Executive Board of Directors shall act and serve without compensation, except this provision shall not preclude the reimbursement of expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties. Such reimbursement must be approved by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.
- 9.11. The Executive Officers of the Executive Board of Directors are elected for a period of four (4) years corresponding to an Olympic cycle.
The three (3) Adjunct Members of the Executive Board of Directors are elected every two (2) years, commencing in 2004; the Executive Officers shall make the initial appointments in 2002.
- 9.12. The Executive Board of Directors issues general guidelines and regulations for each single field pertaining to the Vice Presidents; such regulations should be confirmed by the Congress.
- 9.13. The Executive Board of Directors is entitled to make decisions, provided that in addition to the President or the Vice President representing him, there are at least three (3) Vice Presidents attending the meeting.
- 9.14. The Executive Board of Directors provides advice and fulfills the responsibilities stated in the Articles of Association. The Executive Board of Directors is bound by the decisions of the Congress.
- 9.15. Notification of meetings of the Executive Board of Directors shall be sent by the Secretary General to the Board Members at least two (2) weeks in advance of the meeting.
In exceptional cases, this time may be shortened.
- 9.16. If circumstances permit. Members of the Executive Board of Directors may be present at a meeting in person or by communication equipment that has two (2) way capacity for hearing and speaking, such as speaker phone, video conferencing, etc.

- 9.17. Vacancies on the Executive Board of Directors shall be filled in the following manner:
- a) Executive Officers: The next Congress will determine a replacement until the next regular election;
 - b) Adjunct Members: The Executive Board of Directors will determine a replacement until the next regular election;

10. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 10.1 The President, the Vice President of Law and Finance, the Vice President of Sport Operations, and the Secretary General shall comprise the Executive Committee of the Executive Board of Directors and shall have the responsibility for administering the business, routine affairs, and other activities of the Federation.
- 10.2 The authorized representative of the F.I.B.T. in legal matters is the President, together with the Vice President of Law and Finance. In the event of one (1) or two (2) being unavailable, the vacant place will be taken over by the Vice President of Sport Operations.
- 10.3 The Executive Committee is empowered to appoint Special Committees for the solution of important tasks, etc. outside the scope of one of the Standing Committees. The members of such Special Committees are appointed with the agreement of the National Association to which they belong.
- 10.4 The President is responsible within the F.I.B.T. for third parties. The President is responsible for calling the Congress and meetings of the Executive Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. The President shall chair the Executive Committee and provide direction for its conduct. In the event the President should be unable to attend a committee meeting, the President will be represented by the Vice President responsible for the duties concerned.
- 10.5 Notification of meetings of the Executive Committee shall be sent by the Secretary General to the Committee Members at least two (2) weeks in advance of the meeting. In exceptional cases, this time may be shortened.
- 10.6. If circumstances permit, Members of the Executive Committee may be present at a meeting in person or by communication equipment that has two (2) way capacity for hearing and speaking, such as a speaker phone, video conferencing, etc.
- 10.7. The Secretary General manages the F.I.B.T. Office. Any decision about the compensation, benefits, or work conditions of the Secretary General is made by the President together with the Vice President of Law and Finance.

11. STANDING COMMITTEES

11.1. There shall be Standing Committees, which shall be advisory to the F.I.B.T., and Members appointed by the Executive Board of Directors, with agreement of the National Association to which they belong, with the exception of the Athletes' Advisory Committee which shall be selected in accordance with Article 11.5, as follows:

- Sports Committee
- Calendar Committee
- Material Committee
- International Affairs Committee
- Tracks Committee
- Medical Committee
- Athletes Advisory Committee

11.2. The duties of each Standing Committee, with the exception of the Athletes Advisory Committee shall be assigned by the President subject to the approval of the Executive Board of Directors.

11.3. The Executive Committee may establish and appoint the members of such other Special Committees as may be necessary.

11.4. The term of each member of each Standing Committee with the exception of the Athletes Advisory Committee shall run until the next quadrennial meeting following the Winter Olympic Games or until his or her successor is appointed. Special Committees shall automatically be dissolved on the dissolution date stated when they are created, or, if no such date is established, when dissolved by the Executive Board of Directors. The terms of the members of each Special Committee shall expire when the committee is dissolved, or as otherwise provided by the Executive Board of Directors.

11.5. The FIBT Athletes Advisory Committee.

An FIBT Athletes' Advisory Committee shall be constituted; the majority of whose members shall be elected by athletes participating in the World Cup Circuit. The election shall be held on the occasion of the World Cup finale preceding the Olympic Winter Games in accordance with regulations adopted by the FIBT Executive Board, and communicated to the National Federations not later than six months prior to the World Cup finale preceding the Olympic Games at which such election is to be held.

All regulations and procedures of the FIBT Athletes' Advisory Committee shall be adopted by the FIBT Executive Board after consulting with the FIBT Athletes' Advisory Committee.

12. VOTES & ELECTIONS

12.1. In general, all decisions taken during F.I.B.T. meetings are decided by a simple majority of votes.

Abstentions and votes which are not valid are not counted for.

In the event of a tie this shall be interpreted as refusal.

12.2. Any decision about the acceptance of new members needs a 2/3 majority of the Executive Board of Directors.

12.3. In principle, elections are to be made in writing and by secret vote.

In the event that there should be one person only who is proposed for an office, and if that person is prepared to accept the said office, the election may be by a show of hands, if no secret vote is requested.

Members in absentia may be elected, provided they state their acceptance for the office in writing in advance.

12.4. If there is only one candidate for election to an office, that person is elected if he/she obtains the majority of votes.

If there are several candidates for election, the candidate is elected who secures at least half of the votes.

In the event no candidate secures such a number of votes, a ballot takes place between the two candidates who secured most votes during the first election; a simple majority of votes is decisive for the ballot.

12.5. Any members of the National Associations may be elected to the F.I.B.T., provided they are over 21 years old and have civil rights.

13. ADMINISTRATION

13.1. The administration of the F.I.B.T. is ruled by financial regulations approved by the Congress.

13.2. The Vice-President who is entrusted with legal matters and finance, prepares an estimated budget, yearly, which he has to submit to the Congress for discussion.

13.3. The yearly accounts are subject to the examination of the Auditors of Accounts whose report is to be submitted to the Congress.

13.4. The yearly accounts must be sent to the various affiliated Associations at least four weeks before the Congress date, if possible, together with the invitation and the Agenda of the Congress.

14. HONOURS

- 14.1. At the request of the Executive Board of Directors, or of the affiliated Associations, members who have attained particular merits or standards for bobsleigh or skeleton, may be appointed honorary members by the Congress.
Honorary members are exempt from any fee and are invited to all Congresses. However they have no right to vote.
- 14.2. For outstanding merits with regard to bobsleigh and skeleton, the F.I.B.T. awards badges of honour, etc., according to the regulations of honour as approved by the Congress.

15. COURTS OF ARBITRATION

The FIBT recognises two Courts of Arbitration:

- *The Internal Court of Arbitration*
- *The Court of Arbitration for Sport (C.A.S.) - Appellate Arbitration Division*

The Internal Court of Arbitration is the Court of first instance in all matters of dispute rising from activities within the competence of the FIBT with exclusion of those decisions taken by the Congress, Executive Board of Directors, Executive Committee and FIBT Juries.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (C.A.S.) or more specifically the Appellate Arbitral Division of the C.A.S., deals with matters of last instance where internal FIBT disputes and disciplinary procedures have been exhausted.

15.1 Internal Court of Arbitration

The Internal Court of Arbitration is a Court of honorary arbitrators and an independent body with the task of resolving any disputes rising from activities within the competence of the FIBT. The competence of this Internal Court of Arbitration is any issue exclusive of decisions by the Congress, which is the highest authority of the FIBT; the Executive Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, whose decisions can be appealed to the Congress; and the FIBT Juries, whose decisions regarding competitions, according to the art. 8.10.3 are final and not subject to appeal.

- 15.2. The Internal Court of Arbitration consists of five members, who are not members of the Executive Board of Directors and who are elected by Congress for a period of four years. The Court elects its own Chairman who will be a qualified legal officer (Judge, Lawyer). In the event that a qualified legal officer is unavailable, the FIBT will, with the agreement of the Court, appoint a qualified legal adviser on a case by case basis.

15.3. The Internal Court of Arbitration is entitled to take evidence directly or in writing; to convene or to conduct its affairs by teleconferencing.

The Internal Court of Arbitration has the right to question any parties in seeking a resolution and to express a judgement by a simple majority of the votes.

A quorum of the Internal Court of Arbitration will be the Chairman plus at least two other members.

In the event of a tie vote, the Chairman will cast the deciding vote.

After preliminary investigation the Internal Court of Arbitration is entitled to return to the Executive Board of Directors with reasons any matter that it deems frivolous or beyond its competence.

15.4 The findings of the Court may include, but without limitations to, the following:

- a) warning
- b) reprimand
- c) fine
- d) disqualification
- e) suspension
- f) exclusion from the FIBT

15.5 **Costs**

Any originating request to the Internal Court of Arbitration shall be accompanied by CHF 500 deposit to the FIBT. Each party to a dispute will be responsible for its own costs for witnesses, experts and interpreters. Real costs incurred by the FIBT in convening the Internal Court of Arbitration will be borne by the losing party.

15.6 **The Court of Arbitration for Sport (C.A.S.) - Appellate Arbitration Division**

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (C.A.S.) is an institution independent of any sports bodies that offers a dispute resolution facility under the authority of the International Council of Arbitration for Sport.

The FIBT recognises the competence of the Appellate Arbitral Division of C.A.S. as the court of last instance after all internal remedies, including the FIBT Internal Court of Arbitration, have been exhausted.

Any decision made by the Internal Court of Arbitration may be submitted exclusively by way of appeal to the C.A.S. in Lausanne, Switzerland which will resolve the dispute in accordance with Code of Sports Related Arbitration and whose decisions shall be final and binding on all parties. The time limit for appeal will be 21 days after receipt of the decision concerning the appeal. The governing law shall be English law.

16. **DISSOLUTION OF THE F.I.B.T.**

16.1. The dissolution of the F.I.B.T. can only be pronounced by a decision of 2/3 of its members.

16.2. An Extraordinary Congress shall be convened specifically for that purpose.

16.3. The Assembly will decide upon the use of any assets of the F.I.B.T.

17. CHANGES OF THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

17.1. The Articles of Association may only be changed if 2/3 of the Congress decide so and if 50% of affiliated members are represented.

17.2. Any change proposed by an affiliated member will have to be submitted to the President in writing at least two months before the Congress.

18. GENERAL

18.1. The Executive Board of Directors is deemed competent to take any decision not foreseen in the present Articles of Association, nor in the business rules.
It is obliged to report any decision to the next Congress.

International rules

1. GENERAL

The F.I.B.T., including its ordinary members (National Federations) and its extraordinary members (Clubs) - according to Art. I 4.1 a) and b) of the Articles of Association - hereafter called members, are the sole representatives qualified to organise international competitions.

1.1. Competitions

1.1.1. Olympic Winter Games, World Senior and Junior Championships - two-man and four-man bob

The World Senior Championships are held annually, except in years when the Olympic Winter Games are held.

1.1.2. Continental Championships - general class two-man and four-man bob

Continental Championships may be World Cup Competitions and are competed for annually.

In this case the Continental Championships will be held under World Cup Rules.

Two separate ratings will be issued: one for the Continental Championships and one for the World Cup competition.

1.1.3. F.I.B.T. Official competitions

They are:

- * Competitions according to 1.1.1. and 1.1.2.
- * World Cup two-man and four-man bob Competitions
- * Europe and America Cup two-man and four-man bob competitions
- * International competitions approved by the FIBT Executive Committee and inserted into the F.I.B.T.'s International Calendar.

1.1.4. Programmes and invitations

The programmes and invitations for the above events are sent by the National Associations concerned in organising the event.

1.2.1. ADMISSION

Only the teams entered by the members are entitled to participate in the competitions according to 1.1.1, 1.1.2 and 1.1.3.

They must fulfil one of the following conditions:

- a) Be citizens of the nation of the national association, and must not have taken part in the past in international F.I.B.T competitions on behalf of another nation; or
- b) have official residence status of the nation in question and must not have taken part in the past in international F.I.B.T competitions on behalf of another nation; or
- c) have changed citizenship or official residency and have obtained the release from their former member federation and acceptance by the new federation. In such case the competitor may elect to represent one but not both.

An athlete may represent only one nation during any single competition season, between 1st October and 30th September of the following year.

Applications for such changes in Federation may only be submitted between 31st March and 30th September of any year.

Right to take part in the Olympic Winter Games is the sole purview of the IOC and is governed by its IOC Rules.

1.2.2. RIGHT TO TAKE PART IN COMPETITIONS

1.2.2.1. Olympic Winter Games

Men's Bobsleigh:

2-man bob

The following qualify:

- The first 22 pilots in the by-name 2-man standings of the World Cup of the Olympic season – max. 2 per NOC.
- The first 4 pilots in the 2-man standings of the European Challenge Cup of the Olympic Season belonging to NOC's which did not already qualify via the World Cup or which qualified with a pilot only – max. 2 per NOC.
- The first two pilots in the 2-man standings of the North American Challenge Cup of the Olympic season belonging to NOC's which did not already qualify via the World Cup or which qualified with a pilot only – max. 2 per NOC.

4-man bob

The following qualify:

- The first 20 pilots in the by-name 4-man standings of the World Cup of the Olympic season – max. 2 per NOC.
- The first 4 pilots in the 4-man standings of the European Challenge Cup of the Olympic season belonging to NOC's which did not already qualify via the World Cup or which qualified with a pilot only - max 2 per NOC.
- The first two pilots in the 4-man standings of the North American Challenge Cup of the Olympic season belonging to NOC's which did not already qualify via the World Cup or which qualified with a pilot only – max 2 per NOC.

The Challenge Cup will be held, in principle, by the end of January in the Olympic season in the form of one 2-man bob competition and one 4-man bob competition, respectively in Europe and North America.

