

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION  
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## 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 SKELETON RULES

## 1. GENERAL

The F.I.B.T. as well as its ordinary members (national federations) and its extraordinary members (clubs) - according to art.I 4.1 a) and b) of its articles - are the only representatives qualified to organise international competitions.

## 1.1 COMPETITIONS

### 1.1.1 Olympic Winter Games, Senior and Junior Skeleton World Championships

Senior World Championships will be held annually except during Olympic years.

### 1.1.2 Continental Skeleton Championships - General Class

Continental Championships may be counted as World Cup competitions.

In this case Continental Championships will be held according to World Cup rules.

Two different ranking lists have to be drawn up: one for the Continental Championships and one for the World Cup competitions.

### 1.1.3 Official F.I.B.T. Championships

These are:

- Competitions according to 1.1.1. and 1.1.2.
- Skeleton World Cup competitions
- European, American, and OceAsian Cup competitions
- Challenge Cup
- International competitions, confirmed by the F.I.B.T. Executive Committee and inserted

into the F.I.B.T.'s International Calendar.

### 1.1.4 Submissions and Invitations

Submissions and invitations will be carried out by the respective national federations organising the competitions.

## 1.2.1 Admission

Only participants entered by members are entitled to partake in competitions according to 1.1.1 - 1.1.3. They must fulfill 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 1<sup>st</sup> October and 30<sup>th</sup> September of the following year.

Applications for such changes in Federation may only be submitted between 31<sup>st</sup> March and 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Starting Permission

### 1.2.2.1 Olympic Winter Games

a)-Only drivers who have taken part in at least 5 international competitions classified in articles 1.1.1, 1.1.2 or 1.1.3 of the International Rules, spread over the two preceding racing seasons before the Olympic Winter Games and on at least three different tracks, all with ranking results, may take part in the Olympic Winter Games.

b)-Their nation classified during the current World Cup ranking by nations

- Men = best 12 nations

- Ladies = best 8 nations

-or if they are ranked in the individual ranking of the Challenge Cup of the current season as follows:

- Men = Rank 1 – 8

- Ladies = Rank 1 – 4

c)-One male, resp.female driver from the country organizing the Olympic Winter Games may participate if the organizing country is not already represented by qualified active participants.

-In each case the drivers have to satisfy the conditions of art.1.2.2.1 a).

d)-The number of qualified drivers per nation is based on the ranking by nations of the current World Cup and on the individual ranking of the Challenge Cup in the Olympic Winter.

#### ***World Cup***

Men: nation 1 – 3 = 3 participants

Ladies: nation 1 – 3 = 2 participants

- 4 – 6 = 2 participants
- 4 – 8 = 1 participant
- 7 – 12 = 1 participant

***Challenge Cup***

- Men: 1 – 8 = 1 participant
- Ladies: 1 – 4 = 1 participant

**1.2.2.2. World Championships**

In World Championships only active participants may compete, who have participated in at least two international competitions according to art. 1.1.2 or 1.1.3 of the international rules during the current season, all with ranking results.

The number of participants per nation will be determined by quota, allocated according to the World Cup rankings by nation and the individual ranking of the Challenge Cup of the current season:

***World Cup***

- Men = best 12 nations
- Ladies = best 8 nations

***Challenge Cup***

- Men = Rank 1 to 8
- Ladies = Rank 1 to 6

***By Quota***

World Cup:

Men	Ladies
Rank 1 – 6 = 3 participants	Rank 1 – 6 = 3 participants
7 – 12 = 2 participants	7 – 8 = 2 participants
Challenge: 1 participant	1 participant

The nation, to which the winner of the World Cup belongs - if the World Cup will be finished prior to the World Championships of this season, or the best ranking competitor immediately before the World Championships - receives an additional starting place.

**1.2.2.3. Continental Championships**

As for the World Cup. In addition, also nations which did not qualify for the World Cup may take part in the Continental Championships.

However, they must have taken part in at least two competitions according to art. 1.1.3. during the current season and have been ranked, i.e. they must have successfully completed all the competition descents.

Men = 1 competitor  
Women = 1 competitor

#### 1.2.2.4. **Junior World Championships**

Only athletes of junior age who have taken part, during the current season, in at least two national or international competitions and who were ranked, i.e. who successfully completed all the competition descents, may take part in the Junior World Championships.

Men = max. 4 competitors  
Women = max. 4 competitors

1.2.3 Should the number of entered skeletons exceed the capacity of the run, a reduction in the number of participants may be made by the Jury in agreement with the race director.

The starting order, according to the draws, does not change.

The first heat must be permitted to all entered athletes.

Reductions may be carried out before each heat.

#### 1.3 **Allotment of Competitions**

By written application the F.I.B.T. will award competitions according to 1.1.1 and 1.1.2 to the respective associations maximum 4 years in advance. Conflicting schedules according to 1.1.1 - 1.1.3 are to be co-ordinated.

#### 1.4 **Juniors**

Juniors are active participants who at the date of the Junior's competition have not yet reached the age of 23, as well as all athletes who will reach the age of 23 during the period of October 1 to March 31 of the following year.

#### 1.5 **Amateurism Rules**

The I.O.C. rules apply.

#### 1.6.1 **Doping Controls**

Doping is forbidden.

The Executive Committee of the F.I.B.T. has the right to arrange doping controls at all F.I.B.T. competitions and any time outside competitions.

Doping 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 to execute these controls.

