

**USA LUGE**  
**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**2020 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES**  
**11/7/18**

**1. SELECTION SYSTEM**

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of selection.

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

1.1.2. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC), standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Youth Olympic Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC), which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the Olympic Charter (Rule 41).

1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):

- Athletes must, at all times, meet the requirements set forth in the IF rulebook (commonly referred to as the IRO), a copy of which can be accessed on the International Luge Federation's website at this address: <http://www.fil-luge.org/en/rules/rules-artificial-track>
- Athletes must have been born between January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2005.
- Please see Attachment 1 at the end of this document for additional International Federation standards for participation.

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- Athletes must have successfully completed all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.

- Athletes must be members in good standing of the United States Luge Association.
- Athletes must be available for entire duration of the Games.
- Athletes must participate in the cultural and education program, as requested.

1.2. Tryout Events:

- 1.2.1. Provide the event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.

A ranked list of qualified athletes will be created utilizing the highest total of IF World Cup points earned from three fall 2019 races. The races can be either Youth A Class, Junior Class, or General Class World Cup Races contested between October 1, 2019 and December 8, 2019. This period is defined as the “qualification period.” For information regarding dates and locations of the races scheduled to occur during the qualification period please visit (location and dates of these races will be determined in the spring of 2019):

<https://www.fil-luge.org/en/home>

- 1.2.2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for the trials, events and camps listed above in 1.2.1. (if any).

The Youth Olympic Games involve an age range of athletes whose skills are not fully developed in the sport of Luge. In addition, the overall population of athletes in the required age range is small, meaning that wide ranges in ability may exist between athletes that are close in ordinal ranking. As such, a great deal of discretion must be applied as to which athletes and/or doubles teams are entered into the youth, junior and general class world cup races that are contested during the qualification period for both safety and developmental reasons. The USLA Team Selection Committee will select USA Luge athletes in the age range noted in Section 1.1.3 after the 2019 Fall training period, but prior to the start of the first race listed in Section 1.2.1, as is customarily done, without regard to the Youth Olympic Games, but with the overall development of the athletes and the program in mind. Athletes selected at this time will compete in the races noted in Section 1.2.1.

- 1.3. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process (include maximum Team size).

- 1.3.1. USA Luge must first earn “quota places” for the Youth Olympic Games, as is outlined in the attached IOC approved IF document (Attachment 1), before an athlete can be selected to compete in the Games.

On December 9, 2019, the IF will publish a list of “quota placings” per NOC as described in Attachment 1. USA Luge will receive the following possible quotas on entrants for the Games:

Men Singles: Up to 2 slots  
Women Singles: Up to 2 slots  
Men’s Doubles: Up to 1 slot  
Women’s Doubles: Up to 1 slot  
\*\*Team Relay

\*\*The technical nature of participation in the Relay event requires that an athlete race in either Singles or Doubles, not both.

- 1.3.2. USA Luge ranking for selection to the Youth Olympic Games (YOG)

This USA Luge YOG ranking will be created as of December 9, 2019 for each of the disciplines except the Team Relay.

Singles athletes and doubles teams will be credited with the total of IF World Cup points earned from his or her or their three best Youth, Junior, and General Class world cup races that each competed in during the “qualification period” as described in Section 1.2.1.

Athletes and doubles teams will be ranked from first to last in their respective discipline according to the total points earned with the highest points ranking first.

In the event of a tie, these tie-breakers in priority order, will be used to break the tie:

1. The first tiebreaker will go to the athlete or doubles team with the highest number of points earned from a single “qualification period” race.
2. If the athletes are still tied after the first tiebreaker, then the points earned from each athlete’s second best race will be used to break the tie.
3. If the athletes are still tied after the second tiebreaker, then the points earned from each athlete’s third best race will be used to break the tie.
4. Finally, if a tie still exists, the tie-breaker will go to the athlete or doubles team that posted the single fastest time among the tied athletes/doubles teams in the most recent race in the “qualification period” in which all the tied athletes/doubles teams raced together in the same age division.