The following may take part in the European Challenge Cup:

- pilots in the by-name World Cup Standings of the Olympic season – respectively in the 2-man and 4-man bob – belonging to NOC's in Europe or Africa, Asia and Oceania, whose NOC's did not already qualify or qualified with a pilot only;
- pilots in the by-name Europe Cup standings of the Olympic season, belonging to NOC's in Europe or Africa, Asia and Oceania, whose NOC's did not already qualify via the World Cup standings or qualified with a pilot only, providing they have taken part, and were ranked – respectively in the 2-man bob and 4-man bob – in at least 5 international FIBT competitions on three different tracks in the Olympic season and/or in the previous competition season.

The following may take part in the North American Challenge Cup:

- pilots in the by-name World Cup Standings of the Olympic season – respectively in the 2-man and 4-man bob – belonging to NOC's in the American Continent or Africa, Asia and Oceania, whose NOC's did not already qualify or qualified with a pilot only;
- pilots in the by-name America Cup standings of the Olympic season, belonging to NOC's in the American continent or Africa, Asia and Oceania, whose NOC's did not already qualify via the World Cup standings or qualified with a pilot only, providing they have taken part, and were ranked – respectively in the 2-man bob and 4-man bob – in at least 5 international FIBT competitions on three different tracks in the Olympic season and/or in the previous competition season.

Women's Bobsleigh:

The following qualify:

- The first 15 pilots in the by-name World Cup standings of the Olympic season – max 2 per NOC.

N.B.: If an NOC has more than two pilots qualified for each discipline, the choice of two pilots who will take part in the Olympic Winter Games will be the exclusive competency of the NOC, which will appoint them without any right of appeal.

1.2.2.2. Senior World Championships

Men's Bobsleigh:

- A) Only pilots who have taken part in the course of the previous 24 months, in at least 5 international competitions: in the Olympic Winter Games or in competitions classified in articles 1.1.1, 1.1.2 or 1.1.3 of the International Rules and who have completed their competitions and are ranked in the final result list of each competition, on at least three different tracks may take part in the Senior World Championships.
Participation in 5 international 2-man bob events provides the right of admission to the 2-man bob event of the World Championships.
Participation in 5 international 4-man bob events provides the right of admission to the 4-man bob event of the World Championships.
An exception to the obligation to possess the requisites stated in this paragraph is made for pilots from countries which hold national championships every year with the participation of at least 10 crews of the same gender and from their own country, respectively in the 2-man and 4-man events.
Requests for this exception to be applied must be accompanied by documentation which, on request, must be exhibited to the FIBT Jury.
- B) In the Senior World Championships each Member may enter a maximum of two teams in competition and up to three teams in the official training.
In addition, art.9.1. of the World Cup Rules is valid.

Women's Bobsleigh:

- A) Only pilots who have taken part, in the course of the previous 24 months, in at least 5 international competitions: in the Olympic Winter Games or in competitions classified in articles 1.1.1, 1.1.2 or 1.1.3 of the International Rules and who have completed their competitions and are ranked in the final result list of each competition, on at least three different tracks may take part in the Senior World Championships.
An exception to the obligation to possess the requisites stated in this paragraph is made for pilots from countries which hold national championships every year with the

participation of at least 10 crews of the same gender and from their own country, in the Women's Bobsleigh event.

Requests for this exception to be applied must be accompanied by documentation which, on request, must be exhibited to the FIBT Jury.

B) In the Senior World Championships each Member may enter a maximum of three teams both in official training and in the competition.

1.2.2.3. Junior World Championships

Only "junior" pilots who have taken part in the course of the previous 24 months, in at least two Europa/America Cup competitions and who have completed their competitions and are ranked in the final result list of each competition, on two different tracks may take part in the Junior World Championships.

Participation in the two competitions may also take place within a single season and in the same season in which the Junior World Championships are held.

Participation in two Europe Cup or America Cup 2-man bob events provides the right of admission to the Junior World 2-man bob Championships.

Participation in two Europe Cup or America Cup 4-man bob events provides the right of admission to the Junior World 4-man bob Championships.

Exceptions to this rule are pilots from countries who organise competitions every year on a regular basis with the participation of at least 10 crews of the same gender and from their own country, respectively in the 2-man and 4-man events.

If requested, nations benefiting from this exception must present documentation proving this right to the Juries.

In the Junior World Championships each Member may enter a maximum of three teams both in the competition and in official training.

1.2.2.4. Continental Championships

A) Only pilots who have taken part in the course of the previous 24 months, in at least 5 international competitions classified in articles 1.1.1., 1.1.2. and 1.1.3 of the International Rules and who have completed their competitions and are ranked in the final result list of each competition, on at least three different tracks may take part in the Continental Championships.

Participation in 5 international 2-man bob events provides the right of admission to the 2-man bob Continental Championships.

Participation in 5 international 4-man bob events provides the right of admission to the 4-man bob Continental Championships.

An exception to the obligation to possess the requisite stated in the first paragraph is made for pilots from countries which hold national championships every year with

participation of at least 10 crews of the same gender and from their own country, respectively in the 2-man and 4-man events..

Requests for this exception to be applied must be accompanied by documentation which, on request, must be exhibited to the FIBT Jury.

B) In the Continental Championships each Member may participate with a maximum of three teams both in the competition and in official training.

In the Continental Championships also teams from other continents may participate, however, they may not acquire the title of Champion.

In cases in which the Continental Championships are also World Cup competitions, participation will be governed by the World Cup Rules.

1.2.3. If the number of entered bobsleighs exceeds the capacity of the track, a reduction in the number of bobsleighs may be made by the Jury in agreement with the Race Director.

Any reduction may be carried out before each heat. The starting order, according to the draw, does not change.

In the first heat all entered teams are allowed to participate.

1.3. **Allotment**

On receipt of a written application, the F.I.B.T. will award at the Congress the competitions according to 1.1.1. and 1.1.2. to respective members, max. four years in advance. The dates for the competitions as per 1.1.1., 1.1.2., 1.1.3., and 4.7. are to be closely coordinated so as not to coincide.

1.4. **Juniors**

"Juniors" are considered to be the athletes who on the date of the competition reserved for "Juniors", are less than 26 years old, and all those who will reach their 26th birthday in the period between 1st October and 31st March of the following year.

1.5. **Amateurism Rules**

The I.O.C. Rules are applied.

1.6. **Controls**

1.6.1. **Antidoping Controls**

Doping is forbidden. The Executive Committee of the F.I.B.T. has the right to arrange for antidoping controls at all F.I.B.T. competitions and outside competitions at any time.

Antidoping controls are carried out according to the Antidoping Control Rules issued by the F.I.B.T.

The Executive Committee can issue a mandate to specialised international organisations.

By signing the International F.I.B.T. Licence, the athlete undertakes to accept the Rules regarding F.I.B.T. Doping Controls and to submit to the controls established by the Executive Committee.

The F.I.B.T. applies the provisions of the I.O.C. Medical Code regarding both persons and competitions which come under its jurisdiction.

1.6.2. **Equipment Checks**

The participants in F.I.B.T. competitions submit to checking their sleds and equipment by their signature on the International Licence and according to Art. 1.9.

The Jury may order checks on sleds and equipment on site at all F.I.B.T. competitions and can also have these checks carried out by a mobile laboratory on site or by an F.I.B.T.-approved laboratory according to the enclosed attachment.

Should an external check or examination prove a violation of the International Rules, the concerned National Federation is obliged to pay the costs.

1.7. **Licences**

Before competing in the sport of bobsleigh, all competitors must acquire valid F.I.B.T. Licences from their National Federation.

Prior to all competitions, licences are to be handed over to the the Race Director before the training.

The Licence is valid for one season (1st Oct. to 30th Sept.).

The licence must be signed by the President of the Federation which issues it and by the holder of the licence him/herself. By applying his/her signature, the holder of the licence confirms that he/she is familiar with the FIBT's International Rules and undertakes to respect them.

1.8. **Entries**

Entries of teams for competitions are to be made in writing by the members to the organisers prior to the date stated in invitation to compete.

The Jury shall be notified of the name of the team captains during the first team captains' meeting.

Team selection for participation in competitions is made by the member federations concerned.

Entry fees are payable to the organiser and amount to the value of 20 (twenty) Euros per athlete entered.

In the event of late entry, as specified in the invitation, entry may be made at double fee.

Entries may be withdrawn at any time. Entry fees paid are not reimbursable.

1.9. **Acknowledgement of the Rules**

With the submission of entry, participants (bobsleighters, team captains, trainers and coaches) agree to abide by these Rules.

1.10. **International Judges**

Any member is entitled to propose suitable persons as candidates for a Licence of 'International Judge of the F.I.B.T.'.

For this purpose the F.I.B.T. issues special Rules.

1.11. **Records for the run**

Track record runs are only recognised during competitions.

1.12. **Infringements**

In the event of any infringement of the Rules, the following penalties are enforced by the Jury, according to the gravity of the offence:

- warning;
- fine up to 1,500 Euros.;
- disqualification from the competition.

The fines will be received by the Jury, which in turn will pay them to the F.I.B.T.

1.13. **ELEGIBILITY RULES**

1.13.1. **Qualification of competitors**

1.13.1. A member Federation shall not enter a competitor for any International Competition, nor shall it issue a licence to any competitor who has been guilty of improper or unsportsmanlike conduct.

1.13.2. **Sponsorship and advertising**

1.13.2.1. The F.I.B.T. and Member Federations may enter into contracts with commercial firms or organisations.

1.13.2.2. The F.I.B.T. may at any time call for a copy of the agreement.

1.13.3. **Commercial Markings on Equipment**

1.13.3.1. Commercial markings on bobsleighs, other equipment and on the athlete are permitted and unrestricted except for those limitations set out in the art.1.13.3.2. of the International Rules.

1.13.3.2.F.I.B.T. properties

The F.I.B.T. reserves and protects for its own use the following properties:

A) On both sides of the helmet an area of 50 sq. cm. each side.

B) **The race number**

Race numbers may carry advertising in the form of names and symbols.

The overall maximum size of the race number will be 2500 sq. cm.

The race numbers shall be provided by the F.I.B.T. and shall be fixed strictly as supplied on the middle of the bottom third of the cowling as shown in the attached diagram.

With the exception of World Championships, if the F.I.B.T. has named no sponsor before 15th October of each year these areas would be placed at the disposal of National Federations from 16th October to 31st March of the following year.

1.13.4. Media rights

All so called television, film, video, radio and new media rights including but not limited to CD-ROM and Internet rights for all F.I.B.T. events are the sole property of the F.I.B.T.

1.13.5. Race numbers

1.13.5.1. Race numbers shall be allocated to individual teams both in the 2 and 4-man disciplines prior to the start of each season.

1.13.5.2. World Championships & World Cup Competitions

The race numbers allocated to teams shall be based on the final standings of the previous year's World Cup.

The World Cup Champion shall always race with the race number "1".

If the World Championships are held after the World Cup final of the current season, new competition numbers shall be assigned. The new competition numbers will refer to the final World Cup standings of the current season.

1.13.5.3. The starting order shall be established according to art. 8.4.2.2..

1.13.6. Control and sanctions

1.13.6.1. The Jury shall be responsible for enforcing the rules as set out in art. 1.13. within the competition area, from the start of the official training period to the conclusion of the award ceremonies.

- 1.13.6.2. Any competitor not complying with the above rules shall be disqualified. If the infringement is judged to be a minor one the competitor shall first be given a written warning.
- 1.13.6.3. The Licence of a competitor infringing the above rules shall be immediately revoked by his national federation and his name shall be communicated to the F.I.B.T.
- 1.13.6.4. If a National Association fails to enforce the rules or for any reason prefers to refer the case to the F.I.B.T., the F.I.B.T. may take immediate steps to suspend a competitor's licence. The competitor concerned or his National Association have the right to state their case before a definite decision is taken.
- 1.13.6.5. A competitor whose licence has been suspended may have his licence renewed after the expiration of the penalty period, on the basis of the national rules, or with the specific approval of the F.I.B.T.

1.13.7. **Obligations of Race Organisers**

- 1.13.7.1. The obligations of Race Organisers are set out in a written contract between the F.I.B.T. and the National Federation holding a race.

1.14. **Responsibility**

The F.I.B.T. does not accept any responsibility for any accident, or damage, or any other claim that may arise from the allocation of the competition, or from its course.

1.15. **Sporting year**

The sporting year of the F.I.B.T. runs from October 1st to September 30th of the following year.

2. **THE TRACK (Combined bob and luge track)**

2.1. **Scope**

New combined bob and luge tracks shall be constructed in such a way that they are suitable for the practice of bob, luge and skeleton racing with no limitations.

For the purpose of designing, constructing and using the tracks, the greatest attention shall be paid to the environment and its protection.

The directives which track constructors must observe shall be designed in such a way as to keep the costs of the tracks as low as possible and to guarantee satisfactory use of the installations after the Olympic Games.

2.2. **Environmental protection**

The expert's report for environmental protection of Innsbruck University is an integral part of these rules.

It must be considered in the preparatory phase, in the design, and during operation of the track.

2.3. **Technical Commission**

The F.I.B.T. and the F.I.L. each constitute a commission which will supervise jointly the preparatory phase of the design, the design itself, the construction and the commissioning of each track.

The F.I.B.T. and F.I.L. Technical Commissions are at the disposal of bob and luge track constructors and managers to provide consultancy free of charge.

2.4. **Preparatory phase of design**

The F.I.B.T. and F.I.L. Technical Commissions shall be called upon to effect an inspection and to provide consultancy before a decision is made regarding the terrain on which the track will be constructed.

The Commissions shall present a written report on the terrains, specifying the documents to be submitted to them for further consideration.

2.5. **Design in general**

The F.I.B.T. and F.I.L. Technical Commissions shall be periodically called upon during the track design phase.

The chosen terrain and the basic project shall be approved by the Commissions.

The same rule applies in case of changes regarding the choice of the terrain and the basic project.

2.6. **Location of the track**

If possible, the track shall be located on the north side of the slope and be easily accessible via normal channels of communication.

Its trajectory shall - as far as possible - follow the natural development of the terrain.

In order to guarantee optimal use of the track (after the Olympic Games), it is of the utmost importance that the track be located close to a city or to a densely populated area.

2.7. **Length of the track**

New artificial combined bob, luge and skeleton tracks shall be 1,200-1,650 metres long, 1,200 metres of which shall be sloping downhill.