By signing the International F.I.B.T. Licence the athlete undertakes to accept the Antidoping Control Rules issued by the F.I.B.T. 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.1.7.

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 a F.I.B.T.-approved laboratory according to the enclosed attachment.

The sled is only opened by the athlete himself or by his trainer/mechanic.

The athlete must bring to the control all the tools necessary for the operation.

The sled must be disassembled in such a way that all the parts to be checked are easily visible.

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 skeleton, all competitors must apply for a valid F.I.B.T. licence to their national federation. These are to be handed over at all competitions to the race director before training.

The licence is valid for one season (Oct.1 to Sept.30).

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 competitors to competitions have to be made in writing by the associations to the organiser within the term stated in the submission. The Jury shall be notified of the name of the team captain(s) during the first team captains' meeting.

The selection for participation in competitions is made by the respective association.

Entry fees belong to the organiser and amount to 25 EUR per athlete.

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

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

### **1.9 Acknowledgement of the Rules**

With the submission of entry, participants (competitors, 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 Skeleton.

For this purpose, the F.I.B.T. issues special rules.

#### 1.11 Track Records

Only track records during competitions will be recognised.

#### 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
- exclusion from competition

The fine will be forwarded by the Jury to the F.I.B.T.

#### 1.13 QUALIFICATION RULES

##### 1.13.1 Qualification of Competitors

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;

##### **Sponsoring and Advertising**

The F.I.B.T. and the member federations may enter into contract with commercial firms or organisations.

The F.I.B.T. may request a copy of such a contract at any time.

##### 1.13.2 Trademarks on Equipment

1.13.2.a Trademarks can be fixed unlimited on skeletons, other equipment and athletes with the exceptions according to art.1.13.2.b and 1.13.3 of the international rules.

##### 1.13.2.b Space reserved to the F.I.B.T.

The F.I.B.T. saves and protects following spaces for its own use:

- a space of 50 cm<sup>2</sup> per both sides of the helmet
- on each upper arm 100 cm<sup>2</sup> per each side

If the F.I.B.T. has named no sponsor before 15<sup>th</sup> October of each year these areas would be place at the disposal of National Federations from 16<sup>th</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> March of the following year.

##### 1.13.3 Starting Number

1.13.3.1. Starting number shirts: these are reserved by the F.I.B.T. for the F.I.B.T.-sponsors. Starting number shirts are to be worn during race and awards ceremony. There may not be any aerodynamic changes made nor be fastened by any supplementary means.

If the F.I.B.T. has named no sponsor before 15<sup>th</sup> October of each year these Starting Number Shirts would be placed at the disposal of Race Organisers of each competition of the competitive Season.

1.13.3.2. Sled starting numbers: The sled starting number (30 x 25 cm) must be attached to the bottom utmost back of the sled.

Publicity rights of sled numbers remain with the organiser.

#### 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 Controls and Sanctions

The Jury is responsible for the enforcement of the rules according to art.1.13 at the venue from the beginning of the official training up to and including the conclusion of the awards ceremony.

Any competitor infringing above stated rules will be disqualified. In case of minor infringements the athlete will first be warned in writing.

If a competitor infringes above stated rules the national federation will immediately revoke his licence and his name will be reported to the F.I.B.T.

If a national federation fails to enforce the rules or for special reason prefers to submit the case to the F.I.B.T., the F.I.B.T. may take immediate steps to revoke the competitor's licence. The competitor concerned or his national federation has the right to state his case before definite decision being taken.

A competitor whose licence has been revoked may acquire a new licence after expiration of the penalty period - according to the national rules - or with the specific approval of the F.I.B.T.

#### 1.13.6 Organiser's Duties

The duties of the organiser of a competition will be specified in a written record which will be part of the contract concluded upon allotment of the competition between the F.I.B.T. and the organiser.

#### 1.14 Responsibility

The F.I.B.T. does not accept responsibility for any accident, or damage, or any other claim arising from the allotment 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.
- For skeleton sufficient foam rubber mats have to be made available. If possible water-repellent (approx. 100 x 150 cm, maximal thickness 6 cm).

## 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 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, a room for controlling material 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. SPORT EQUIPMENTS

#### Principles

Skeletons are sleds with 2 runners.

To propel the sled, only the pushing force of the skeleton driver and the force of gravity is permitted.

Devices to assist steering or braking are prohibited.

Protruding parts which might cause injuries are prohibited.

Any hydraulic and pneumatic installations on the skeleton are prohibited.

The sled 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 F.I.B.T., the term "steel" means an alloy of iron and carbon with an iron (Fe) content of more than 50%.

#### 3.1 Construction

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

3.2. The **frame of the construction** and the **supporting body** must be constructed in steel. The frame, composed of longitudinal and transverse parts, must be configured as a horizontal plane in a single, continuous line. Max. tolerance 4 mm. Both longitudinal rails must consist of one continuous piece of steel with a minimum of 30 / 5 mm.

Both cross rails must consist of one continuous piece of steel with a minimum of 25 / 3 mm. The corner joints of the frame parts must be firmly and rigidly joined together or to the runner supports. They may be welded or screwed with at least 2 screws per joint.

The front cross rail has to be attached in the region of the runner supports. Max. tolerance from the front end of the supports to the cross rail is 80 mm. The rear cross rail has to be attached in the region of the runner supports. Max. tolerance from the back end of the supports to the cross rail is 30 mm.

Supports are to be understood as parts featuring slots, without welded elements.