This ranking, with tiebreakers as applicable, will be used to select athletes to the

Youth Olympic Games up to the number of “quota slots” received.

Due to the limited number of quota slots, noted in Section 1.3.1 of this document, and to ensure that the USA Luge Youth Olympic Games team has the athletes needed to participate in the Team Relay event, athletes may only participate in one discipline. An athlete may not participate in both singles and doubles in the Youth Olympic Games.

During the qualification period, an athlete may compete in both disciplines if the coach and athlete agree to this training and racing strategy. If an athlete has the highest ranking in both disciplines, then the athlete would be selected to the Youth Olympic Team as a part of the doubles team only. The next ranked athlete in singles will be selected to be the Youth Olympic Games singles athlete in this scenario.

#### Team Relay Participant Considerations

##### Singles Team Relay Participants

If the United States earns more than one quota entry in either of the singles disciplines, then the coaching staff will select the singles athlete posting the single fastest race run or the singles athlete with the best result in their respective discipline of either the Youth Olympic Games Men’s singles or Women’s singles disciplines to participate in the Team Relay event.

The Youth Olympic Games coaching staff will use discretion to select the singles athlete(s) in either or both of the men or women’s singles discipline in an exceptional circumstance situation as described in Section 2 of this document.

##### Doubles Team Relay Participants

If only one doubles team qualified in one of the doubles disciplines for the Youth Olympic Games, then that team will participate as the doubles team in the Team Relay event.

If a doubles team qualified for each of the doubles disciplines, then the Youth Olympic Games coaching staff will determine which doubles team (male or female) will participate as the doubles team in the Team Relay event, based on their Youth Olympic Games training and Youth Olympic Games race times and results.

## **2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)**

### 2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

Not applicable

2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

In an exceptional circumstance where these procedures do not fill the Youth Olympic Games quota slots, the Team Selection Committee will use discretion to fill the quota slots.

In an exceptional circumstance where these procedures do not select the Youth Olympic Games Team Relay participants, the Youth Olympic Games coaching staff will use discretion to select the Team Relay participants.

The following list contains specific criteria that will be used to make discretionary selections. The criteria are not in priority order, but more recent results/performances will carry more weight.

- General Class World Championships and General Class World Cup Races
- Junior World Championships and Junior and Youth World Cup Races
- General, Junior, and Youth Classes National Championships and Seeding Races
- Training Times
- Physical Training and Start Technique Training, in and out of season

2.3. Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles currently serving on the committee:

The Fall 2019 Team Selection Committee members that will make Youth A Class selections for the Fall 2019 Junior Team are:

- Junior National Team Head Coach
- Junior C Team Coach
- Youth Olympic Games Coach
- National Team Committee Athlete Representative
- Sport Program Director

2.3.1. Specify the process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee.

Any member of the selection committee that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. If such conflict exists, the selection committee member must recuse him/herself from committee discussions and voting. Further, the committee member should not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the selection process. However, a

committee member who recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a national team coach or high performance director, may, if requested by the selection committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the committee member who declared the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.

### **3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES**

- 3.1. Prior to entry by name to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOC, the NGB has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by the NGB may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by the NGB:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the NGB CEO/Executive Director.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the NGB. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the NGB, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 9 of these procedures.
- 3.1.4. Violation of the [NGB's Code of Conduct](#) (Attachment 2).

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the NGB's Bylaws ([as mentioned in Article XXVII\(b\) and Article XXX](#)) and the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2. Once athlete entries have been submitted to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable NGB Code of Conduct, the USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply. The USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures can be found at:  
<http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman/Resources/Code-of-Conduct>  
<http://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Governance-Documents>
- 3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.

### **4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES**

4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:

4.1.1. Prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

The ranking list referenced in Section 1.3 above will be used to select the next ranked eligible athlete(s).

4.1.2. After submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

The ranking list referenced in Section 1.3 above will be used to select the next ranked eligible athlete(s) if the Youth Olympic Games administrative procedures and time allow for the replacement.