The last approx. 100-150 metres may consist, depending on speed, of an uphill stretch that shall have bends. The maximum gradient of this stretch must not exceed 12%.

Speed at the finish shall be higher than 80 km/h.

After time-keeping at the finish, the stopping stretch shall be straight and not have any further bends.

2.8. Track characteristics

The track shall include elements of varying technical difficulty.

Particularly demanding elements in terms of driving technique shall be located in the first stretch which accounts for two thirds of the track.

At design level, it is to be foreseen to be able to reach a speed of between 80 and 100 km/h after the first 250 metres.

Bends, combinations of bends and straight stretches of a suitable length shall be inserted into the track.

2.9. Starting area

a) Bob push-off stretch

Bob push-off stretch means the part of the track between the start block (wooden board) and the first photo-electric cell.

This stretch shall be 15 metres long and have a gradient of 2%.

The rearmost part of this stretch must consist of a block (wooden board) fixed to the ground which must not be removed, nor passed.

b) Start block (wooden board)

The start block must be at least 150 cm long, 20 cm. wide and 5 cm high from the surface of the ice.

c) Starting area

After the first photo-electric cell (start- line), the track must follow a straight path so that bobsleds starting off may reach a speed of 35 km/h.

The track must be sufficiently wide in order, not to obstruct teams.

The gradient of a 60 m stretch must be equal to 12%.

The stretch between the first photo-electric station must be 50 m long (starting time).

d) Preparation

Behind the start block (wooden board), there must be a preparation area with a frozen base, of such a size that it can accomodate two bobsleds on the ice without obstructing the team about to start off.

e) If the start does not take place within the 60 seconds specified in art.8.5., the light must be switched to red. When the light is switched to red, an acoustic signal must be sounded.

2.10. Luge start

a) General aspects

For descents in men's, women's, junior and double luge events, the track must be equipped with all the necessary starting structures for guaranteeing the normal execution of trials in all specialities.

During competitions it must be possible to delimit the starting zone.

b) Starting zone

The following structures are part of the starting zone:

- a horizontally frozen surface which enables the athlete to assume a sitting position on the luge.
- The length of this horizontally frozen surface measured in the direction of push-off grips must be at least 2,000 mm.
- The length of the horizontally frozen surface between push-off grips and the beginning of the sloping stretch is 500 mm.

c) Push-off grips

- Two 'push-off' grips are fixed to the side of the track and they are adjustable vertically and horizontally, and can be used by the athlete to increase the initial speed.
- Distance between the surface of the ice and the upper edge of the 'grips' at the same height: 230-250 mm.
- Space between the two 'grips': 700 mm.
- Width of 'grips' for hands: each grip at least 150 mm wide, 27 mm in diameter. Surface of the grip must be knurled in its whole width.
- The 'grips' must be constructed in such a way that they cannot be distorted when subjected to traction by the athlete.
- The 'grips' must be adjustable both horizontally and vertically, to ensure compliance with the above mentioned measurements.

d) Starting stretch

- The starting zone must be sufficiently curved in both its upper and lower parts (radius of the upper part at least 2 m, radius of the lower part at least 10 m), to allow the luge to enter the track without changing its trajectory.
- The distance between the start grip and the first photo-electric cell must be approx. 7 m. The distance between the first photo-electric cell and the first intermediate time-keeping station must be approx. 3 - 6 seconds (start time).
- The starting ramp and the track itself must meet at an angle of no more than 8°.

2.11. Bends

The bends must be constructed in such a way as to allow sleds to move not only along a single trajectory, but to provide a band of possible trajectories from which to choose. In the central part of the bend, the trajectory should extend along the upper half of the bend. Entries and exits from bends must be rounded so that the sleds can take them smoothly with no risk of capsizing, if no mistake is made in driving.

2.12. **Guardrails in bends**

Guardrails in bends (bumpers) must be constructed in such a way that they return the sleds on to the track. They must be sufficiently long and wide.

2.13. **Centrifugal force**

The maximum time for which centrifugal force of '4G' may occur is 3 seconds.

The maximum centrifugal force allowed is '5G'; this centrifugal force must not last for more than 2 seconds.

No centrifugal force in excess of '5G' is allowed.

2.14. **Straights**

In the iced construction maximum width is 140 cm. The external part of the side walls of the straight stretches should not be higher than 80 - 100 cm, including any raised section.

In the iced state, the inside part of the side walls must be at least 50 cm high.

The side wall of straight stretches must be at a right-angle to the track base.

The transition between the side wall and the base of the track must be provided with a channel. In the iced state its radius must be 10 cm.

In transitions linking a bend to a straight, the raised part of the bend must run into the side wall of the straight gradually in a sufficiently long section.

2.15. **Deceleration stretch**

The deceleration stretch must be constructed in such a way that the bobsled, the skeleton and the luge can stop even without applying the brakes.

The gradient of the deceleration stretch must not be in excess of 20%.

At the end of the iced stretch, sleds must be able to continue without any obstacle.

If considered necessary, at speeds less than 30 km/h, special cushioning devices may be installed, in order to avoid any injury to people and to restrict damage to sleds to a minimum.

2.16. **Lighting**

In the event lighting should be required for training and competitions, the following conditions must be complied with:

- uniform lighting intensity, without shadows and reflection.

- The lighting system must be powered by two independent systems, one of which must also be independent of the mains power supply.
- If one of the two circuits breaks down, 50% of the planned lighting capacity must be nevertheless guaranteed.

2.17. **Solar and weather protection devices**

The stretches of the track exposed to the sun and/or to adverse wather conditions shall must be protected by means of proper devices.

On bends protection may be provided by fixed roofs combined with the coverings of the bends.

On straight stretches, a removable type of covering, open on one side of the track, must be adopted.

It is forbidden to install roofs with fixed coverings on straight stretches. Any pillars and fixture systems shall be at a distance of 50 cm from the inside of the track wall.

Coverings shall not interfere significantly with television filming or the view of spectators. They should possibly be of the removable type.

Local climate conditions must be duly considered..

2.18. **Water supply**

A plumbing system must be installed along the track, protected from freezing and provided with a sufficient number of properly protected hydrants.

Access to the hydrants from the track must be guaranteed.

2.19. **Catwalks**

Catwalks must be installed along the track, along which members of the Jury, the Technical Delegate and trainers may stand.

Access by spectators to these catwalks must be prevented.

The position of these catwalks is established by the Technical Commissions on approval of the project.

2.20. **Infrastructures - Ancillary facilities**

The spaces for the warming up section, shelters to store bobsleds, the building at the starting zone and for weighing, must be sufficiently large.

In particular sufficiently large areas for warming up of athletes shall be foreseen in the open air.

A medical first-aid room, an anti-doping room and a press centre shall be foreseen.

Ancillary facilities may also be of a temporary type.

Their construction is established jointly by the author of the project and the Technical Commissions.

2.21. **Buildings at the Start and Finish**

Two buildings must be constructed at the Start, one of which must be situated near the upper starting zone, namely for bobsleigh, skeleton and single luge (men).

The other shall be located near the lower starting zone for the single luge (women), double luge (men) and Juniors.

There is only one building at the finish for all specialities.

2.22 **Partitioning of costs**

The budget and the costs for building a combined bob and luge track are to be presented as follows:

1. Costs of the track and infrastructures resulting from the compliance with these rules and with the directives of the F.I.B.T. and F.I.L.
2. Remaining costs, e.g. longer track, improved infrastructures, approach roads, developments, etc.

The exact partitioning is determined between the constructor and the Technical Commissions of the F.I.B.T. and the F.I.L.

2.23. **Exceptions**

Exceptions may be made in certain cases.

These exceptions must be authorised **in writing by the Vice Presidents of the FIL and the FIBT.**

However, these decisions shall not affect safety, nor imply any significant reduction in sporting value **and shall not interfere with television filming.**

2.24. **Homologation**

Before F.I.B.T. competitions take place, recently constructed or restructured bob and skeleton tracks must be homologated by the F.I.B.T. Technical Commission.

For this homologation the F.I.B.T. assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of calculations nor for the execution of works for constructing or restructuring the track. (This responsibility shall be assumed by the architect/engineer who designed the track and by the construction company).

3. **BOBSLEIGHS**

The contents of the text are binding: the dimensions indicated in the drawings, diagrams and figures are compulsory.

3.1 **Principles**

Bobs have four runners (one pair of front runners and one pair of rear runners) and are used in competitions which are carried out on iced tracks. To propel the bob, only the pushing force of the team, when starting, and the force of gravity are allowed.

Two types of bobs are recognised:

- two-man bob
- four-man bob

Bobs must be cowled within the guidelines specified by these rules. For building bobs it is forbidden to use transparent material, or any material which may shatter as a result of an impact. The rear part of the bobs must be open. From the start, (green light signal) no specifications of the bobs may be changed, (damages excluded). The driver's and side push bars must be fully retracted, in accordance with 3.5. Non-compliance may be punished. It must be possible for the Jury or Material Commission to check the specifications of all constructive elements (axles, runner carrier, steering mechanism etc) without great technical effort. During the course of F.I.B.T. events the Jury may order checks on bobs and sports equipment (see art. 1.6.2.).

The bob manufacturers are responsible for the construction of sleds that can withstand, without damage, the stress of repeated runs on the bob tracks.

For the purpose of the FIBT, the term "steel" means an alloy of iron and carbon with an iron (Fe) content of more than 50%, or an alloy which reacts positively to the FIBT chemical test.

3.2 Weights

Minimum weight and maximum weight of the bobs are limited.

The following is allowed: Minimum weight (including runners, excluding any ballast):

- two-man bob: 170 Kgs.
- four-man bob: 210 Kgs.

To achieve minimum weight, additional steel may be firmly welded to the frame.

Maximum weight (including crew members and equipment required according to 8.7.):

- Two-man bob: 390 Kgs.
- Four-man bob: 630 Kgs.
- women's bob: 340 Kgs.

Maximum weight may be achieved by means of ballast. Ballast must be firmly bolted or clamped to the bob.

Tape or nylon strips are not allowed.

3.3 Dimensions and construction

Figure 1 is a side view and figure 2 is a top view of a bob resting on a horizontal surface. Figures 3 and 4 depict the essential constructive elements (partly sectional) side view and top view, respectively, with dimensions corresponding to a four-man bob. Fig 5 is a (partly sectional) front view of the front axle region of a four-man bob. Fig 6 and 7 are (partly sectional) side views of the front and rear runner carrier, respectively (four-man bob). Figs 8 to 12 correspond to Figs 3 to 7, but with dimensions for a two-

man bob. Fig 13 shows the construction of the brake. Fig 14 shows the essential dimensions of the runners. Fig 15 shows the controlled dimensions of the front bumper cross-section. Fig 16 clarifies the flange required at the front of the pilot's cutout. Figs 17 a, b, c and d define the planes with which the "concave shape" rules will be controlled. Fig 18 clarifies dimensions and tolerances of the side push bar stanchion. The following main dimensions and constructive elements of the bobs are fixed. All dimensions refer to bobs without any load on a flat surface, if not specified to the contrary.

Gauge (centre to centre of opposite runners)

The gauge is the same for the front and rear runners, 670mm plus or minus 5mm.

Distance from the centre of the front axle to the centre of the rear axle (referred to the plane of symmetry of the bob)

1690mm plus or minus 30 mm (two-man bob)

2130mm plus or minus 30mm (four-man bob)

Every bob frame must be divided transversally between front axle and rear axle

The front portion and the rear portion of the bob are pivotally connected, the longitudinal pivot axis (2) being essentially parallel to the horizontal standing surface (1). The angle between said longitudinal pivot axis (2) and the horizontal standing surface must not exceed 5°. The longitudinal pivot axis (2) is embodied by a longitudinal pivot bolt (3) of steel, having a middle circular cross-section with a minimum diameter of 30 mm (two-man bob) and 35 mm (four-man bob) that may taper to the ends to a minimum diameter of 21 mm (two-man bob) and 31 mm (four-man bob). By means of said bolt (3) both bob portions are pivotally connected. The pivot bolt (3) may have means of rotational elastic stabilization. These stabilizing elements must not contribute to any vertical movement. No hydraulic or pneumatic damping system is allowed. If the pivot bolt (3) ahead or behind the division is enclosed by a box, each box must have a 20mm diameter inspection hole accessible from the top.

At the dividing line, the longitudinal centre line of the longitudinal pivot axis (2) must be arranged at least 80mm (two and four man bobs) (bobs without crew supported on runner carriers) above the standing surface. The dividing line must be at a distance of 520mm plus or minus 50mm (two and four man bobs) behind the centre of the front axle. The cowling must also be divided transversally.

Frame

The front portion of the bob must be constructed with a continuous (welded) supporting frame (4) made of steel and extending from the longitudinal bolt (3) at the transversal division line to the bearing of the steering bolt (5).

Similarly, the rear bob portion must be constructed with a continuous (welded) supporting frame (31), made of steel and extending from the longitudinal pivot bolt (3) at the transversal division line to the fastening means for the rear axle. The front (4) and rear (31) frame must not be adjustable in geometry or stiffness. All joints in the frame must be rigid. In the mounts between the cowling and the frame rubber or rubber-like material may be used.

Steering system and front axle

A rotating steel steering bolt (5) is fitted to the front frame (4) and rotates by means of a steering mechanism. The said steering bolt must not exceed 5° from vertical. **The bearing housing of the steering bolt must be completely welded to the frame, on all sides.** The lower end of the steering bolt is completely welded perpendicular to a steel steering plate (6) with a minimum thickness of 7.5mm throughout the surface of the plate and a minimum width of 69mm over half its length (two and four man bobs). A central welding access hole is allowed. On this steering plate (6), at a bolt (7) lying in front of the axle (9) and at a bolt (8) lying behind the axle (9) steel flanges (11a and 11b) are pivoted on a pivot axis (10) which is perpendicular to the front axle (9) and perpendicular to the steering bolt (5).

The minimum diameters of the bolts (7 and 8) must be 20mm. There must be no vertical motion between the fixed bearing and the rotating support. A continuous, one-piece steel bottom plate (14) is mounted below the axle (9) with a minimum thickness of 7.5mm (two and four man bobs) throughout the surface of the plate and a minimum width of 69mm (two and four man bobs). On each end of the plate for a length of 20mm a chamfer or rounding is allowed. The bottom plate (14) is firmly bolted (15), with no free play, to both steel flanges (11a, 11b).