3.3 The **base-plate** must be constructed in a single piece and must not be divided. It may also be constructed in plastics. The form of the base-plate must be convex all over. (Tolerance: max.allowable concavity in 300 mm = 3 mm)

The frame and the base-plate must be constructed in two separate parts. (Laminating the frame into the base-plate is not permitted). The two parts can be joined to each other by welding, cementing, riveting or screwing.

Exceptions:

- a) -Openings for the runner blocks, runner bolts, and the runners.
- b) -Opening for the support of the runner post holder / guide
- c) -Opening for the bumper brackets
- d) -On the front edge seen from above, within a distance of **80 mm** from the front edge.

3.4 The **runner blocks and posts** must be welded to the runners.  
The **runner supports** must be permanently joined to the sled's frame.  
The runners must be directly mounted to the runner-supports.  
The **runner post guide / holder** may show a max. size of 25 mm width, 45 mm length.

3.5 The **supporting body** must be fixed to the frame above the base-plate.

3.6. The use of materials or elements which are sprung or which serve to absorb energy in the mechanical joints or in the parts of the skeleton is forbidden

Exceptions are:

- the joint between the base-plate and the frame
- the points for fastening the ballast
- the padding of the supporting surface and the supporting body
- the inside padding of the base plate (see condition shown in point. 1.6.2.)

### 3.7 Weight

- Maximum weight of the sled and driver including equipment must not exceed 115 kg (Ladies: 92 kg).
- The weight of the sled must not be in excess of 43 kg (Ladies: 35 kg).
- If the weight of the sled and driver including equipment exceeds 115 kg (Ladies: 92 kg), the maximum weight of the sled alone must not exceed 33 kg (Ladies: 29 kg).
- Missing weight may be added by ballast on the sled.  
Ballast must be securely fastened to the sled.  
Ballast attached to the driver's body is prohibited.

### 3.8 Dimensions

- sled length: 800 mm – 1200 mm
- sled height: 80 mm - 200 mm
- gauge from center to center  
of opposite runners: 340 mm – 380 mm

### 3.9. Runners

Each runner shall be made of FIBT standard stainless steel of a type similar to 1.4435. Specifications for the materials shall be drawn up by the FIBT and the material shall be produced and stocked by a factory designated by the FIBT. The material may be ordered by the Federation and/or by the manufacturers of the runners from the FIBT. The material shall be supplied in the form of round ground bars with a diameter of 16 mm (tolerance class h9) and in lengths of mm 1000 -0/+50.

The round bars shall be supplied labeled with permanent FIBT markings applied each time at a distance of 150 mm from each other and these must always be present on the runners and remain unaltered and clearly visible.

Any type of treatment which might result, even only locally, in changes in the physical structure\* and/or the composition and/or the structure of the material, is forbidden.

No type of coating is allowed.

The diameter of the body of the steel runner must be 16 mm for its entire length, i.e. up to its anchoring elements (with the exception of milling). A minus tolerance of 0.30 mm is allowed.

The grooves and ground areas must be formed in such a way that they avoid excessive damage to the surface of the ice. The depth of the ground parts or of the groove shall not be in excess of 2 mm.

Note. (\*) The term "physical" is to be intended as a global term and includes all 'sub-terms' such as "mechanical", "tribological", "electromagnetic", etc.

### 3.10 Handles and Bumpers

The sled must be equipped with secure **handles**. They must be attached to the supporting body at both ends.

The handles must be outside the legs. The arms must be outside the supporting body and the handles during the run. No further handles are allowed. The handles must be covered.

On both sides of the **front part** of the sled, particularly safe **bumpers** (bumper brackets) must be applied. Minimum distance outside edge of runner - outside edge of bracket = **70 mm**. Minimum length of bumpers = **120 mm**.

The front bumpers may exceed the padding of the supporting surface at its highest point by max. **15 mm**.

They have to jut out from the base-plate so far that control is possible at any time.

**Bumpers** (bumper brackets) which are equally as safe as those mentioned previously must be applied in proximity to the

handles extending from the supporting body to the **rear edge** of the sled. Minimum distance outside edge of runner - outside edge of bumpers = **35 mm**. (measured in proximity to suspensions of rear runners). By installing the rear bumper in the direction of the sled's center, the overall size increases in a straight line to the front bumper. It must not jut out further than the front bumper. Minimum length of rear bumper = **80 mm**.

All bumpers must be made of round steel. Minimum diameter = 12 mm. The back bumpers have to jut out from the base-plate at least 20 mm. ⇒In no way they may be taped or covered.

The external radius of the bumpers in the longitudinal direction must not be less than 30 mm.

It is recommended that the bumpers be fixed with screws in order to facilitate replacement in the case of wear.

### 3.11 Push Elements

Any kind of mechanism assisting the start and the run of the sled is prohibited.

### 3.12 Fairings and Spoilers

Fairings and spoilers are prohibited. The base- plate is not considered as covering.

The **padding of the supporting surface**, measured in a horizontal line between the supporting body and the front part of the sled, must be flat. The width is given by the **between the external edges of the skeleton**. The padding of the supporting surface, measured from the rear of the handles to the back edge of the sled, must be flat, too. The width is given by the outside edges of the sled. Hollows or thickened parts are not allowed. The **upper edge of the base-plate** at the sides of the sled, measured in a horizontal line, must not exceed the upper front edge of the sled.

All edges must be perfectly covered with adhesive tape.