## **5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

USA Luge will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Games.

## **6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

In addition to the USOC Code of Conduct, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Youth Olympic Games and are included as attachments:

[USLA Code of Conduct \(Attachment 2\)](#)

## **7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES**

The USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the NGB in the following locations:

7.1. NGB Web site: <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-luge/rules-and-policies>

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

7.2. Other: All eligible athletes within the current team structure will also receive the document, either via email or in person.

**8. DATE OF NOMINATION**

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOC on or before:

**December 10, 2019**

**9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION**

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition (if any):

Nominated athletes to the 2020 St. Moritz, Switzerland Youth Olympic Games must participate in all of the training and racing on the 2019-2020 Junior National Team Winter Trip. This trip will occur in the time frame of December 2019 to the start of the Youth Olympic Games (January 10, 2020). The dates and location of this trip will be announced during the summer of 2019 after the FIL confirms the 2019-2020 schedule.

Once the Youth Olympic Team is announced, all potential replacement athletes must continue to train, according to the Junior C Team schedule or Junior National Team schedule. The dates and location of these schedules will be announced during the summer of 2019. The replacement athletes are only eligible to be selected to the Youth Olympic Team if an already selected athlete is removed and the replacement athlete has satisfied the commitment to train under this section.

**10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS**

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

**11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES**

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

National Team Committee voting members

Tim Wiley – Chairman

Matthew Mortensen – Athlete Representative

Fred Andersen – Member from Natural Track Luge

Renee Myers – Member from Artificial Track Luge

Brian Martin – Member from Artificial Track Luge

Non-voting members

Mark Grimmette – Sports Program Director (non-voting)

Jim Leahy – CEO (non-voting)

The US Luge Board of Directors is responsible for final approval of the Selection Procedures so that they can be submitted to the US Olympic Committee.

**12. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

USA Luge’s Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-luge/rules-and-policies>

**13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER**

These procedures are based on IOC and/or FIL rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC and/or FIL rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Luge. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOC.

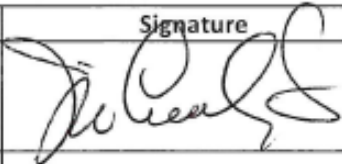

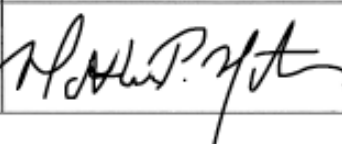
**14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN**

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Luge may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, Kacie Wallace, by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Email at [Kacie.wallace@usoc.org](mailto:Kacie.wallace@usoc.org)
- <http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman>

**15. NGB SIGNATURES**

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and/or CF (PAG/PPAG only) and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Luge.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB President or CEO/Executive Director	Jim Leahy		2/13/19
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Mark Grimmette		2/13/19
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Matthew Mortensen		2/13/19

\* If the USOC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

\* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.

\* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOC AAC Representative, the NGB must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

**Attachments**

Attachment 1



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## INTERNATIONAL LUGE FEDERATION LUGE

### A. EVENTS (5)

Men's Events (2)	Women's Events (2)	Mixed Events (1)
Men's Singles Men's Doubles	Women's Singles Women's Doubles	Team Relay

### B. ATHLETES QUOTA

#### B.1. TOTAL QUOTA FOR SPORT / DISCIPLINE:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men's Singles	19	1	20
Men's Doubles	28 (14 doubles)	2 (1 double)	30 (15 doubles)
Women's Singles	19	1	20
Women's Doubles	28 (14 doubles)	2 (1 double)	30 (15 doubles)
<b>Total</b>	<b>94 athletes</b>	<b>6 athletes</b>	<b>100 athletes</b>

#### B.2. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ATHLETES PER NOC:

	Quota per NOC
Men's Singles	2
Men's Doubles	2 (1 double)
Women's Singles	2
Women's Doubles	2 (1 double)
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 athletes</b>

#### B.3. TYPE OF ALLOCATION OF QUOTA PLACES:

The quota place(s) is/are allocated to the NOC by event and gender.