An intermediate layer (20) of rubber or rubber-like material, a maximum of 3 mm thick, may be placed between the respective flanges (11a, 11b) and the bottom plate. The rubber or rubber-like material is to be measured after having been removed from the sled. For any further compensation only steel and/or aluminium shims may be used. The free length of the bottom plate (14) between the two flanges (11a and 11b) in the longitudinal direction of the bob is 220mm, plus or minus 40mm (two and four man bobs). The flanges (11a and 11b) can be provided with U-shaped guiding elements.

The front axle (9) consists of a continuous, straight, circular steel tube manufactured from a single piece of steel having an outer diameter that is a minimum of 45mm (two and four man bobs), which reduces to a minimum of 32mm (two and four man bobs) to fit the bearing of the front runner carrier (17). The 45mm diameter portion of the axle must have a minimum wall thickness of 9mm. and a minimal length of 450 mm. In its middle portion the front axle (9) has a steel fastening plate (18) of no less than 7.5mm in thickness which must be strongly welded (not screwed) to it and firmly bolted to the bottom plate.

Steel spacers are allowed between the axle fastening plate and the bottom plate.

The fastening plate (18) may be recessed flush to the circumference of the front axle (9). A steel plug may be welded or pressed into each end of the axle (9) to provide attachment for the runner carrier retainer. If a steel plug is used in the end of the axle, it must have a 6.5 mm. Through-hole. The front axle (9) must not be clad , cased or streamlined.

Between the steering plate (6) and the front axle (9) there is a continuous steel leaf spring (19) with a minimum thickness throughout of 6mm. When the axle is in a neutral position, there must be no free play between the leaf spring (19) and the steering plate (6) or between the leaf spring and the axle (9). No spacers are allowed between the leaf spring (19) and the steering plate (6) or between the leaf spring (19) and the axle (9). The points on which the leaf spring (19) rests on the front axle (9) must be symmetrically at least 330mm from each other (two and four man bobs).

The swivel angle of the front axle (9) (two and four man bobs) in the vertical plane (referred to the standing surface) may be

Max - plus or minus 12°

Distance from the centre of the front axle (9) to the front tip of the bob

Min - 600mm (two and four man bobs)

Max - 750mm (two and four man bobs)

Distance from the standing surface of the runner carriers to the axle centre

Front - max 100mm (two and four man bobs)

Rear - max 110mm (two and four man bobs)

Front runner carriers

Each front runner carrier consists of a straight steel spring leaf (17) with a thickness of no less than 7.5mm throughout (two and four man bobs). A bearing housing (16) for the front axle (9) must be welded to the upper side of the spring leaf (17). On the lower part of the spring leaf (17) there will be a guiding bracket (21) welded in the centre. On either end of the spring leaf (17) there will be holding brackets (22 and 23) welded in position. The bearing housing (16) has a minimum outside diameter of 50mm (two and four man bobs) and a maximum outside diameter of 55mm (two and four-man bobs). The length of the bearing housing (16) is no less than 94mm (two and four man bobs). The hole in the bearing housing (16) must be concentric **with respect to a horizontal diameter.**

The distance from the outer end of the bearing housing (16) to the straight outer edge of the front runner carrier (17) must not exceed 6mm. As seen in the top view the outer side of the front runner carrier (17) must be straight and perpendicular to the axle (9); **the outer side of the spring leaf and guiding bracket must essentially fall above one**

another. (No offset is allowed). The length of the front runner carrier (17) is 655mm plus or minus 3mm (two -man bob), 735mm plus or minus 3 mm (four-man bob). The width of the front runner carrier (17) must be no less than 35mm (two and four man bobs) at the front and rear ends and must increase towards the centre to its maximum width which must be no less than 69mm (two-man bob) and no less than 89mm (four-man bob). In a top view the inside edge of the front runner carrier (17) facing the cowling must not be concave. The front and rear holding brackets (22 and 23) have a U-shaped cross-section, where the "bridge" of the U is welded to the runner carrier (17) and has a minimum thickness of 7.5mm. The two U legs extend vertically downward with a height of 50mm plus or minus 2mm. The outside dimensions of the U legs are 30mm plus or minus 2mm. The length of the holding brackets (22 and 23) is 70mm plus or minus 2mm. The holding brackets (22 and 23) are provided with runner mounting holes, the centre of which is 31mm plus or minus 1mm from the lower side of the runner carrier (17). Only the holes (24 and 25) for the head of the bolts may be countersunk. The hole centres of the front and rear holding brackets (22 and 23) have a centre distance of 585mm plus or minus 2mm (two-man bob) and 665mm plus or minus 2mm (four-man bob). The middle guiding bracket (21) has the same dimensions as the holding brackets (22 and 23), with the exception that the U legs are connected by welded metal straps, front and rear, to hold a layer of rubber or rubber-like material at the bottom of the U (26). The middle guiding bracket (21) may be additionally supported to the spring leaf. The centre of the bearing housing (16) may be a maximum of 5mm out of symmetry between the runner mounting holes (two and four man bobs). The runner carriers (17) must have a means of rotational elastic stabilisation.

If the rotational stabilization is mounted from the bottom of the runner carrier, the opening in the spring leaf may not exceed a length of 35mm and must be within the welds of the bushing to the spring leaf.

The front runner carriers (17) must not be cased, clad, faired or streamlined. All edges of the spring leaf, guiding brackets (21) and holding brackets (22 and 23) may be radiused or chamfered to a maximum of 8mm.

Rear axle

The rear axle (27) consists of a continuous, straight, circular steel tube manufactured from a single piece of steel having an outer diameter that is a minimum of 44mm (two and four man bobs), which reduces to a minimum of 32mm (two-man bob) and 34mm (four-man bob) to fit the bearing of the rear runner carrier (29). The 44mm diameter portion of the axle must have a minimum wall thickness of 9mm. and a minimum length of 450 mm. The rear axle (27) must be firmly bolted to the rear frame (31) without any resilient or shock-absorbing material in between. Steel spacers are allowed.

The rear axle (27) can be bolted either above or below the rear frame (31) (two and four man bobs). A steel plug may be welded or pressed into each end of the axle to provide attachment for the runner carrier retainer. If a steel plug is used in the end of the axle, it must have a 6.5 mm. Through-hole. The rear axle (27) must not be clad, cased or streamlined.

Rear runner carriers

Each rear runner carrier consists of an upper and lower straight steel spring leaf (32 and 33) with a thickness of no less than 7.5mm throughout (two and four man bobs). A bearing housing (28) for the rear axle must be welded to the upper side of the upper spring leaf (32). On the lower side of the lower spring leaf (33) there will be a guiding bracket (34) welded in the centre. On either end of the lower spring leaf (33) there will be holding brackets (35 and 36) welded in position. The bearing housing (28) has a minimum outside diameter of 50mm (two and four man bobs) and a maximum outside diameter of 55mm (two man bob) and 57mm (four man bob). The length of the bearing housing (28) is no less than 94mm (two and four man bobs). The hole in the bearing housing (28) must be concentric **with respect to a horizontal diameter**.

The distance from the outer end of the bearing housing (28) to the straight outer edge of the upper spring leaf (32) must not exceed 6mm. As seen in the top view the outer side of the lower spring leaf (33) must be straight and is essentially perpendicular to the axle (27); **at the center of the runner carrier, the outside of the upper spring leaf (32), lower spring leaf (33) and guiding bracket must essentially fall above one another. (No offset is allowed).**

The length of the lower spring leaf (33) is 813mm plus or minus 3mm (two-man bob), and 940mm plus or minus 3mm (four-man bob). The width of the lower spring leaf (33) must be no less than 35mm (two and four man bobs) at the front and rear ends and must increase towards the centre to its maximum width which must be no less than 79mm (two-man bob) and no less than 89mm (four-man bob). In a top view, the inside edge of the lower spring leaf (33) facing the cowling must not be concave. The front and rear holding brackets (35 and 36) have a U-shaped cross-section, where the bridge of the U is welded to the lower spring leaf (33) and has a minimum thickness of 7.5mm. The two U legs extend vertically downward with a height of 50mm plus or minus 2mm. The outside dimensions of the U legs are 30mm plus or minus 2mm. The length of the holding brackets (35 and 36) is 70mm plus or minus 2mm. The holding brackets (35 and 36) are provided with runner mounting holes, the centre of which is 31mm plus or minus 1mm from the lower side of the spring leaf (33). Only the holes (35 and 36) for the head of the bolts may be countersunk. The hole centres of the front and rear holding brackets (35 and 36) have a centre distance of 743mm plus or minus 2mm (two-man bob) and 870mm plus or minus 2mm (four-man bob). The middle guiding bracket (34) has the same dimensions as the holding brackets (35 and 36), with the exception that the U legs are connected by welded metal straps, front and rear, to hold

a layer of rubber or rubber-like material at the bottom of the U (34). The middle guiding bracket (34) may be additionally supported to the spring leaf (33). The centre of the bearing housing (28) may be a maximum of 5mm out of symmetry between the runner mounting holes (two and four man bobs). The upper spring leaf (32) is shorter than the lower spring leaf (33) and has a length of 480mm plus or minus 3mm (two-man bob) and 590mm plus or minus 3mm (four-man bob). The minimum width at the front and rear ends of the upper spring leaf (32) is 40mm and must increase towards the centre to its maximum width which must be no less than 79mm (two-man bob) and 89mm (four-man bob). In the top view, the upper spring leaf must have no concave edges. The upper (32) and lower (33) spring leaves lie flat on one another and are bolted together by no less than 6 and no more than 8 bolts with hexagonal nuts. There must be the same number of bolts either side of the bearing housing (28). Only the holes for the head of the bolts may be countersunk. The minimum diameter of the bolts must be 12mm (two-man bob) and 14mm (four-man bob). The minimum height of the hexagonal nuts must be 10mm (two-man bob) and 11mm (four-man bob). The runner carriers (29) must have a means of rotational elastic stabilisation.

If the rotational stabilization is mounted from the bottom of the runner carrier, the opening in the spring leaf may not exceed a length of 35mm and must be within the welds of the bushing to the spring leaf.

The runner carrier (29) must not be cased, clad, faired or steamlined. All edges of the spring leaves (32 and 33), guiding brackets (34) and holding brackets (35 and 36) may be radiused or chamfered to a maximum of 8mm.

Cowling width, two-man bob

Distance from the farthest point to the opposite farthest point (measured on the horizontal plane according to Figure 2 of the drawings)

- at a distance of 1200mm in front of the centre line of the rear axle

Min - 680mm (two man bob)

- at a distance of 600mm from the centre line of the rear axle

Min - 640mm (two man bob)

- at the centre line of the rear axle

Min - 540mm (two man bob)

Cowling width, four-man bob

From the centre line of the rear axle up to a distance of 1600mm in front of the centre line of the rear axle, a constant minimum width of 700mm must be maintained.

Cowling height. The measurement is taken from whatever the driver is sitting on. The driver's seat is defined as a flat horizontal area with a minimum radius of 90mm. The vertical distance from the 90mm radius seating surface to the center top of the cowling cutout must be

Min - 650mm (two and four man bobs)

Cowling width (inside). Measured at a height of 400mm from the bottom of the bob, at the beginning of the cowling cutout

Min - 550mm

It is not allowed to use any additional material on the cowling cutout.

Side cowling region

The side cowling, from the region of the driver's shoulders to the centre of the rear axle, must not be higher than 650mm as measured from the bob bottom and must have a minimum height of 580mm. The cowling must be open - starting from the region of the driver's shoulders, through to the back. The width of the opening, starting 500mm behind the beginning of the opening to the rear axle centre, must be:

Min - 450mm down to a depth of 300mm (two and four man bobs).

From the centre of the rear axle to the hindmost point of the bob, the width of the opening must be:

Min - 400mm measured down to a point 300mm above the lowest point of the bottom of the bob (two and four man bobs).

From the highest part of the driver's cutout there must be a vertical flange as shown in Figure 16.

The rectangular, symmetrical inspection hole situated beneath the front axle must be at least 440mm long and at least 160mm wide.

Cowling shapes

The cowling shape must be convex with the following exceptions:

1. The bumpers (front and back)
2. The brake cutout.
3. The impression for the driver's push handle.
4. The articulation joint.
5. The holes for the front and back axles.
6. The area around the side push handles.
7. The brakeman's push handles.

The following four specific areas will be controlled:

- a. From the front of the bob to the driver cutout every intersection line between a rotating cutting plane and the cowling, refer to Fig 17a.

b. From the front of the bob to the rear of the bob every intersection line between the vertical cutting planes and the cowling above the widest point or at least above the bumpers, refer to Fig 17b.

c. From the beginning of the driver's cutout to the rear of the bob the intersection line between a horizontal cutting plane and the cowling, at a height of 350mm above the standing surface of the runner carriers, refer to Fig 17c.

d. On the bottom of the bob every intersection line between a longitudinal vertical cutting plane as well as every intersection line between a perpendicular vertical cutting plane and a 240mm wide symmetric band centred on the bottom of the bob. Outside of the 240mm band the only exceptions would be the impressions created for the runner and the runner carrier clearance, refer to Fig 17d.

Any unusual additions to the shape that are clearly vortex generators are not allowed. Additional holes that may give an improved aerodynamic effect are also not allowed.

Bumpers. Distance from the standing surface of the runner carriers to the lower edge of the bumpers

Front : max - 190mm (two man bob)

max - 200mm (four man bob)

Rear: max - 200mm (two and four man bob)

In a top view, the bumpers must be arc-shaped. The rear bumpers must have a minimum height of 50mm (measurement taken vertically with regard to the standing surface) over a length of minimum 200mm. The upper and lower edges of the bumpers must have a radius of between 5 and 8mm.

The lower edge of the front bumpers (Fig 15) must have a radius of no less than 10mm for a minimum length of 300mm. In an upward direction they must be straight for a minimum length of 35mm, subsequently passing into the upper edge with a minimum radius of 35mm.

The connecting elements between the front bumpers and the bob cowling must have a height of a minimum of 80mm over the minimal length of the front bumpers. The connecting elements between the rear bumpers and the cowling must have a height of a minimum of 50mm over the minimal length of the rear bumpers.