3.13 During official training or competitions no electronic, electrical, electronically activated or by waves activated components are allowed on the skeleton or athlete.

## 4. ORGANISER

### 4.1. Organisational Costs

The member, to whom the organisation of an event has been awarded is responsible for the whole organisation and has to meet its relating costs.

### 4.2 Track

The member entrusted with the competition has to ensure the perfect condition of the track for the official training and the competition. The use of the track has to be free of charge during the training and the competition.

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

### 4.3 Submission and Invitation

The organiser has to submit the official submission including program to the Executive Committee of the F.I.B.T. for approval in due time, so that they can be sent to members and Jury at least 2 months prior to competition.

The submission must include:

- the name of the competition
- site, date, time table of training and races
- a brief description of the track with technical data about length, slope, outline, etc. (sketch of the track to be attached)
- number and kind of prizes
- amount of entry fee
- close of entries, as well as site and time of draw
- starting conditions
- method of timekeeping
- special conditions for drivers and sleds
- facilities granted to competitors (board and lodging, use of the track, etc.)
- the head of the organisation
- the race director
- Jury, Technical Delegate
- the headquarters of the organising committee, with full address, telephone and fax number and working hours
- the obligation of participants to carry a valid insurance against accidents

#### 4.4 **Organising Committee and Race Director**

The member entrusted with the event has to form an **organising committee**.

The **race directorate** must consist of:

- race director, who must be an international judge
- track inspector
- race physician
- medical services
- transportation officer
- starter
- accommodation officer
- official entrusted with control of runners and skeletons including protocol
- chief of weighing (with weighing protocol)
- chief at finish
- secretary
- speaker
- security
- check-points along the run
- time keeper

#### 4.5 Technical Equipment

Following technical equipment is required:

- voice communication between start and finish and general network
- voice communication between check-points and race director
- visual and sound signaling instruments to authorise start
- complete loudspeaker system
- electric time-keeping and classification (8.8)
- temperature measuring device
- scales (adjusted minimum every 3 years)
- workshop with welding machine and vices
- meeting room for team captains
- transportation for sleds to the start
- first aid room
- billboard
- doping control station
- heated room for controlling material, connected to electricity supply and equipped with a bench.
- 2 ambulances (art.7.2)

#### 4.6 Prizes

For World and Continental Championships the F.I.B.T. awards each participant classified first, second and third with gold, silver and bronze medals respectively.

For World Cup, European Cup and American Cup races the organisers award the athletes classified first, second and third with gold, silver and bronze medals and the athletes classified fourth, fifth and sixth with commemorative medals.

#### 4.7 Liability

The organiser has to effect a third party liability insurance.

#### 4.8 Other Commitments

Among other things, the organiser must insure that:

- it is quiet during the moment preceding the start
- the use of flash bulbs is forbidden
- as soon as the authorisation to start is given, nobody, including officials, may enter the track
- the results according to 8.4 for training and competition are handed over to the team captains as soon as possible
- dogs must be on leashes

### 5. JURY AND TECHNICAL DELEGATE

## 5.1 Nominations

Nominations are made by agreement with the members.

### a) -Olympic Winter Games and Senior World Championships

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

- the Technical Delegate
- the Jury President
- two Jury members
- two assistants to the Jury (if necessary)

### b) -Junior World Championships, Continental Championships, World Cup Races, Challenge Cup

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

- the Technical Delegate who may also be the Jury President
- two Jury members

### c) -European Cup, American Cup, OceAsian Cup, and International Competitions

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

- the Technical Delegate who may also be the Jury President
- Two other Jury members are appointed by the Jury President

F.I.B.T. nominated Jury members must carry a F.I.B.T. licence as International Judge.

The Jury must be available right from the beginning of the training.

In case of absence of a Jury member, the Technical Delegate appoints a deputy.

In case of absence of the Technical Delegate himself, the F.I.B.T. appoints a deputy.

In competitions according to 1.1.1, 1.1.2 and 1.1.3, the Technical Delegate is the F.I.B.T. representative and only responsible to the Executive Committee.

## Expenses

The expenses of Jury and Technical Delegate are to be met as follows:

### a) Olympic Winter Games

I.O.C. rules apply.

### b) Senior World Championships

Accommodation and travelling expenses for:

- the Technical Delegate
- the Jury President
- two Jury members

are at Organisers' charges.

Accommodation and travelling expenses for two Jury assistants (if appointed) are at FIBT's charge.

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

Accommodation and travelling expenses for:

- the Technical Delegate
- the Jury President
- two Jury members

are at Organisers' charges.

**d) -World Cup, European Cup, American Cup, OceAsian Cup, Challenge Cup and International Races**

Accommodation and travelling expenses for:

- the Technical Delegate
- the Jury President

are the responsibility of the Organisers of the event.

Accommodation expenses 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 individual appointed.

Accommodation expenses 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

The Jury is the highest authority of the respective competition and exerts control within the scope of the rules, and is entitled to take decisions. Besides the controlling activity its **approval** is required for:

- change of temperature for tracks with artificial ice
- change of skeleton (8.6.1)
- change of runners (8.6.1)
- repetition of a run (8.6.5)
- reduction of training runs (8.1)

**It specifies:**

- reduction in number of participants (1.2.3)
- penalties in case of infringements (1.12)
- closing of the run (6.2)
- length of the starting grooves (8.3)
- execution of the draw (8.4)

- ban of athletes (8.6.2)
- weight control (8.7)
- decision about protests (8.10)
- interruption or cancellation of heats (8.6.4)

**The task of the Technical Delegate** is to control training and competition in all matters related to the safety of the participants. He has to interrupt training or race if security can no longer be guaranteed. Within his control, he has to consider in particular:

- track
- sleds
- equipment
- medical service

### 5.3. **Power of Control**

During training and competition and without previous announcement, the Technical Delegate and each Jury member has access to all technical facilities and installations necessary for competition.