### C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors), and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Winter Youth Olympic Games.

#### C.1. AGE REQUIREMENTS:



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To be eligible to participate in the Lausanne 2020 Winter Youth Olympic Games, athletes must have been born between 1 January 2002 and 31 December 2005.

**C.2. ADDITIONAL IF REQUIREMENTS:**

To be eligible to participate in the Lausanne 2020 Winter Youth Olympic Games, all athletes must achieve the minimum Standard of FIL, as stated below:

Athletes/Doubles must have participated in a total of at least three (3) races either in the Youth A World Cup, Junior World Cup or World Cup in the General Class during the pre-Youth Olympic (2018/2019) season and the Youth Olympic season (1 October 2019 until 8 December 2019). During these 2 periods, athletes/doubles must have obtained a minimum of 10 World Cup points accumulated in the Youth A World Cup, Junior World Cup or World Cup races. At least one (1) of these races must be completed during the Youth Olympic season 2019/20 until 8 December 2019.

**D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY**

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event	
<b>D.1:</b> Men singles: 19 Women singles: 19	<b>D.1 Singles</b> D.1.1 If there are no more than 19 NOCs represented in the Youth A World Cup singles event that has at least one (1) athlete who achieves the minimum FIL standard, then every NOC, regardless of their continent, will be allocated a minimum of one (1) quota place in the respective gender.  D.1.2 Should athletes from more than 19 NOCs achieve the minimum FIL standard, then the athletes' overall ranking in the Youth A World Cup during the Youth Olympic season from <b>1 October 2019 until 8 December 2019</b> will be drawn up. The top 19 NOCs in the athletes' overall ranking of the Youth A World Cup will be allocated one (1) quota place based on the NOC's best athlete's placement.  D.1.3 If there are less than 19 NOCs in the athletes' men's or women's overall ranking, then the second (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) best ranked athlete from an NOC already qualified from the top of the men's or women's overall ranking in the Youth A World Cup during the Youth Olympic season from <b>1 October 2019 until 8 December 2019</b> will earn their NOC an additional one (1) quota place in the respective gender. This process will continue until the maximum of 19 men and women quota places are filled.  D.1.4 If there are less than 19 men and 19 women qualified section F. Reallocation of Unused Quota Places will apply according to G. Qualification Timeline.  D.1.5 Following each qualification event, FIL will publish the results on its website <a href="http://www.fil-luge.org">www.fil-luge.org</a>	
	<b>D.2:</b> Men doubles: 28 (14 doubles)	<b>D.2 Doubles</b> D.2.1 If there are no more than 14 NOCs represented in the Youth A World Cup doubles event that has at least one (1) doubles who achieve the minimum FIL



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Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
Women doubles: 28 (14 doubles)	<p>standard, then every NOC, regardless of their continent, will be allocated a minimum of one (1) quota place of two (2) athletes in the respective gender.</p> <p>D.2.2 Should doubles from more than 14 NOCs achieve the minimum FIL standard, then the doubles' overall ranking in the Youth A World Cup during the Youth Olympic season from <b>1 October 2019 until 8 December 2019</b> will be drawn up. The top 14 NOCs in the doubles' overall ranking of the Youth A World Cup will be allocated one (1) quota place based on the NOC's best double's placement.</p> <p>D.2.3 If there are less than 14 doubles qualified as described in sections F. Reallocation of Unused Quota Places and G. Qualification Timeline.</p> <p>D.2.4 Following each qualification event, FIL will publish the results on its website: <a href="http://www.fil-luge.org">www.fil-luge.org</a>.</p>
<b>D.3</b>	<p><b>D.3 Team Relay Participation</b></p> <p>D.3.1 The team relay competition consists of teams composed of one (1) men's singles, one (1) women's singles and one (1) doubles. <i>*Subject to changes after the 2018/19 season.</i></p> <p>D.3.2 Every NOC who has representation in men's singles, women's singles, and doubles is eligible to enter one (1) team into the Team Relay Event. An NOC that has one (1) full team may not be represented by another of their athletes in a mixed NOC team.</p> <p>D.3.2 NOCs with representation in two (2) events can complete a team in agreement with another NOC with representation in only one (1) event. <i>For example:</i> <i>NOC A qualifies in men's singles and doubles. They are eligible to complete a team with NOC B who has only qualified in women's singles.</i></p>

### HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country is allocated a quota of six (6) athletes, one (1) man and one (1) women for the Singles event and two (2) men and two (2) women for the Doubles event. The selection of athletes is at the discretion of the Host NOC while respecting the eligibility criteria as detailed in C. Athlete Eligibility.

### E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

FIL shall inform the NOCs that earn quota places through D.1 and D.2 **immediately after the last race on 8 December 2019**. The NOCs will then have until 11 December 2019 to confirm to the FIL and Lausanne 2020 Sport Entries if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in G. Qualification Timeline.

FIL will publish the results on its website [www.fil-luge.org](http://www.fil-luge.org) following each qualification event and update the Youth A World Cup ranking.

### F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES



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Any allocated quota places that are returned/not confirmed by the respective NOC will be reallocated in the following order, as described in “**Qualification Pathway**” above:

- 1st priority (singles and doubles): Reallocation to the next best ranked NOCs not yet qualified, whose athlete has achieved the minimum standard of FIL according to the overall ranking Youth A World Cup as described in D.1.2 and D.2.2.
- 2nd priority (singles): Reallocation to the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) best athlete of the next best ranked NOCs already qualified in accordance with the athletes’ overall ranking from the Youth A World Cup as described in D.1.3.

If, following the priorities listed above, there are still unused places in a specific event, the FIL may increase the number of athletes participating in the other events within the framework of the IOC quota for Luge of 100 athletes, according to the following criteria:

- A. The still remaining quota places will be shared within the gender:  
*For example:*
  - *Only 10 Women’s Doubles out of the Maximum 15 Women’s Doubles Quota Places are filled. This means that there are 10 women athlete quota places not filled. These places will be allocated to the Women Singles.*
  - *Only 10 Men’s Doubles out of the Maximum 15 Men’s Doubles Quota Places are filled. This means that there are 10 athlete men quota places not filled. These places will be allocated to the Men Singles.*
- B. Secondly, if it is not possible to reallocate equally by gender, then the remaining places will be allocated to the event that had the largest number of sleds racing in any Youth A World Cup race in the YOG season up until 8 December 2019.

### REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the Host Country qualifies through D.1 and/or D.2 or if it declines any of its quota places, then quota place(s) will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC in the specific event as described in section F. Reallocation of Unused Qualification Places.

### G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	1 January 2018 to 8 December 2019	Lausanne 2020 qualification period
	1 October to 8 December 2019	Season 2019/2020 Youth A World Cups
Accreditation deadline	TBD*	Lausanne 2020 Accreditation deadline
Inform and confirm	9 December 2019	Publication of FIL ranking list referred to in section D.1 and D.2
	10 December 2019	FIL to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
	12 December 2019	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to FIL and Lausanne 2020 Sport Entries department
Reallocation	13 December 2019	FIL to reallocate unused quota places
	Within 24 hours of quota notification	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to FIL



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Period	Date	Milestone
	15 December 2019	FIL to reallocate all unused quota places
Sport Entries deadline	16 December 2019	Lausanne 2020 Sport Entries deadline
Finalisation of DRP deadline	16 December 2019	Lausanne 2020 Finalisation of Delegation Registration Process (DRP) deadline
YOG	9 – 22 January 2020	Lausanne 2020 Winter Youth Olympic Games

\*To Be Determined

# UNITED STATES LUGE ASSOCIATION

## CODE OF CONDUCT

For Luge Athletes, Officials, Volunteers and Staff  
participating in training programs under the  
auspices of the United States Luge Association

The following USLA rules have been established to help each of us bring honor and integrity to our country and our sport. Working together not only promotes individual growth, but also creates a spirit of team unity. The purpose of each rule is to have it serve as a guideline to develop your maximum potential. Although not everyone will make an Olympic Luge Team, all of us have the opportunity to put forth an Olympic effort. If you have questions concerning any of these rules, you should contact the USLA for a further explanation. Your commitment to the USLA is a commitment to the acceptance of these rules, and any violation will result in disciplinary action.

## GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

Anyone participating in a program conducted under the auspices of the USLA, including residents at the U.S. Olympic Training Centers (OTC), or participating in a USLA program outside of the United States, must abide by its contents.

By signing this document you will be acknowledging that you have read it, understood it, and are willing to abide by its' contents.

Persons present while any violation of the Code of Conduct occurs must leave the area immediately or be considered a participant by choice.

*Any person observing or having knowledge of an activity, which may discredit the USLA, harm a program participant, or disrupt the program must approach the offending individual(s) and inform him, her or them of their unacceptable behavior. If this misbehavior continues, the observer is expected to report it immediately to a staff member or, if a staff member is not available, an athlete representative. The USLA will ensure that the observer is not exposed to any repercussions.*

## RULES OF CONDUCT

- A. All athletes, coaches, staff, officials, and volunteers will maintain an atmosphere of mutual respect toward each other, those we do business with, and those we may come in contact with during the execution of our luge duties and activities.
- B. Athletes should, at all times, show the utmost respect for all coaches, officials, and staff members, and obey any and all instructions given by those in authority. If there is a conflict in instructions, the final decision will be made by the highest ranking staff member present and all parties will abide by the decision without further comment.

- C. Unacceptable behavior will result in commensurable disciplinary action and will include, but not be limited to:
1. Any act considered to be an offense under, or violation of, Federal, State, or local laws. Local laws include any foreign nation that may be visited during a USLA program.
  2. Gross misconduct (i.e., harassment, inappropriate horseplay, stealing, graffiti, etc.), any misconduct not considered to be acceptable by society's standards, or an act of improper decorum.
  3. Unsportsmanlike conduct, including abusive language in public places, including any social networking venues (i.e. facebook, twitter), temper tantrums, or any such unbecoming attitudes. We are proud of our sport and our country, and should set good examples at all times.
  4. Any divulgence of information concerning training techniques and technical information to unauthorized persons.
- D. All participants involved in USLA programs will honor not only the rules and regulations of the USLA but also those rules and regulations of any venue or equipment (i.e. training centers, luge facilities, meeting facilities, hotels, rental vans/cars, etc.) both nationally and internationally.
- E. Any loss of property or intentional or unintentional physical damage to the property of any venue that occurs as a result of a violation of section C. or D. above will be paid for by the individual(s) involved. In the event an individual cannot be specifically identified, the USLA is permitted to spread out the damage costs over other individuals with a connection to the offense (e.g. a hotel room of occupants can be equally charged for damage that may have been caused by only one person but is not provable as such).
- F. No one will commit a doping violation as defined by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), United States Olympic Committee (USOC) or International Luge Federation's (FIL) rules. Should any participant have an illness or medical condition that requires him/her to take a particular medication that is on the WADA list of Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods, he/she will apply for approval from the relevant anti-doping organization for the therapeutic use of a prohibited substance by filling out a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) form.
- G. No one may possess or use any illegal substances, including recreational drugs. Alcohol abuse will not be tolerated. And we ask all our members, in deference to the athletic nature of what we do, to avoid the use of tobacco.
- H. Harassment, based on sex, age, race, color, religion, national origin or physical condition is prohibited.
- I. In the event any member of the USLA has a complaint/grievance that falls under the control of USLA, NO individual may contact any sponsor (i.e. employees, partners, concerned individuals, et. al.) for any reason related to the complaint/grievance until such time that all hearings (including any appeals) related to the complaint/grievance have been fully completed.
- J. All athletes are required to report all injuries and/or concussion symptoms, and any related injury or medical history, to any medical professional administering an annual physical to them, or providing medical attention to them as a result of injury or illness, as well as to their coach and the USLA, in a timely and accurate manner.