The centre of the front bumpers, referring to a length of 300mm, must be at least 300mm from the centre of the front axle (two and four man bobs).

Above the front bumper 300mm forward from the centre of the front axle, the distance from the outside of the bumper to the cowling, measured horizontally and perpendicular to the centre line of the bob, must not exceed 195mm (two-man bob) and 160mm (four-man bob), refer to Fig 2. In a top view and in a side view the front of the connecting elements of the front bumpers must form a continuous, not concave line with the tip of the cowling.

Distance from the farthest point of one bumper to the farthest point of the opposite bumper

Front - 860mm plus or minus 10mm (two man bob)

870mm plus or minus 10mm (four man bob)

Rear - Min - 800mm (two man bob)

Min - 830mm (four man bob)

The front tips of the front runners must be covered by the cowling in any position of the runners.

Distance from the centre of the rear axle(27) to the hindmost point of the rear bumper

Min - 300mm (two and four man bobs)

Max - 760mm (two and four man bobs)

3.4. Runners

All runners must be produced in a solid piece of standard material according to FIBT specifications. The material specifications, selected by the FIBT, will guarantee that all premachined pieces of steel are the same. The standard material is produced and distributed by a factory designated by the FIBT. The material is supplied in the form of a pre-machined section, i.e. a section which has been ground on both sides, one of which is marked. The marking must always be present on the runners without being changed in any way.

All types of treatment are forbidden, including those which even cause only a local variation of the physical characteristics (*) and/or of the composition and/or structure of the material.

No plating and/or coating is allowed. The height of the steel body, between the front and rear fastening brackets, must be a minimum of 35mm (two-man bob) and a minimum of 40mm (four-man bob). The forward portion of the runner from 50mm behind the tip to the front of the front fastening bracket must be no less than 30mm high (two and four man bobs). The front tip of the runner, in the side view, must have a minimum radius of 10mm (two and four man bobs). The top of the front runner tip must be a minimum of 60mm above the standing surface. The rear lower tip of the runner must have a minimum radius of 50mm (two and four man bobs). At a distance of 10mm from the rear tip of the runner the lower surface must be a minimum of 25mm above the standing surface (two and four man bobs). The distance from the front tip of a front runner to the centre of the middle supporting bracket must be 500mm plus or minus 30mm (two-man bob) and 540mm plus or minus 30mm (four -man bob). The overall length of the rear runners must not exceed 1200mm (two-man bob) and 1300mm (four-man bob). The top surface of the middle supporting bracket must be flat and horizontal and must form a rectangle, minimum width 13mm, minimum length 60mm. The 60mm dimension must be maintained down to the top of the runner. The top of the middle

supporting bracket must be a minimum of 15 mm above the top of the runner. At the intersections of the middle supporting bracket with the top surface of the runner there must be a minimum radius of 2mm. The runner must have a thickness of 14mm plus or minus 1mm (two and four man bobs). This thickness must be maintained for a minimum distance of 10mm from the top of the runner. The cross-sectional radius of the runner, at the running surface, must be a minimum of 4mm (two-man bob) and 6mm (four-man bob). This radius will be measured over 120° and will correspond to an arc height of 2mm (two-man bob) and 3mm (four-man bob). The fastening brackets must have a minimum length of 60mm (two and four man bobs) measured at a height even with the upper edge of the runner. The area surrounding the mounting hole must maintain a minimum thickness of 10mm to the periphery of the fastening bracket. The transition region, tangent to the radius, and extending to the full width portion of the runner, must not be concave. The mounting holes are at a minimum distance of 33mm and a maximum of 60mm (two-man bob) and a minimum of 38mm and a maximum of 65mm (four-man bob) from the bottom surface of the runner. The fastening brackets and supporting bracket may be welded to the runner. Welding may be used on the top surface of the runners only (in front, between and behind the fastening brackets) and the supporting bracket.

Strips of sheet metal may also be used; however, these must be welded along their entire length.

Between the fastening brackets and the middle guiding bracket, welded material is limited to 5mm height. The runner is shown in Fig 14. Any aerodynamic covering of the runners is prohibited.

Note: (*) The term "physical" is to be understood as a global term which comprises all specific terms like, for example, "mechanical", "tribological", "electromagnetic", etc.

- 3.4.1. The runners must be attached to the runner carriers using **14 mm thread (Two-man Bobsled), 16 mm thread (Four-man bobsled)** bolts with hexagonal nuts. **If there is a cylindrical part of the bolt without thread, it may not be smaller in diameter than the outer diameter of the threaded area.**

The minimum height of the hexagonal nuts must be 11mm (two-man bob) and 13mm (four-man bob). The nuts must not be welded to the holding brackets of the runner carriers and they must not be cased, clad or streamlined.

3.5. **Push-bars**

Both the driver's side push bar and the side push bars must be retractable. The height of the side push bar for the second or third team member (four-man bob) must be the same in the extended and retracted position. When retracted the side push bars must be essentially flush with the surface of the cowling. The brakeman's handles must be

immovable. The brakeman's push handles (two and four man bobs) as well as the side push bars (four-man bob) must have a minimum height of 670mm and a maximum height of 870mm, measured from the standing surface of the runner carriers. The total width of the side push bars (four-man bob) for the second and third members must not exceed 750mm. When the four-man side push bars have a vertical rotating axis, the push bar stanchion must be at least two thirds the width of the push bar, for at least two thirds of the push bar length with a maximum gap of 3mm. The front of the push bar stanchion tapers down to the cowling at a point not more than 450mm ahead of the axis of the push bar (Fig. 18).

3.6 **Brakes**

All bobs must be equipped with a functioning braking system (Fig 13). Only harrow type brakes are allowed. The brake cutout must be open. No attempt may be made to reduce the area of the cutout with any material. The brake is actuated with two separately activated handles. In a four-man bob the handles must be located either side of the brakeman. The geometry of the brake must be designed in such a way that when applied by a single handle, with a full team complement, none of the brake components are permanently deformed. (Fig 13).

3.7 **Suspension (resilience)**

There must be no resilient, rubber, rubber-like, or energy absorbing materials in the runner carriers, frame and/or all other parts of the bob shown in figures 3 through 12, apart from those specifically allowed by the FIBT rules.

3.8 **Electronics**

No electronic, electric, electronically activated or wave activated components are allowed on the bob or the crew during official training or competition. The exception are those components approved by the FIBT and the relevant Jury.

4. **THE ORGANISERS**

4.1. **Organising costs**

The member, to whom the organisation of an event has been awarded, assumes the whole organisation, as well as its relative costs.

4.2. **The track**

The member entrusted with the competition has to ensure the perfect conditions of the bob run for the official training and the competition.

During the official training and the competition heats the track is to be placed at the disposal of the competing nations free of charge.

In case of artificially frozen runs, ice temperature may be changed only in agreement with the Jury.

4.3. **Programme & Invitation**

The organiser has to submit the official invitation with the programmes for the competitions from 1.1.1. to 1.1.3. to the Executive Committee of the F.I.B.T. for approval in due time, so that the official invitation with programmes may be sent to the members and to the Jury 2 months before the competition at the latest.

The programme must include the following data:

- the competition name
- site, day, time-table of training and races
- a brief description of the track with technical data about length, slope, outline, etc. (a sketch of the track must be attached)
- the number and kind of prizes
- the amount of the entry fee
- date of closing of entries, as well as the site, date and the time of the draw
- conditions of entry
- method of time-keeping
- any special conditions regarding the bobs and the teams
- facilities granted to participants (board and lodging, use of the bob track, etc.)
- the Chief of the organisation
- the Jury and Technical Delegate
- the Race-Director
- the headquarters of the Organising Committee, with full address, telephone number and fax number, and working hours
- the commitment of participants to carry valid insurance against accidents.

4.4. **Organising Committee and Race Directorate**

4.4.1. The member entrusted with the event has to form an Organising Committee.

4.4.2. The Race Directorate must consist of:

- Director of the race, who must be an International Judge
- Director of the track
- Physician for the race
- Medical Service
- Chief for transportation - Start Marshal
- Chief of Department for hotel accomodation
- Marshal of weighing, with assistant entrusted with weighing report
- Finish Marshal
- Time keeper

- Secretary with assistant
- Commentator
- Security Service
- Control-points along the track

4.5. **Technical equipment**

The following technical equipment is required:

- telephone connection between start and finish and a general network
- talking connection between control points and Race Director
- visual and sound signalling instruments to authorise the start
- efficient loud-speaker system
- electrical time-keeping, according to Art. 8.8.
- measuring device for temperature of runners
- weighing machine (calibrated at least every three years)
- room to hold meetings of the Jury with the Team Captains
- means of transportation for bobs to the start
- first-aid room
- two ambulances according to Art. 7.2.
- information table
- Doping control station

4.6. **Prizes**

For World and Continental Championships, each member of the teams classified first, second and third will be awarded by the FIBT respectively gold, silver and bronze medals; each member of the teams classified fourth, fifth and sixth will be awarded 'souvenir' medals.

For World, Europe and America Cup competitions each member of the teams classified first, second and third will be awarded by the Organisers respectively gold, silver and bronze medals; each member of the teams classified fourth, fifth and sixth will be awarded 'souvenir' medals.

4.7. **Test competition or training week**

The organiser of the Olympic Winter Games and of F.I.B.T. competitions on new tracks must hold before the competition (during the same competitive season) an international competition, or a training week open to all National Federations.

The number of participants will be decided upon by the F.I.B.T.

Runs during the course of the training week are offered by the Organisers in return for payment: a maximum of 15 Euros for each 2-Man bob run and a maximum of 25 Euros for each 4-Man bob run. At least six two-man bob runs and at least six four-man bob runs must be offered.

If the training week were offered in the form of a "test competition", the tracks must be offered by the Organisers free of charge.

The Organisers may, however, request the entry fee, as specified by art.1.8.

On the occasion of the World Championships the organiser must offer an additional descent during the official two-man and four-man bob training to all those pilots that have never before participated in any race on that specific track

4.8. **Responsibility**

The Organiser has to carry valid civil liability insurance.

4.9. **Other Commitments**

Among the other things, the Organiser must insure that:

- it is quiet during the moment preceding the start of a bob
- the use of flash bulbs is forbidden
- as soon as the authorisation to start has been given, nobody other than the competing athletes may enter the bob run
- the lists of results according to 8.4.1. and 8.4.2. for training and competition are to be handed over to team captains as soon as possible
- all dogs to be on a leash

5. **The Jury and the Technical Delegate**

5.1.1. **Appointment**

Appointments are made – on principle - by agreement with the members.

a) **Olympic Winter Games and Senior World Championships**

The Executive Committee of the F.I.B.T. appoints:

- * the Technical Delegate
- * the Chairman of the Jury
- * two members of the Jury
- * two assistants to the Jury (if required)

b) **Junior World Championships, Continental Championships, World Cup Competitions**

The Executive Committee of the FIBT appoints:

- The Technical Delegate who may, at the same time, be the Chairman of the Jury.
- * Two members of the Jury

c) **Europe Cup, America Cup and International Competitions**

The Executive Committee of the F.I.B.T. appoints:

The Technical Delegate who may, at the same time, be the Chairman of the Jury.

Two members of the Jury are appointed by the Chairman of the Jury.

The members of the Jury appointed by the F.I.B.T. must hold a licence as International Judges of the F.I.B.T.

The Jury must be available from the start of the training. If a member of the Jury were not be available, the Technical Delegate will appoint a substitute. If the Technical Delegate were not be available, the F.I.B.T. will appoint his substitute.

For the competitions according to 1.1.1., 1.1.2. and 1.1.3. the Technical Delegate is a duly appointed officer of the F.I.B.T. and he has to answer to the Executive Committee only.

5.1.2. **Costs**

The costs of the Jury and of the Technical Delegate are allocated as follows:

a) **Olympic Winter Games**

I.O.C. Rules apply.

b) **Senior World Championships**

Accommodation and travelling expenses for:

the Technical Delegate

the Chairman of the Jury

two members of the Jury

are at Organisers' charges.

Accommodation and travelling expenses of two Assistants to the Jury (if appointed) are also the responsibility of the F.I.B.T.

c) **Junior World Championships and Continental Championships**

Accommodation and travelling expenses for:

the Technical Delegate

the Chairman of the Jury

two members of the Jury

are at Organisers' charges.

d) **World Cup, Europe Cup, America Cup and International Competitions**

Accommodation and travelling expenses for:

the Technical Delegate

the Chairman of the Jury

are the responsibility of the Organisers of the event.

Accommodation of the two members of the Jury, appointed by the Chairman of the Jury in situ, are the responsibility of the Organisers of the event.

The travelling expenses for these two members of the Jury are the responsibility of the individuals appointed.

Accommodation of the two members of the Jury when appointed by name by the F.I.B.T. are the responsibility of the Organisers of the event.

The travelling expenses for these two members are the responsibility of the F.I.B.T.

5.2. **Authority**

a) **Jury**

The Jury is the senior authority of the competition in question, and it exerts the control within the frame of the Rules and is entitled to take decisions. Besides the checking activity, its agreement is required for:

- any change of the ice temperature for tracks with artificial cooling
- change of bobsleighs (8.6.1.1.)
- change of runners (8.6.1.5.)
- change of bobsledders (8.6.2.)
- repetition of the heat (8.6.5.)
- reduction in training heats (8.1.)

It specifies:

- reduction in number of competing bobsleds
- penalties in case of infringements (1.12.)
- closing of the run (6.2.)
- determination of the starting track (8.3.)
- determination of the number of pilot bobs (8.4.4.)
- execution of the draw (8.4.)
- prohibition to start for bobsledders (8.6.2.)
- weight control (8.7.)
- decision about protests (8.10.3.)
- interruption of the heat or breaking off (8.6.4.)

b) **Technical Delegate**

The task of the Technical Delegate is to control training and the competition in all matters related to the safety of bobsledders.

He has to stop the training or the competition, if safety is no longer ensured.

Within his control, he has to consider in particular:

- the run

5.3. **The power to control**

The Technical Delegate and each Jury Member are entitled - without any previous announcement- during training and competition - to have access to all technical plants and equipment involved in the competition.