### 5.4 **Special Decisions**

The Jury has also the power to make any decisions regarding the respective competition that are not specified in these rules.

## 6. **RACE DIRECTOR**

### 6.1 **Appointment**

The Race Director - appointed by the organiser according to 4.4 - must hold a F.I.B.T. licence as judge.

### 6.2 **Tasks**

- -The Race Director, under the management of the Jury, is responsible for running the training and competition.
- -He clears the track for training and competition in agreement with the Jury.
- -Should the Jury ascertain faults that affect the regular course of the competition, he has to ensure that such faults are eliminated.
- -He may authorise the use of the run only after all officials are in place, and the technical equipment is ready to operate after a test.
- -In case of accidents or in the event that technical equipment should fail, he closes the track until the competition may be resumed under normal conditions.
- -He directs the use of sun-shades in case of rain, snow or sun.

- He attends meetings of the Jury with the team captains. He distributes invitations for these meetings, according to the Jury's instructions.
- He has instructing authority concerning officials handling the sporting part of the competition.
- He has to report all orders immediately to the Jury President.
- He has to carry out decisions taken by the Jury.

## 7. SAFETY AND MEDICAL SERVICES

### 7.1 Insurance

The members are responsible that each of its competitors holds a valid insurance against accidents and invalidity, as well as a third party 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 athletes; he is responsible for ensuring that injured or ill athletes 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 athletes 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 only allowed to those competitors who are entered for competition.

Immediately before competition according to 1.1.1, official training with a total of 8 training runs has to be supplied within 4 days.

For competitions according to 1.1.2 and 1.1.3 minimum 6 training runs within 3 days have to be supplied.

Athletes are only admitted to competitions according to 1.1.1 to 1.1.3 if they finish 3 accident free training runs. The Jury may make exceptions.

During competition (training and actual competition), athletes are not permitted to slide apart from the official program.

### 8.2 **Conditions of the Track**

During the last day of training, if possible:

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

### 8.3 **Start Line Groove**



1st heat 1 - 10 (1st group) draw  
11 - 20 (2nd group)  
21 - 30 (3rd group)  
31 - end

2nd heat 25 - 1 ranking  
Ladies: 20 - 1

### Starting order for Junior World Championships

1<sup>st</sup> heat: 1 - > (1<sup>st</sup> group) draw  
> - end(2<sup>nd</sup> group) draw

2<sup>nd</sup> heat: 20 - 1 ranking

**The result of the draw (starting list)** is to be made public and to be distributed to the team captains in writing within 3 hours.

**World Championships** shall be carried out with 4 runs. For the attribution of a title 2 runs are necessary.

**Junior World Championships** and **World Cup competitions** are carried out with 2 runs.

**Competitions according to 1.1.3** should be carried out with 2 runs.

Amount and starting order of **pilot skeletons** are determined by the Jury.

The organiser has to make available at least 3 pilot skeletons.

If the Jury considers the amount of pilot skeletons, put at the disposal by the organiser, as insufficient the Jury may appoint additional pilot skeletons as follows:

- -The last drawn athletes of the starting order. The athletes complete their heat right after the pilot skeletons according to the scheduled starting order, while their heat will be classified as race heat.

## 8.5 Start

During the start it is allowed to stand on the **starting block** but not behind it. The starting line (first time recording) must be clearly visible. The start takes place in the order determined according to 8.4 in which also all sleds must be placed behind the starting block or in the "parc-fermé."

**After clearing the track** by means of a sound and visual signal, the start has to take place within 30 seconds, i.e. unleashing the first time recording.  
The competitor may accelerate the sled by pushing.  
Any additional help during starting procedure is prohibited.

## 8.6 Race

### 8.6.1 Material and Equipment

#### **Sleds**

In principle, the same sled must be used in all heats of the race.  
In case a damaged skeleton cannot be repaired in time, a spare skeleton may be permitted in agreement with the Jury.

#### **Helmet**

During training and races, all competitors must wear helmets with chin guard. The only helmets allowed are those whose external covering and filling cover the head and ears. Federations are advised to provide their athletes only with helmets which satisfy minimum conditions and are specifically approved by officially recognised institutions.  
Only helmets obtainable on the normal market are allowed.  
No aerodynamic elements may subsequently be attached to the helmet.  
**Visors** must be break- and splinter-proof.

**Elbow-protection** All athletes may wear elbow-protections during training and competition runs. These may be sewn into competition clothing.

#### **Clothing**

Track and race suits with short trousers or short sleeves are not permitted.  
No aerodynamic elements may be attached to the outside and/or under the race suit.  
Plastified suits are prohibited in races.  
Shoe coverings are prohibited.

#### **Shoes**

The use of spikes on shoes 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.

#### **Runners**

It is prohibited to heat or juice the runners or to use any means of propulsion. The sleds must be brought to the "Parc Fermé" with clean runners.

A change of runners is only allowed in case of damage and with the Jury's agreement. In races with runs held on two days, different runners may be used on the second day.