In the event an injury occurs to an athlete while staying at the OTC, the athlete may be required to vacate the OTC, upon request of either the USOC or USA Luge, if the period of time that the athlete will not be permitted to resume any level of training will exceed five (5) days.

## DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Violations of the Code of Conduct may result in, but not be limited to:

1. Disbarment from a day's schedule of activities.  
This action towards a participant not practicing on a given day shall be limited to one occurrence. The second violation will be considered of a more serious nature, and the penalty will be more severe.
2. Athletes may have their movements restricted for a given period of time and confined to a specific location (e.g. confined to the OTC or hotel for a period of time).
3. Community service assigned by the USLA.
4. Fines that don't exceed \$100.
5. Temporary suspension from the program (length to be determined by a disciplinary committee).  
If the suspension involves a request for an athlete to return home, then the athlete will be required to reimburse the funding organization (i.e., the USLA, USOC or USLA sanctioned club) the full cost of returning home, if applicable. The athlete may not return to the program after the suspension until all outstanding financial debts have been settled.
6. Fines that exceed \$100.
7. A written report by a staff member submitted to the Executive Board for further possible action.
8. Loss of opportunity to participate in future programs conducted under the auspices of the USLA.
9. Permanent expulsion from the program and the OTC, and sent home at his or her own expense.

The disciplinary figure on any USLA team is one or all of the coaching staff. Any infraction of the "Rules of Conduct" for points A through E will see immediate disciplinary action enforced by the coaching staff.

A serious infraction of points A through E in the "Rules of Conduct" may see immediate disciplinary action by the coaching staff and further possible disciplinary action decided upon by a committee of three. The committee of three will also decide the disciplinary action for any infraction of points F through I in the "Rules of Conduct."

The committee of three will be made up of two appropriate staff personnel, and at least one athlete representative, if one is available. If an athlete representative is not available, the two athlete representatives to the Executive Board will select a replacement. In the event that the disciplinary action involves either staff person, or no staff person is present, then the USLA Recruitment and Development Manager, and USLA Executive Director, in that order, will fill out the decision making body. In the event that the disciplinary action would subsequently involve any athlete chosen to sit on the discretionary committee, then the two Executive Board Athletic Representatives will select a new representative. The responsibility for administering the disciplinary action lies with the staff member(s) of the body that decided what disciplinary action to take.

Any disciplinary action being contemplated by the coaches under points 6), 8) and 9) must be decided upon by a committee of three. Nothing herein negates an athletes' right to a hearing before being declared ineligible.

Any disciplinary action contemplated under points 8 and 9 must be confirmed by the Executive Board in line with the procedures under the "Eligibility Code", Section IX, Investigative Procedures, exchanging the term "Code of Conduct" for the term "Eligibility Code" in all instances.

Any person who wishes to contest any decision resulting from this Code of Conduct may do so according to the Grievance Procedure outlined in the bylaws of the USLA.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

I agree to abide by the provisions and requirements of this Code of Conduct, and understand the possible consequences if its provisions and requirements are violated.

I also agree to be responsible for all costs for damage for which I am deemed responsible.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

**PARENTAL CONSENT FOR DISCIPLINE**  
**AND**  
**AGREEMENT TO PAY DAMAGES**

PARTICIPANTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME THIS FORM IS SIGNED MUST HAVE THIS PORTION COMPLETED BY THEIR PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS.

This is to certify that I, \_\_\_\_\_, as parent (guardian) of

\_\_\_\_\_, do hereby give consent to the United States Luge Association, its assigned officials, and staff to discipline the individual who has acknowledged this copy of the Code of Conduct while a participant in, arriving for, or departing from a program during which this Code of Conduct is applicable. I also agree to be responsible for all costs for damage for which said individual, acknowledging this copy of the Code of Conduct, is deemed responsible.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent of Guardian

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Date

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