5.4. **Special decisions**

The Jury has also the power to take any decisions regarding the competition in question, that are not specified in these Rules.

6. **THE RACE DIRECTOR**

6.1. **Appointment**

The Race Director - appointed by the Organiser according to 4.4.2. - must hold a F.I.B.T. Licence as Judge.

6.2. **Tasks**

The Race Director is responsible for the organisation of the training and the event, under the direction of the Jury.

With the Jury's agreement, he authorises the use of the run for training and competition.

In the event the Jury should ascertain faults that affect the regular course of the competition, the Race Director has to ensure that such faults are eliminated.

He may authorise the use of the run only after all officials are at their places, and the technical equipment is ready to operate after a test.

In case of accidents, or in the event that the technical equipment should fail, he must stop the run, until the competition may be resumed under normal conditions.

He specifies the use of sun-shades in case of rain, snow or sun.

The Race Director has to report all accidents immediately to the Chairman of the Jury.

He has to ensure that decisions taken by the Jury are carried out.

He attends the meetings of the Jury with the team captains. He sends out the invitations for such meetings, according to the Jury's instructions.

He has the authority to instruct all the officials, who are entrusted with the sporting part of the competition.

7. **SAFETY AND HEALTH SERVICE**

7.1. **Insurance**

The members are responsible for all their bobsledders holding valid insurance against accidents and disablement, as well as a third party and civil liability insurance.

7.2. **Race-Physician and Safety Measures**

7.2.1. **Race-Physician**

The following must be present at the track both during training and competition descents:

a Physician who is specialised in 'Emergency Medicine';

two ambulance cars, one of which is provided with reanimation equipment

Organisers of competitions are to be aware that they are responsible for ensuring that the above requirements are fully respected.

If these requirements are not met, the Jury will not start any training, nor competition descents.

Tasks of the Race Physician:

- The race Physician is responsible for first-aid in case of injuries and illness of bobsleighters; he is responsible for ensuring that injured or ill bobsleighters are escorted to further medical treatment if need be.
- Judgement according to 8.6.2. is pertaining to him.
- The race Physician checks - on behalf of the Race Directorate - that the F.I.B.T. licences of bobsleighters are valid from a medical point of view.

7.2.2. The Race Physician must, after each athlete consultation, complete the " Injury Registration Document". At the end of the race, all these documents must be placed in a sealed envelope and given to the President of the Jury, who will forward the envelope immediately, by post, to the President of the FIBT Medical Committee.

7.3. After the fall, the athlete involved has to be examined by the Race Physician and receive medical clearance to participate further in training or competitions.
If the race physician suspects a head injury, he has the right to withdraw the athlete from the competition. The FIBT Medical Committee has prepared appropriate guidelines based on internationally accepted norms for race physicians. The Race Physician is supposed to enforce these guidelines, unless national medical protocols state otherwise.

If such an event occurs, the Race Physician must immediately inform the President of the Jury of the athletes inability to continue, and the athlete will then be formally withdrawn from the race/competition.

7.3.1 In the event of an athlete being withdrawn from competition due to injury, the Race Physician must complete the " Athlete withdrawn due to Serious Injury" Document and give this to the President of the Jury, who must fax this document immediately to the President of the Medical Committee.

7.3.2 . **Team Physician**

The Team Physician should consider holding the athlete away from competition after an athlete has received a head injury. The FIBT Medical Committee has reviewed different

head injury scales, other international federations and international medical review bodies (Vienna 2001) and would advise the Team Physician to exert extreme caution in evaluating head injuries, even minor ones.

8. **COMPETITION**

8.1. **Training**

Participation in the official training is allowed only to those teams who were entered for the competition.

A change of team members is admitted.

Immediately before the competitions of a World Championships 6 two-man and four-man training descents are to be offered.

For Continental Championships 4 training descents are to be offered for two-man bob and 4 training descents for four-man bob.

For World Cup competitions 4 training descents are to be offered for two-man bob and 4 training descents for four-man bob.

For Europe/America Cup competitions 6 training descents are to be offered for two-man bob and descents for four-man bob.

Nations which take part in official training with three crews in the World Championships may do so freely on all the three days.

Pilots may be admitted to the competition provided they have completed at least two training descents without any accidents.

The above serves as a general rule. The Jury may deviate from it in well grounded cases.

Within the frame of a competition (training and actual competition) bobsledders are not permitted to carry out descents outside the official programme.

8.2. **Conditions of the track**

During the last day of training, if possible:

- training should be carried out at the same time, as foreseen for the competition.
- the track should be prepared in the same way, similar to competitive conditions.
- in case of snowfall, before every heat, the bob track must be cleared, and if possible swept.

8.3. **Start track**

The length of the start track is fixed during the first training day by the Jury.

In the event the start track should change, it may be retouched, according to the instructions of the Jury.

8.4. **Starting order and draw**

8.4.1. **Training**

The starting order of participating countries is established by draw and the division into groups as specified in art. 8.4.2. of the International Rules.

In the Olympic Winter Games and in the World Championships, on the first day of training the starting order will be as follows:

- from no. 1 to last, according to the draw.

On the second day of training the starting order will be the reverse of that of the first day, i.e.

- from the last to no. 1.

For the third day of training, the starting order will be established by a draw which must also be effected on the occasion of the first meeting of Jury with Team Captains.

8.4.2. **Competition**

The starting order of the competition is established by an official draw performed by the Jury, in public.

The start numbers drawn must be applied on the left-hand side, next to the pilot's push bar and according to the Jury's instructions.

The FIBT will provide the start numbers. The maximum area of the start numbers will be 20 sq.cm. and they are the property of the FIBT.

The draw must be made for both names and numbers.

Each team entered into the competition keeps the drawn number for the entire duration of the competition. The number may not be transferred or exchanged with others.

8.4.2.1. **Starting groups**

On the occasion of the Olympic Winter Games, World Championships - senior cat. - Continental Championships, World Cup, Europe Cup and America Cup competitions, the following starting groups are formed:

1st group: starting numbers 1 - 10

2nd group: starting numbers 11 - 20

3rd group: starting numbers 21 - 30

4th group: starting numbers 31 - 40

etc.

Each group consists of 10 crews, except for the World Championships, Junior cat. No more than two crews per Nation may start in the first group.

The points won in the World Cup are used for the assignment of the starting groups of the Olympic Winter Games, of the World Championships, Senior category, of the Continental Championships and of World Cup events.

The points won respectively in the Europe cup and America Cup are used for the assignment of the starting groups in the events of the Europe Cup and America Cup respectively

Pilots coming from the Europe Cup and America Cup and taking part in World Cup events start in the starting group to which their nation is entitled.

The same is valid for pilots from the World Cup circuit taking part in Europe Cup and America Cup events.

Only drivers who have, during the previous 24 months, taken part in at least four competitions as specified in articles 1.1.1., 1.1.2. and 1.1.3. of the International Rules – respectively in 2 and 4-man bob events on three different tracks – and who have completed their competitions and are ranked in the final result list of each competition, are allowed into the first group of World Cup Competitions.

If the maximum number of crews anticipated for each group is not reached by the entitled crews, crews which qualified for the immediately following group will be introduced until the group is completed.

If the last group contains fewer than 5 crews, these will be added to the penultimate starting group which will therefore number 10 crews plus those included from the last group.

Crews with no World Cup points are considered separately.

If the crews in the last group are 5 or more, they will form a separate group even if this group fails to reach the number of 10 crews.

8.4.2.2. Starting order

A) Olympic Winter Games and World Championships, senior category

These are held in four heats, except in cases of force majeure.

The starting groups are formed on the basis of the nations' World Cup standings in the 2-man and 4-man bob events respectively, updated after the World Cup competition held immediately prior to the Olympic Winter Games or World Championships, senior category.

Only pilots who have taken part in a number of World Cup races of the season and who have completed their competitions and are ranked in the final result list of each competition, held before the Olympic Winter Games or the World Championships, may be entered in the first starting group, as follows: in one competition if only one or two competitions have been held; in two competitions if only three have been held; in three competitions if only four have been held; in four competitions if five or more have been held.

If a nation has the right to take part in the World Championships with a third crew, the pilot of which acquired this right on the basis of the World Cup standings (see World Cup Rules), the third crew must start in the first starting group.

If the nation already has another 2 crews with the right to start in the first group, one of these two crews, chosen by the nation involved, must start in the second group.

1st heat

1st group: starting numbers 1 - 10

2nd group: starting numbers 11 - 20

3rd group: starting numbers 21 - 30

4th group: starting numbers 31 - 40

etc.

A draw is performed for each group.

2nd heat

Definition of the starting order on the basis of placing in the first heat:

positions 20 - 1

positions 21 - last

3rd heat

1st group: starting numbers 10 - 1

2nd group: starting numbers 20 - 11

3rd group: starting numbers 30 - 21

4th group: starting numbers 40 - 31

etc.

4th heat

Definition of the starting order on the basis of placing after the three heats:

positions 20 - 1

B) World Championships, Junior category

These may be held in two or three heats.

However, for assigning the title, two heats are necessary.

Only two starting groups are formed.

The twelve best-placed countries in the Junior World Championships of the previous season form the first starting group. These are accompanied by the three medal-winners in the previous Junior World Championships, but by not more than one bob per country. If a country has obtained more than one medal in the previous Junior World Championships the additional crews to the one admitted as above are replaced by crews from countries placed in immediately lower positions.

If less than 12 crews are entered, no starting groups are formed.

- in cases of 2 heats

1st heat

1st group: starting numbers 1 - 15

2nd group: starting numbers 16 - end

The draw is made separately inside the first group and for the remaining crews.

2nd heat

Definition of the starting order on the basis of placing in the first heat:

positions 15 - 1

positions 16 - last

- in cases of 3 heats

1st heat

1st group: starting numbers 1 - 15

2nd group: starting numbers 16 - end

The draw is made separately inside the first group and for the remaining crews.

2nd heat

1st group: starting numbers 15 - 1

2nd group: starting numbers end - 16

3rd heat

Definition of the starting order on the basis of placing after the two heats:

positions 15 - 1

positions 16 - last

C) Continental Championships

These may be held in two, three or four heats.

The starting groups are formed on the basis of the nations' World Cup standings in the 2-man and 4-man bob events respectively, updated after the World Cup competition held immediately prior to the Continental Championships.

Only entitled crews and those belonging to the Continent may take part in the first starting group.

The crews of nations from other Continents may take part in the competition as "guests" and start in a lower group than the one for which they qualified, on the basis of the World Cup standings currently in force.

- in cases of 4 heats

1st heat

1st group: starting numbers 1 - 10
2nd group: starting numbers 11 - 20
3rd group: starting numbers 21 - 30
4th group: starting numbers 31 - 40
etc.

A draw is performed for each group.

2nd heat

Definition of the starting order on the basis of placing in the first heat:

positions 15 - 1

positions 16 - last

3rd heat

1st group: starting numbers 10 - 1
2nd group: starting numbers 20 - 11
3rd group: starting numbers 30 - 21
4th group: starting numbers 40 - 31
etc.

4th heat

Definition of the starting order on the basis of placing after the three heats:

positions 15 - 1

positions 16 - last

- in cases of 3 heats

1st heat

1st group: starting numbers 1 - 10
2nd group: starting numbers 11 - 20
3rd group: starting numbers 21 - 30
4th group: starting numbers 31 - 40
etc.

A draw is performed for each group.

2nd heat

1st group: starting numbers 10 - 1
2nd group: starting numbers 20 - 11
3rd group: starting numbers 30 - 21
4th group: starting numbers 40 - 31
etc.

3rd heat

Definition of the starting order on the basis of placing after the two heats:
positions 15 - 1
positions 16 - last

- in cases of 2 heats

1st heat

1st group: starting numbers 1 - 10
2nd group: starting numbers 11 - 20
3rd group: starting numbers 21 - 30
4th group: starting numbers 31 - 40
etc.

A draw is performed for each group.

2nd heat

Definition of the starting order on the basis of placing in the first heat:
position 15 - 1
positions 16 - last

D) World Cup competitions

These are held in two heats.

The starting groups are formed according to qualification and World Cup Rules.

1st heat

1st group: starting numbers 1 - 10
2nd group: starting numbers 11 - 20
3rd group: starting numbers 21 - 30
4th group: starting numbers 31 - 40
etc.

A draw is performed for each group.

2nd heat

Definition of the starting order on the basis of placing in the first heat:
positions 20 - 1

E) Europe Cup and America Cup competitions

These are held in two heats.

The starting groups are formed according to qualification and Europe / America Cup Rules.

1st heat

1st group: starting numbers 1 - 10
2nd group: starting numbers 11 - 20
3rd group: starting numbers 21 - 30
4th group: starting numbers 31 - 40
etc.

A draw is performed for each group.

2nd heat

Definition of the starting order on the basis of placing in the first heat:

positions 15 - 1

positions 16 – last

F) For all other F.I.B.T. competitions, the Organisers must establish criteria for division into starting groups.

**G) If participation is less than 15 teams, no 'starting groups' are foreseen.
The minimum of crews participating for the competition to be held is 6.**

8.4.3. The Olympic Winter Games and the World Championships should be held in 4 heats, except in cases of force majeure.
For the title of Champion to be awarded, at least two heats are necessary.

8.4.4. Pilot Bobs

The Jury takes the decision regarding the number of pilot bobs.

Before the two-man bob competition, only two-man bobs must descend as pilot bobs.

Before the four-man bob competition, only four-man bobs must descend as pilot bobs.

The Organisers must satisfy the requirements of the Jury regarding the number of pilot bobs to provide, or must provide at least 3 pilot bobs in both two and four-man events.

If the Jury considers that the number of pilot bobs provided by the organisers is insufficient, it may use, as additional pilot bobs:

- in the two-man event: crews not allowed to take part in the race or any crews which only take part in the four-man event;

- in the four-man event: crews not allowed to take part in the race or any crews which have only taken part in the two-man event.

If the Jury still considers that the number of pilot bobs is insufficient, it may use the crews drawn last in the starting order for the race. These crews will descend immediately after the pilot bobs according to the starting order of the race and their descent as pilot bobs will be considered valid for the purposes of the competition results table.

However, pilots resulting among the first 10 in the individual standings for the World Cup specialities in force may not be used for pilot bobs.