### **Measuring instruments and devices**

While the track is under the control of the F.I.B.T., no unofficial measuring instruments and devices may be used on sleds or track.

### **8.6.2 Active Participants/Competitors**

All heats must be carried out by the same participant.

In case of injury or illness the competitor is eliminated from the race. The Jury is entitled to disqualify mentally or physically unfit participants.

In all international competitions only active athletes over the age of 16 may participate, if they can present an international F.I.B.T. licence.

### **8.6.3 Racing position**

Only the prone position (lying on the stomach) is allowed. During the run the slider may leave the sled for the purpose of pushing or moving it.

The slider must pass the finish line on the sled.

The photoelectric barrier must be broken by the slider's helmet.

### **8.6.4 Interruption and cancellation**

Interruption of the heat, or cancellation of the competition may be ordered by the Jury, if:

- the track is damaged
- adverse weather conditions
- time recording or any other technical equipment is out of order for a longer period

After interruptions, an adequate preparation time has to be granted to the starting slider

### **8.6.5 Re-Run**

After an interruption not caused by the slider, the run may be repeated with the approval of the Jury. The re-run may take place as soon as the slider is ready to start.

## **8.7 Technical Checks**

### **Starting preparations**

**60 minutes before the start** all sleds of the athletes admitted to the competition must be in the "parc-fermé" with the runners fitted to and uncovered. Grinding or polishing of the runners is prohibited. As of that moment, it is forbidden to artificially cool the sled or the runners.

As of **20 minutes before the start** any work at the sled or runners is prohibited. From then on access to the "parc-fermé" is allowed only to the athlete or the person who is in charge of bringing a sled to the start.

In between the heats the "parc-fermé" will be opened for 10 minutes. During this period, following verification by the Jury, scratches (solely and exclusively) may be smoothed. The abrasive paper used (in grades of 600) for the purpose is supplied by the Jury.

It is forbidden to take tool boxes or similar into the "parc fermé" area.

Behind the starting beam the Jury marks off an area granting the athlete the necessary quietness for his starting preparations. Access to this area is only allowed to the starting athlete, the person in charge and the Jury.

### **Runners' temperature**

The temperature of the runners is measured when the sled is taken from the "parc-fermé" to the start. During the night, the sample runner must be kept inside a room at ambient temperature. The runner must be exposed to the outside atmosphere, as close as possible to the place at which the runner's temperature is measured, 1 hour before the start of the competition.

The temperatures of the ice and the air are measured, starting 1 hour before the start of the competition (parc fermé) every 30 minutes until the end of the competition and displayed on the foreseen board.

The temperature of the reference runner is measured starting one hour before the start of the competition (every 30 minutes) and shown on the board.

The temperature of both runners has to be measured by means of an electronic measuring instrument, consisting of feeler and display unit, suitable for measuring ambient temperature between + 30°C and -20°C.

The runners' temperature must be measured laterally in the area of the runners' fixing. The measuring head has to remain at the runner until the display of the thermometer becomes stable.

The temperature of a runner, hanging in the open air in a place protected from sun, is written on a board in the starting area and is used as a comparative value.

The temperature of the sample runner is measured laterally in the area of the supporting middle body of the sample runner.

At the start two measuring instruments have to be installed, one at the disposal of the judge for official measurements, the other at the disposal of participants for checking purposes.

The difference of a runner's temperature to the stated value on the board may not exceed 4°C.

If the temperature of the sample runner goes below -14°C, the runners may still show up to -10°C. If runners exceed the permissible temperature, a second measuring has to be done for control purposes immediately after the first one and is to be entered into the protocol of temperature measuring.

### **Weight**

The weight determined under 3.2 is checked by scales at the finish line.

Weight checks are done by instructions of the Jury.

### **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 by officials using special detergents **and/or abrasives** supplied by the F.I.B.T. before each run.

## **8.8 Time Recording and Classification**

The final result is based on the addition of the individual times. Time recording is carried out electrically or electronically.

In competitions according to 1.1.1 - 1.1.3 two time keeping installations working independently must be in operation.

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

At least 5 intermediate times have to be recorded, one after the starting push and the other four intermediate times each after the approximately two sixth, three sixth, four sixth and five sixth of the run.

The organiser has to inform the participating nations of all recorded times during training and competition.

In the event of reduction according to 1.2.3 eliminated participants remain classified by their last rankings.

Equal times within 1/100<sup>th</sup> sec. shall result in even ranks.

The official ranking shall be signed by the Jury President and the Race Director.

## **8.9 Awards Ceremony**

The awards ceremony shall take place 15 minutes immediately after the competition and after the period, set for verbal statements of protest, of 5 minutes (see art. 8.10), provided there is no protest.

In competitions according to 1.1.1 - 1.1.3 the flags of the nations of the three first-ranked athletes shall be hoist. In addition, the anthem of the nation of the winner team shall be played.

If doping control is anticipated, this will be effected – if possible – at the end of the prize-giving ceremony.

Prizes shall be awarded according to 4.6.

## **8.10 Protests**

### **Formality**

Protests must be expressed verbally to the Jury within 5 minutes after the race and the written notice must be submitted within 20 minutes after the race, according to the regulations determined by the Jury for each individual race.

If a verbal statement of protest was not expressed, a written protest cannot be submitted afterwards.

### **Fee**

The fee is 70 EUR The protest fee has to be paid when verbal protest is raised.