8.5. **The start**

During the start, it is allowed to stand on the starting block, but not to cross behind it. The starting line (first timing line) must be clearly recognizable.

The start takes place in the order as determined according to 8.4.2.

All bobs must be put behind the starting block, or in the vicinity and in the order of the draw.

After starting numbers are called, the complete teams must be in situ.

As soon as the start is authorised by the starter to a team, by means of an acoustic and visual signal, the team must start within 60 seconds.

The team members may push their bob to accelerate it. Any additional help during the starting procedure is forbidden.

8.6. **The race**

8.6.1. **Material and equipment**

8.6.1.1. **Bob**

In principle, a team may only use one and the same bob in all heats of any race.

In the event the bob should be damaged and it cannot be repaired immediately, a reserve bob may be used, with the approval of the Jury.

8.6.1.2. **Runners**

It is not permitted to warm up runners, nor to use any liquid, solid or gaseous substances improving sliding, nor to use any means of propulsion.

A change of runners is permitted only in case of damage, with the approval of the Jury.

8.6.1.3. **Helmet**

During training and races, all bobsledders must wear a fully protective helmet, which has to comply with the minimum EEC safety rules, respectively OKM or DOT and is available and can be purchased on the market. It is forbidden to apply additional aerodynamic elements to helmets.

This is the task and responsibility of the National Associations and they undertake to comply with the safety rules.

8.6.1.4. **Clothing**

Shorts and short sleeves are forbidden in all races.

It is forbidden to apply any extra aerodynamic element to the outside and/or beneath the competition clothing.

8.6.1.5. Shoes

The use of spikes on shoes worn by team members to push the bobs is allowed, provided that spikes are arranged like a brush.

The top of spikes may not be thicker than 1 mm; spikes may not be longer than 4 mm and they may not be arranged further than 3 mm from each other.

8.6.1.6. Measurement apparatus and devices

It is forbidden to use any kinds of non-official measuring gauge or device on the sleds or on the track during the period when the track is under the control of the F.I.B.T.

8.6.2. Teams

In principle, all heats must be carried out by the same team.

In case of injury or of illness - the driver excluded - competitors may be replaced by bobsledders of the same member, with the approval of the Jury.

The Jury is entitled to forbid starting to those competitors who appear at the start in a mentally or physically affected state (see 7.2.).

During descents the sitting position only is permitted.

8.6.3. Descents

During the heats, the team members may get off the bob for the purpose of pushing it.

Any additional outside help is forbidden.

All competitors must cross the finish line with the bob.

8.6.4. Interruption or stop

Interruption of the race, or cessation of the competition may occur - through a decision of the Jury - having consulted the Competition Director and the Track Manager - for various reasons, when:

- the track is damaged;
- adverse weather conditions;
- timing, or any other technical equipment is not in an operating condition.

After any interruption, an adequate preparation time should be granted to starting teams.

8.6.5. Repetition of the heat

If during a heat a problem occurs that is not a fault of the team, the heat may be repeated, with the approval of the Jury.

Repetition of the heat may take place immediately, as soon as the team is ready to start.

8.6.6. **Making up cancelled competitions**

If a competition is cancelled, it can be held later on the same track or on another track following a decision by the Executive Committee.

The following may take part in the recuperated competition:

- a) all the crews interested in taking part if the cancelled competition was cancelled before drawing the competition start numbers.
- b) only those crews drawn in the competition's starting order if the competition was cancelled after the draw.

8.7. **Technical checks**

Bobs taking part in a competition are subject to controls. In the thirty minutes preceding the start of the competition, the competition Jury will indicate which bobs will be controlled.

The Jury nevertheless has the unappealable right to control also bobs which are not indicated before the competition.

Bobs taking part in competitions shall be lined up in the starting area, as per the instructions supplied by the Organisation, one hour before the start of the competition.

The bobs shall be fully exposed; in case of rain or snow, the Jury may authorise them to be covered with special non-thermal sheeting (e.g. nylon). (This refers to the entire area of the track).

Operations for preparing the bobs, including fitting the runners, must be carried out and completed 30 minutes before the start of each group.

Thirty minutes before the start of the respective groups, bobs shall be turned over with their runners facing upwards.

From this moment, it is no longer permissible to work on preparing the bobs and their runners, and neither may runners or any parts of the bob be replaced.

Between heats, the runners may be polished. Work may be carried out solely and exclusively in their own bobs by athletes belonging to the crew.

Once the last bob has been taken back to the start, there is a pause of at least 5 min. before the next competition run starts.

The runners may be polished exclusively with the abrasives made available by the FIBT.

The runners must remain mounted on the sled.

The use of any other material and/or product is prohibited. Any violation of this rule will immediately be punished with disqualification from the race.

The Jury may at any time withdraw the abrasives made available by the FIBT that have already been used or are yet to be used.

In case of technical problems with any bobsled, only the Jury, in accordance with the Material Commission in charge, may authorize repair work.

In general terms, checks on bobs may be effected by the Jury when and how it deems fit.

Other specific technical checks shall be carried out according to the following modalities:

Weights

Weight, as established in art. 3.2., will be checked using scales located in the finishing area.

Weight may be checked at any time at the Jury's discretion.

The bobs and the crew must be weighed immediately at the end of the competition run on specific request by the jury. Before this no changes must be made to bobs or equipment. The crew must be inside the bob during weighing. The first weighing operation is then effected. All crews may request a second weighing operation if they feel that this is necessary. The crew has a maximum of 5 minutes at its disposal for removing residual ice and snow from the bob. This operation must be performed under the surveillance of the jury. The weight noted must be registered in the weighing protocol.

Gauge

The gauge, as established in art. 3.3., will be checked once the runners have been fitted, using the specific F.I.B.T. gauge.

Runners (dimensions)

The radii of the sliding surface of runners shall be checked using gauges supplied by the F.I.B.T.

The radius of the runner can in no case be less than the radius of the gauge.

Crews must have the runners they will use in competitions checked, according to the times and modalities established by the Jury, otherwise they are disqualified.

Runners (temperatures)

Checks on the temperature of the runners shall be effected before the bobs start, according to the rules laid down by the Jury, on all four runners, using an electronic measuring device equipped with a specific probe and temperature indicator suitable for measuring the temperature of objects in environments with temperatures of between +30 and -20 degrees Celsius.

The organisers shall provide two electronic temperature measuring devices: one for the Jury and the other for crews taking part in the competition.

The temperature of the runners is measured on their side, at the point at which the central runner support is located. The measurement probe must remain in contact with the runner until the reading on the thermometer device remains at a constant value.

The temperature of the runners fitted to the bob used in the competition shall not differ by more than 4 degrees Celsius from that of the runner used as a reference.

If the temperature of the reference runner falls to below -14°C , the temperature of the bob's runner may still be -10°C . If the temperature of a crew's runners exceeds the allowed value, a further control reading must be taken immediately after the first measurement. The values read during this second measurement must be registered in the temperature control protocol.

The temperature of the reference runner is ascertained using the following procedure:

- a) the reference runner shall be exposed to the open air in the starting area one hour before the start of the competition and shall be positioned in such a way that it is subject to the same climatic and atmospheric conditions as the bobs taking part in the competition. When the runner is first exposed, its temperature must be between $+18$ and $+22$ degrees Celsius.
- b) The exact temperature of the reference runner when it is first exposed shall be indicated on a table visible to the public in the starting area.
This table shall also indicate the temperatures of the ice and of the air.
- c) The temperature of the reference runner is measured on its side, at the point at which the central runner support is located.
- d) The values of the temperatures shown on this special table shall be updated:
 - the first time, 45 minutes before the competition starts;
 - the second time, 10 minutes before the competition starts;
 - subsequently, every 15 minutes after the start of the competition.In the event of particular climatic conditions (high temperatures), the Jury may compel crews to place their bobs on a layer of snow, with the runners in contact with the snow immediately before the start and after the temperature of the runners has been read.

Runners (cleaning)

In order to cancel the effect of any treatment with solid, liquid or gaseous substances for making them run better on the ice, runners shall be cleaned using special detergents supplied by the F.I.B.T. before the bobs start their runs.

Runners (Number of pairs of runners allowed)

For all FIBT competitions that are defined in chapters 1.1.1, 1.1.2 and 1.1.3, only two pairs of runners per discipline (two men bobsleigh and four men bobsleigh) will be allowed per pilot per season. Each runner will be clearly identified to the pilot by the appending of a stamp with his full name.

A complete inspection (Spectrometre,...) of the runners will take place at the beginning of the season at the time of the first competition, or alternatively at a later date at a

centralised location decided by the FIBT. Following this inspection, the two pairs of runners (Two for two men bobsleigh and two for four men bobsleigh) that will be consistent with the regulations will be identified by an electronic stamp or by an FIBT stamp, especially manufactured so that it does not resist to any thermal or chemical treatment.

Before the 1st run of any competition and before the 1st and 3rd run of any World Championship or the Olympic Games, the Jury will be inspecting the radius of all runners and will rub, on a similar fashion, a sand paper number "1000" on all runners.

In case a pair of runners is destroyed during a competition, the pilot will be allowed, on the Jury's authorisation, to introduce a new pair of runners, which will have to undergo the above mentioned inspections. Only one pair of extra runners can be introduced per discipline per season.

8.8. Time recording and processing of results

The final result is based on the sum of single times.

Time recording is carried out electrically or electronically.

In competitions pursuant to 1.1.1., 1.1.2. and 1.1.3. two time keeping installations, which are independent from each other, must be in operation.

Times must be measured to within 1/100th sec.

At least five intermediate times must be recorded, the first time after pushing and the remaining four intermediate times respectively after approx. two sixths, three sixths, four sixths and five sixths of the course.

The Organiser has to hand over to the participating nations all measured times during training and competition.

If a competition which consists of two heats needs to be suspended and it is not possible to reorganise it, the Jury will consider the competition as valid if the interruption occurs during the second competition descent and at least the crews placed respectively in the first 15 in the first competition descent have already descended (in World Cup competitions if the first 20 crews have descended).

Crews which were unable to effect the second competition descent will be classified in the final competition results with the position they obtained in the first competition descent.

In the event of a reduction pursuant to 1.2.3., the eliminated teams shall maintain for classification purposes the last placings achieved.

Equal times within 1/100th sec. shall result in even placings.

If, after the first or third heat, two or more crews obtain the same time, the starting order for these crews, respectively for the second or fourth heat, would be according to

the drawn starting number: the crew with the highest drawn starting number will start first.

The official result shall be signed by the Chairman of the Jury and the Race Director.

8.9. **Prize-giving ceremony**

The prize-giving ceremony takes place 15 minutes immediately after the competition on expiry of the 5 minutes provided for verbally announcing any protests (see art.8.10.1.), if no protests have been presented.

If doping control is anticipated, this will be effected – if possible – at the end of the Prize - Giving Ceremony.

For competitions pursuant to 1.1.1. through 1.1.3., the flags of the first three placed nations shall be hoisted.

In addition, the anthem of the winning nation shall be played.

Prizes are awarded according to 4.6.

8.10. **Protests**

8.10.1. **Form**

Protests must be verbally announced to the Jury within 5 minutes of the end of the competition and subsequently in writing within 20 minutes of the end of the competition, according to the provisions of the Jury before the competition.

If the protest has not been verbally announced to the Jury, no protest in writing may subsequently be presented.

Protests may be reported and handed over only by the notified Team Captains (see 1.8.).

After the time granted for submission of protests has elapsed, no further protest will be accepted.

8.10.2. **Protest fee**

Protests must be accompanied by a deposit of 70 Euros.

The protest fee is retained by the organiser if the protest is rejected.

Otherwise, the protest fee shall be refunded to the plaintiff.

8.10.3. **Decision**

Any decision about the protest during the competition is taken as soon as possible, so that the party concerned with the protest may continue to participate in the competition without any obstacle, if the protest is rejected.

In case of protests after the end of the competition, the Jury will make its decision, if at all possible, within one hour after submission of the protests. The jury decides by a simple majority of votes.

If the votes are equal, the Chairman of the Jury's vote is the decisive one.

The decision of the Jury is final, with no possibility of appeal and its effect may not be postponed.

8.11 **Evaluation of the results of laboratory controls on materials and crews.**

8.11.1. If the control on the material and equipment takes place in a mobile laboratory at the competition venue, the Jury shall assess the laboratory result and take measures if the result confirms a breach of the International Rules.

8.11.2. If the control on the material and the equipment takes place in a laboratory far from the competition venue, at a later date, the result of the control will be sent to the F.I.B.T. Executive Committee.

If the result confirms a breach of the International Rules, the F.I.B.T.'s Executive Committee will take the relevant measures as specified in article 1.12.

In this case the decisions of the Executive Committee are not open to appeal.

9. **CONCLUSIVE REGULATIONS**

9. 1. **Coming into force**

This issue comes into force with effect from 1st October, 2005.

9. 2. **Modifications**

In principle, modifications and additions to the International Rules may be decided in the year of the Olympic Winter Games by the Congress by simple majority.

A majority of 2/3 is necessary in the other years by a Congress attended by at least half of the members.

They come into force in the following sporting year.

Applications must reach the Executive Committee of the F.I.B.T. at least 8 weeks before the Congress (proof of posting by the postmark).

In well-grounded exceptional cases, modifications of the Rules may be made by the Executive Committee, and such modifications have to be submitted to the next Congress for confirmation.

PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES FOR CONFORMITY TESTS ON BOBSLEIGH COMPONENTS

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Empowered by the Jury and in the presence of at least one of its members, the Material Commission directs the official representative of the Bobsleigh Federation to remove or disassemble the component/s to be tested.

The form: on collecting the specimen/s, the Material Commission will fill in a form drawn up in six copies and stating:

- data of the crew undergoing the test/s
- name and place of the event
- date and time
- description of the component/s taken
- kind of test/s required of the Laboratory.

The form will have a blank space reserved for the Laboratory results. It will be signed by:

- The president of the Jury
- The representatives of the Material Commission
- The Team Captain or official representative of the Federation involved.

The six copies will be sent:

- 1 to the President of the Jury
- 1 to the President of F.I.B.T.
- 1 to the President of the Material Commission
- 1 to the Team Captain or official representative of the Federation involved
- 2 to the Laboratory, together with the container of the component/s to be tested.

By returning one of the two form copies to the F.I.B.T. Secretary's Office, the Laboratory will acknowledge receipt of the container and its integrity on arrival.

The container: the component/s to be tested will be sealed in a container, sealed in turn in a further container.

Remarks: the costs resulting from the Laboratory tests shall be borne by F.I.B.T. In case of positive results of the analysis, F.I.B.T. will reimburse the expenditure with the Bobsleigh Federation.

PROTOCOL FOR SEIZURE OF BOBSLED COMPONENTS FOR CONFORMITY TESTS

Place..... Date..... Time.... Competition
Event Nation.....

Description of component/s taken:
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Test/s required:
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Name of Laboratory:

Laboratory result:
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President of Jury Material Commission National Federation

Name Names Name

Signatures
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The Laboratory . in the person of Mr.

acknowledges receipt of the official container bearing unbroken seals, from Mr.

..... on (date) at (time)

Stamp

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(signature)

WORLD CUP RULES

**EUROPE/AMERICA
CUP RULES**

WORLD CUP RULES

1. COMPETITION

- 1.1. World Cup competitions will be competed for in two and four-man bobsleighs.
- 1.2. These are official competitions according to 1.1.3. of the International Rules.
- 1.3. Unless these additional Rules state otherwise, the International Rules shall apply.

2. ALLOTMENT

- 2.1. The F.I.B.T. Executive Committee allots the World Cup Competitions.
- 2.2. If a World Cup competition is cancelled for reasons beyond control, or if the organiser is not in a position to stage it, the F.I.B.T. Executive Committee takes the decision about the replacement.

3. CHANGES

- 3.1. Changes to World Cup Rules may be decided by the F.I.B.T. Executive Committee, before the start of the competition season (1st October).

4. STAGING OF THE WORLD CUP

- 4.1. The World Cup is staged with a minimum of four two-man and four four-man races each season.
- 4.2. The two-man and four-man races are held, respectively, on one day. Each race consists of two heats.
- 4.3. Pilot bobs will be provided by the race organiser.

5. RANKING SYSTEM

- 5.1. The following 'ranking system' will be used throughout the season.

5.1.1. Individual Ranking System

In this system the points are awarded to the pilot by name.

5.1.2. Nations Ranking System

In this system the points obtained by the best placed bobsleigh of a Nation in the first race of the season, are added to the points of the best placed bobsleigh of the same Nation in the second race of the season, and so on with the third, fourth race, etc.

The same procedure is used to calculate the Nations ranking for the second and third placed bobsleighs of each Nation.

The Nations ranking is calculated for both two and four-man races.

6. PARTICIPATION/ADMISSION

6.1. Men's Bobsleigh

All nations have the right to take part in the World Cup competitions with at least two 2-man bob and two 4-man bob providing the pilot has taken part, in the course of the previous 24 months, in at least four competitions, as per articles 1.1.1., 1.1.2. and 1.1.3. of the International Rules and has completed his competitions and is ranked in the final result list of each competition, on at least three different tracks, in 2 and 4 man events respectively.

Exceptions to this rule are pilots from countries which organise National Championships every year on a regular basis with the participation of at least 10 crews of the same gender and from their country, in the 2-man and 4-man events respectively.

If requested, nations benefiting from this exception must present documentation proving this right to the Juries.

Women's Bobsleigh

All nations have the right to take part in the World Cup competitions providing the pilot has taken part, in the course of the previous 24 months, in at least 4 international competitions, as per articles 1.1.1., 1.1.2. and 1.1.3. of the International Rules, on 3 different tracks and has completed her competitions and is ranked in the final results list of each competition

Exceptions to this rule are pilots from countries which organise National Championships every year on a regular basis with the participation of at least 10 crews of the same gender and from their country, in the Women's Bobsleigh event.

If requested, nations benefiting from this exception must present documentation proving this right to the Juries

A maximum number of 5 teams per nation is admitted, but only 3 of them will get World Cup Points. These teams must be nominated by name before the draw.

In case the Jury has to reduce the number of competitors due to bad weather conditions or other reasons, the teams that are not eligible for World Cup Points will be the first to be excluded from the race.

6.2. At the end of each season the four top Nations in the Combined Nations Ranking of the Europe Cup and the two top Nations in the Combined Nations Ranking of the America Cup will be qualified to enter an additional team in both the two and four-man World Cup races of the following season.

Only crews from the European continent will be promoted from the final Europe Cup combined Nations Rankings; only crews from America, Asia and Oceania will be promoted from the final America Cup combined nations' standings.

6.3. If a Nation should have more than one team in the first four of the Combined Europe Cup Nations Ranking or more than one team in the first two of the Combined America Cup Nations Ranking, the Nations immediately below them would be eligible for promotion.

6.4. Nations with the right to enter an extra crew in the World Cup circuit, on the basis of the Europe Cup and America Cup standings, keep this right for a single season.

7. GROUPING

7.1. Grouping for the World Cup shall be according to art. 8.4.2.1. of the International Rules.

7.2. The calculation of the starting places in the World Cup Groups is based on the Nations Ranking System Art. 5.1.2. of the World Cup Rules.

7.3. Formation of the starting groups for the first World Cup competition of the season is based on the final standings, by Nations, in the World Cup of the previous season in 2-man and 4-man events respectively.

Nations in the first 10 places in the standings are entitled to enter their 2 and 4-man crews in the first group, up to a maximum of two crews per Nation.

In the second and subsequent World Cup competitions of the season, the starting groups are formed on the basis of the World Cup standings, by Nations, updated after each race.

7.4. In the first World Cup competition of the current season in which they take part, Nations which do not appear in the final World Cup Ratings of the previous season start in the last group.

7.5. The places in the Groups are allocated to the Nation.

7.6. No Nation can have more than two teams in the first group.

- 7.7. In the event of teams achieving the same time in the 1st heat of a World Cup race, the starting order for these crews for the second heat, would be according to the drawn starting number: the crew with the highest drawn starting number will start first.

8. EVALUATION

- 8.1. Evaluation of every World Cup Competition is based on the F.I.B.T. Points System. The FIBT points table is shown in the appendix to the International Rules and is used as follows:
- select the column of points to be awarded, on the basis of the number of crews started in the competition. Each crew is awarded the FIBT points according to its ranking (see 'Rankings' column).
 - "Extra points" are awarded to the first crews as specified in the FIBT points table.
- 8.2. To calculate the overall winner of the World Cup Series, in the two-man event the points obtained at each World Cup race by the individual pilot by name are added together. The same procedure is used to calculate the overall winner of the four-man World Cup.
- 8.3. The World Cup individual ranking is updated after every World Cup race.
- 8.4. At the end of the season the Final Nation Ranking in both two and four-man events will be used to decide the grouping for the following season.
- 8.5. There will be no dropped result allowed when calculating the final ranking list.

9. PROMOTION

- 9.1. If the World Cup finishes before the season's World Championships, the pilot who wins the World Cup, in the 2-man and 4-man events respectively, or the pilot in first place in the 2-man and 4-man bob standings immediately prior to the World Championships, acquires the right to take part in the World Championships. Therefore, the Nation to which the above mentioned pilot belongs will have the right to take part in the World Championships - official training and competition - with three crews in the event (2-man and/or 4-man) in which its pilot was the winner or in which he won first place in the World Cup (2-man and/or 4-man).

10. HONOURS

10.1. The following are honoured:

- World Cup Winner and places two and three in two-man bob
- World Cup Winner and places two and three in four-man bob
- The winning pilot and those in second and third place in the combined pilots' standing

10.2. In case of equality of points, the following factors are decisive:

- the greater number of victories, secondly
- the best placement.

11. CONCLUSIVE REGULATIONS

11.1. On submission of the application and on acceptance of the World Cup competition, the F.I.B.T. Rules with World Cup Rules are accepted.

11.2. The Rules enter into force on 1st October, 2005. These Rules replace all previous World Cup Rules.

EUROPE CUP / AMERICA CUP RULES

1. COMPETITION

- 1.1. Europe Cup and America Cup competitions will be competed for in two and four-man bobsleighs.
- 1.2. These are official competitions according to 1.1.3. of the International Rules.
- 1.3. Unless these additional Rules state otherwise, the International Rules shall apply.

2. ALLOTMENT

- 2.1. The F.I.B.T. Executive Committee allots the Europe Cup and America Cup Competitions.
- 2.2. If a Europe/America Cup competition is cancelled for reasons beyond control, or if the organiser is not in a position to stage it, the F.I.B.T. Executive Committee takes the decision about the replacement.

3. CHANGES

- 3.1. Changes to Europe/America Cup Rules may be decided by the F.I.B.T. Executive Committee, before the start of the competition season (1st October).

4. STAGING OF THE EUROPE/AMERICA CUP

- 4.1. The Europe/America Cup is staged with a minimum of four two-man and four four-man races each season.
- 4.2. The two-man and four-man races are held, respectively, on one day. Each race consists of two heats.
- 4.3. Pilot bobs will be provided by the race organiser.

5. RANKING SYSTEM

5.1. The following 'ranking system' will be used throughout the season.

5.1.1. Individual Ranking System

In this system the points are awarded to the pilot by name.

5.1.2. Nations Ranking System

In this system the points obtained by the best-placed bobsleigh of a Nation in the first race of the season, are added to the points of the best-placed bobsleigh of the same Nation in the second race of the season, and so on with the third, fourth race, etc.

The same procedure is used to calculate the Nations ranking for the second and third-placed bobsleighs of each Nation.

The Nations ranking is calculated for both two and four-man races.

5.1.3. Combined Nations Ranking

To obtain the Combined Nations Ranking the Nations points from the two and four-man are added together.

6. PARTICIPATION/ADMISSION

6.1. Europe and America Cup competitions are open to all pilots. The pilots who are in the top 15 of the current World Cup do not receive any Europe Cup/America Cup points.

6.2. A maximum number of 3 teams per nation is evaluated in the Europe and America Cup, two and four-man series.

The teams to be evaluated must be nominated by name before the draw.

Participation is open to more than 3 teams per nation, depending on the track capacity and according to invitations.

These teams start in the first heat in the last group and in the second heat according to the ranking by time.

6.3. In addition a maximum number of two bobs of the national federation organiser may participate.

These teams do not receive any Europe Cup/America Cup points. However, they are considered in the rank.

They start in the first heat in the last group and in the second heat according to the ranking by time.

7. GROUPING

- 7.1. Grouping for the Europe/America Cup shall be according to art. 8.4.2.1. of the International Rules.
- 7.2. The calculation of the starting places in the World Cup Groups is based on the Nations Ranking System Art. 5.1.2. of the Europe/America Cup Rules.
- 7.3. The starting positions for the first Europe/America Cup race of the season are made according to the final placing in the Nations Ranking of the Europe/America Cup of the previous season. The starting positions for the following competitions are made according to the placing in the Nations Ranking updated after each race.
- 7.4. The places in the Groups are allocated to the Nation.
- 7.5. No Nation can have more than two teams in the first group.
- 7.6. The crews in excess of the three allowed per nation and the two crews of the organising national federation (see art. 6.2. and 6.3.) start in the first heat in the last group and in the second heat according to the ranking by time in the first heat.
- 7.7. In the event of teams achieving the same time in the 1st heat of a Europe/America Cup race, **the starting order for these crews for the second heat, would be according to the drawn starting number: the crew with the highest drawn starting number will start first.**
- 7.8. In Europe or America Cup competitions those crews whose pilots take part in the World Cup circuit, even if in possession of points, start in the group or groups to which their nations are entitled, according to the Europe/America Cup Rules.

8. EVALUATION

- 8.1. Evaluation of every Europe and America Cup Competition is based on the F.I.B.T. Points System.
The FIBT points table is shown in the appendix to the International Rules and is used as follows:
 - select the column of points to be awarded, on the basis of the number of crews started in the competition. Each crew is awarded the FIBT points according to its ranking (see 'Rankings' column).
 - "Extra points" are awarded to the first crews as specified in the FIBT points table.
- 8.2. A maximum number of 3 teams per nation is evaluated in the Europe and America Cup, two and four-man series.

The teams to be evaluated must be nominated by name before the draw.

Crews in excess of the three to whom the FIBT points are awarded take part in the competition and appear in the rankings on the basis of their placings. In calculating FIBT points, these will not be considered. The points due to them on the basis of their placing will be awarded to the following team competing for the FIBT points.

- 8.3. To calculate the overall winner of the Europe Cup Series and of the America Cup Series, in the two-man event the points obtained at each Europe/America Cup race by the individual pilot by name are added together.
The same procedure is used to calculate the overall winner of the four-man Europe Cup Series and America Cup Series.
- 8.4. The Europe/America Cup individual and Nations Ranking are updated after every Europe/America Cup race.
- 8.5. At the end of the season the Final Nations Ranking in both two and four-man events will be used to decide the grouping for the following season.
- 8.6. There will be no dropped result allowed when calculating the final ranking list.

9. PROMOTION

- 9.1. At the end of each season the four top Nations in the Combined Nations Ranking of the Europe Cup and the two top Nations in the Combined Nations Ranking of the America Cup will be qualified to enter an additional team in both the two and four-man World Cup races of the following season.
- 9.2. If a Nation has more than one team in the first four of the Combined Europe Cup Nations Ranking, or more than one team in the first two of the Combined America Cup Nations Ranking, the Nations immediately below them would be eligible for promotion.
- 9.3. Only crews from the European continent will be promoted from the final Europe Cup combined Nations Rankings; only crews from America, Asia and Oceania will be promoted from the final America Cup combined nations' standings.

10. HONOURS

- 10.1. The following are honoured:
 - World Cup Winner and places two and three in two-man bob

- World Cup Winner and places two and three in four-man bob
- The winning pilot and those in second and third place in the combined pilots' standings.

10.2. In case of equality of points, the following factors are decisive:

- the greater number of victories and, secondly
- the best placement.

11. CONCLUSIVE REGULATIONS

11.1. On submission of the application and on acceptance of the Europe/America Cup competition, the F.I.B.T. Rules with Europe/America Cup Rules are accepted.

11.2. The Rules enter into force on 1st October, 2005. These Rules replace all previous Europe/America Cup Rules.