The protest fee is retained by the organiser if the protest is declined. Otherwise the protest fee shall be refunded.

### **Decision**

Decisions about protests during competition have to be made in due course, so that the party concerned in the protest may continue competition in case of rejection of the protest.

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 simple majority of votes.

If votes are equal, the Jury President has the casting vote.

The decision of the Jury is final, incontestable and without suspensive power.

## **8.11 Evaluation of the results of laboratory controls on materials and equipment**

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. CONCLUDING REGULATIONS**

### **9.1 Coming into Force**

This edition comes into force on 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



# SKELETON WORLD CUP RULES

## 1. COMPETITIONS

1.1 These are official races according to art.1.1.3 of the International Rules.

1.2 The International Rules are valid provided that these additional rules do not include other regulations.

## 2. ALLOTMENT

2.1 World Cup races are awarded by the Executive Committee.

2.2 In case a World Cup race is being annulled due to acts of God or the organiser is unable to execute the race, the F.I.B.T. Executive Committee will decide upon an alternative event on the same or another track.

The following may take part in the recuperated competition:

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

## 3. MODIFICATIONS

3.1 Alterations of the World Cup Rules may be decided upon by the F.I.B.T. Executive Committee prior to the beginning of the race season (September 1).

## 4. HOLDING OF WORLD CUP



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 World Cup.

Exceptions to this rule are athletes from countries which organise National Championships every year on a regular basis with the participation of at least 10 athletes of the same gender and from their country.

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

## 7.1 STARTING GROUPS

7.1 Each race is divided into 4 groups (Ladies into 3 groups).

Group 1 1 - 10

Group 2 11 - 20

Group 3 21 - 30 (Ladies: 21 - end)

Group 4 31 - end

7.2 The basis for the placing in the seeded groups in the 1st WC race of the season are the 3 best placed of the last World Championship and hereafter the overall ranking of the World Cup ranking of the previous year.

For the 2nd WC race the results of the 1st WC race are decisive. For the other WC races the respective interim ranks of the overall ranking during the current competition are valid.

7.3 In the groups 1 – 3 (Ladies: 1 + 2) max. 2 active participants per nation are permitted to start.

7.4 The places per group are allocated to the athletes (not to the nation).

7.5 Group 1 + 2 (Ladies: group 1) will be completed.

The 3rd group (Ladies: 2nd group) will not be completed in case of insufficient qualified athletes.

Athletes without points may not be attributed to the first three groups (Ladies: to the first two groups).

## 8. STARTING ORDER

8.1 The starting order within the individual groups will be drawn by the Jury. The draw will be simultaneously by name and numbers.

8.2 Starting order:

1st heat            1st group            ( 1 - 10)            Ladies:            1 - 10

2nd group	(11 - 20)	11 - 20
3rd group	(21 - 30)	21 - end
4th group	(31 - end)	

2nd heat	acc.to ranks of 1st heat:	Ladies:	20 -1
rank	20 – 1		

- 8.3 Athletes not having qualified within the first 20 ranks during the 1st heat, will remain in the overall ranking with their final rank.  
They will be credited with the respective World Cup points.

## 9. DISTRIBUTION OF POINTS

- 9.1 In each World Cup race the assessment will be done according to the F.I.B.T. points system.
- 9.2 To find out the winner of the overall World Cup the achieved points in each World Cup race of each athlete are added up.
- 9.3 The individual World Cup ranking will be updated after each World Cup race.
- 9.4 There is no striking out of results.

## 10. AWARDS

- 10.1 Following ranks are awarded:  
The winner and the second and third ranked in the skeleton. Ladies and men.
- 10.2 In case of equality of points following criteria will apply:
- the majority of victories; then
  - the best ranking; then
  - the better ranking in the WC finals

## 11. FINAL CLAUSE

- 11.1 Upon application and accession of a World Cup race the World Cup and the F.I.B.T. Rules will be accepted.
- 11.2 These rules come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2005.  
All other World Cup Rules are herewith invalidated.



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### 4. HOLDING OF EC, AC AND OAC RACES

4.1 This will be hold annually. For the attribution of the individual overall title at least 2 races are to be hold.

4.2 Each race takes place within one day. Each race consists of 2 heats.

4.3 Pilot skeletons are made available by the organiser.

### 5. RANKING SYSTEM

5.1 Individual ranking

For this ranking system the points are awarded to the athlete's name.

Points acc.to F.I.B.T-table of individual ranking.

5.2 Ranking by nations

For this ranking system the achieved points of the two best-ranked athletes of a nation during the first seasonal race are added to the number of points of the two best-ranked athletes of the second seasonal race, resp. third, etc.

Points acc.to F.I.B.T-table of ranking by nations.

### 6. ELIGIBILITY

6.1 Every nation may participate with maximum athletes of:

European Cup                    4 Men / 4 Ladies

American Cup                    6 Men / 4 Ladies

OceAsian Cup 10 Men / 10 Ladies

If these race series are started prior the first World Cup, the first 25 men / 15 ladies of the previous World Cup overall ranking list are not allowed to start.

Afterwards the current World Cup overall ranking list is decisive for this rule.

## 7.1 STARTING GROUPS

7.1 Each race is divided into 3 groups.

Group 1 starting number 1 - 15

Group 2 starting number -16 - 30 (if enough participants are qualified)

Group 3 unseeded participants

7.2 The nomination for the seeded groups in the 1st race of the season is being done by the nations. For all further races the respective interim ranks of the overall ranking during the current competition are valid.

7.3 In the 1<sup>st</sup> group max. 3 and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> group max.: EC 2 active participants

AC 3 active participants

OAC 3 active participants

per nation are permitted to start.

7.4 The places per group are allocated to the athletes (not to the nation), except in the first race.

7.5 The 1<sup>st</sup> group will be completed up to 15 starting places.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> group will not be completed in case of insufficient qualified athletes.

Athletes without points, except in the first race, may not be attributed to the first two groups.

## 8. STARTING ORDER

8.1 The starting order within the individual groups will be drawn by the Jury. The draw will be simultaneously by name and numbers.

8.2 Starting order:

1st heat 1<sup>st</sup> group ( 1 - 15)

2<sup>nd</sup> group (16 - 30)

(30 - end)

3<sup>rd</sup> group

2nd heat acc.to ranks of 1st heat:

Rank Men: 25 – 1 Ladies: 20 – 1

8.3 Athletes not having qualified within the first 25 ranks (Ladies: 20) during the 1st heat, will remain in the overall ranking with their final rank.

They will be credited with the respective Cup points in the individual ranking or ranking by nations.

## 9. DISTRIBUTION OF POINTS

- 9.1 In each individual Cup race the assessment will be done according to the F.I.B.T. points system:
- 9.2 To find out the overall winner of the individual Cups the achieved points in each individual Cup race are added up by name.
- 9.3 The individual ranking will be updated after each individual Cup race. There is no striking out of results.

## 10. AWARDS

- 10.1 Following ranks are awarded: European, American and OceAsian Cup  
The winner and the second and third ranked ladies and men.
- 10.2 In case of equality of points following criteria will apply:
  - the majority of victories; then
  - the best ranking; then
  - the better ranking in the WC finals

## 11. FINAL CLAUSE

- 11.1 Upon application and accession of an EC, AC and OAC race the respective rules as well as the F.I.B.T. Rules will be accepted.

These rules come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2005.

# SKELETON CHALLENGE CUP RULES

## 1. COMPETITIONS

- 1.1 These are official races according to art.1.1.3 of the International Rules.
- 1.2 The International Rules are valid provided that these additional rules do not include other regulations.

## 2. ALLOTMENT

- 2.1 These races are awarded by the Executive Committee.
- 2.3 In case one of these races is being annulled due to acts of God or the organiser is unable to execute the race, the F.I.B.T. Executive Committee will decide upon an alternative event on the same or another track.  
The following may take part in the recuperated competition:
  - a) -all participants interested in taking part if the cancelled competition was cancelled before drawing the competition start numbers.
  - b) -Only those participants drawn in the competition's starting order if the competition was cancelled after the draw.

## 3. MODIFICATIONS

- 3.1 Alterations of the Challenge Cup Rules may be decided upon by the F.I.B.T. Executive Committee prior to the beginning of the race season (September 1).

## 4. HOLDING OF CHALLENGE CUP

- 4.1 This will be hold annually and prior to World Championship or Olympic Competitions, and will be regarded as qualifying races for:
  - a) Olympic Games
  - b) World Championship
  - c) World Cup for the coming season

4.2 If possible two race should be hold during two consecutive days on the same track. Each race consists of 2 runs.

4.3 Pilot skeletons are made available by the organiser.

## 5. RANKING SYSTEM

### 5.1 Individual ranking

For this ranking system the points per race are awarded to the athlete's name.  
Points acc.to F.I.B.T-table of individual ranking.

### 5.2 Ranking by nations

For this ranking system the achieved points of the two athletes of a nation are added and from this the ranking by nations is being set up.  
Points acc.to F.I.B.T-table of ranking by nations.

## 6. ELIGIBILITY

6.1 Max. two athletes of the following nations (ranking by nations) may participate:

- Men rank 13 – 16 of the current World Cup
- Ladiesrank 9 – 12 of the current World Cup
- all nations having participated in the EC, AC and OAC and not being classified for the World Cup Finals.

Only Athletes may participate who have participated in at least two international races during the current season acc. to art.1.1.2 or 1.1.3 of the International Rules and who had been classified.

6.2 The ranking by nations decides upon quota places for the World Cup of the next season:

Men: Rank 1 – 4      Ladies: Rank 1 – 4

6.3. The individual ranking determines the participation in Olympic Winter Games and World Championships of the current season:

Olympic Winter Games:

Men: Rank 1 – 8      Ladies: Rank 1 – 4

World Championships:

Men: Rank 1 – 8      Ladies: Rank 1 – 6

(If a Nation is already represented in the individual ranking, the athletes of the Nations immediately below would be eligible for participation).

## 7. STARTING GROUPS

- 7.1 Each race is divided into 2 groups.  
Group 1 one athlete per nation  
Group 2 rest
- 7.2 The nomination for the groups is being done by the nations.

## 8. STARTING ORDER

- 8.1 The starting order within the individual groups will be drawn by the Jury. The draw will be simultaneously by name and numbers.
- 8.2 Starting order:  
1st heat 1<sup>st</sup> group(1 - end)  
          2<sup>nd</sup> group                  (rest)
- 2nd heat          acc.to ranking of 1st heat:  
          rank      Men: 25 – 1 Ladies: 20 -1
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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 Skeleton 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 competitor 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 Skeleton Federation.

**PROTOCOL FOR SEIZURE OF SKELETON 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)