



INTERNATIONAL BOBSLEIGH & SKELETON FEDERATION

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## REPORT

### Development program 2019/20

The development program 2019/20 was based on facts and figures of season 2018/19. The program was divided into 6 areas, each of them is reported separately.

1. Development program
2. Women's monobob program
3. Youth program
4. Coaches
5. Financial support
6. Budget

#### 1. Development program

Out of the scheduled 16 measures, five had to be cancelled. The push camp in Königssee/GER, which we scheduled before the season, did not take place due to insufficient registrations. Königssee training camp in October could not take place as planned due to the lack of track times. The pretraining in Altenberg had to be cancelled, because at the same time most of the athletes were in Winterberg to participate at the Junior Worldchampionships. The last two camps, which were planned in March in Lake Placid/USA, could not be carried out due to the Corona pandemic protective measures. Following tables should give an overview of our measures and the number of athletes supervised by our coaches.

#### Europe:

number	place	participants	nations	runs	discipline	coach
1.1.1.DVP	Königssee	-	-	-	Bob/Sk	cancelled
1.1.2.DVP	Königssee	-	-	-	Bob/Sk	cancelled
1.1.3.DVP	Winterberg	12	9	114	Bob	Willemssen
1.1.3.DVP	Winterberg	12	6	156	Skeleton	LeConte
1.1.4.DVP	Lillehammer	12	6	149	Bob	Willemssen
1.1.5.DVP	Sochi	4	3	79	Skeleton	LeConte
1.1.6.DVP	Altenberg	5	4	47	Bob	Willemssen
1.1.7.DVP	Sigulda	2	2	18	Bob	Willemssen
1.1.8.DVP	PyeongChang	6	4	19	Skeleton	Leconte
1.1.9.DVP	Altenberg	-	-	-	Bob/Sk	cancelled
1.1.10.DVP	LaPlagne	10	5	111	Bob	Will/Grigore
1.1.11.DVP	LaPlagne	12	7	107	Bob	Willemssen
1.1.11.DVP	LaPlagne	7	3	60	Skeleton	LeConte



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### North America:

number	place	participants	nations	runs	discipline	coach
1.2.1.DVP	Lake Placid	13	7	92	Bob	Berghorn
	Lake Placid	14	6	78	Skeleton	Priedulena
1.2.2.DVP	Lake Placid	5	4	22	Bob	Berghorn
	Lake Placid	11	7	54	Skeleton	Priedulena
1.2.3.DVP	Lake Placid	5	5	Starttr.	Bob	Berghorn
	Lake Placid	4	2	Starttr.	Skeleton	Priedulena
1.2.4.DVP	Lake Placid	-	-	-	Bob/Sk	cancelled
1.2.5.DVP	Lake Placid	-	-	-	Bob/Sk	cancelled

The number of participants in our programs vary considerably, but it's moving in a positive direction. The control for participation or communication to federations needs improvement. Many athletes haven't been informed about our programs by their National Federations. The targeted sponsorship already bears fruit and is surprising. Aghate Bessard / FRA, who has been participating in our program and is supervised by our coaches, took the excellent 14th place in her first ever World Championship participation in Altenberg/GER. In women's bobsleigh, several athletes from our program qualified for the World Championships and four of them took part.

Because of our targeted programs, we were able to contribute a big part to the path of positive development and performance optimization in cooperation with federations and athletes.

For men, both in the bobsleigh and skeleton section, we are currently more involved in basic work, although one or the other talent has already made good progress. Due to the high level in men's discipline, the development work will take longer.

A total of 85 athletes (47 Bob/38 Skeleton) participated in our program. See attached statistics by Roland Gruber.

### 2. Women's monobob program

In second year of the establishment of the new women's monobob discipline, the program for season 2019/20 was expanded to a total of eight races. Half of them were offered in Europe and the other half in North America. The last race in Lake Placid/USA had to be cancelled due to the protective measures related to the Corona virus. In addition to that training camps and bobsleigh schools were offered for beginners and career changers. The bob school in Lake Placid also fell victim to the Corona protective measures.

The existing sled fleet of IBSF (SwissBob/Europe and Kotans Sleds/America) were used. The upgrade that were taken in summer in relation to the bob material in Europe (SwissBob) like recut every set of runners and the installation of more stable seat shells made a positive impact. The race results showed exciting competitions with sometimes short intervals in the front ranks. In both sled models, material fatigue became increasingly common. Numerous spare parts had to be ordered, installed or replaced during the season. Both sled models have been intensively used for more than five years.

The number of participants increased by 10% to 51 athletes compared to last season. We even registered an increase by the participating nations of more than 30% to a total of 24.



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### Women monobob races 2019/20 statistic

date	place	race	participants	nations	remarks
18.11.2019	Lake Placid	1	13	7	
20.11.2019	Lillehammer	2	19	11	
19.12.2019	Königssee	3	29	17	
15.02.2020	Park City	4	9	6	
16.02.2020	Park City	5	9	6	
07.03.2020	La Plagne	6	17	11	
08.03.2020	La Plagne	7	17	11	
03.04.2020	Lake Placid	8	15 entries	11	cancelled

Some nations are cautious or waiting and are still skeptical about the development of the new discipline. The uncertainty, especially in the area of materials, the rules or the implementation and scheduling compatibility with the existing racing series prevented them from participating.

- material

The development of the prototype was commissioned, numerous tests, optimizations and conversions led to positive feedback from all test pilots. The next step is the production, which should start in the next few weeks.

Regarding the runners there is a tendency to use the conventional two men bobsleigh-runners.

The sleds will be in the responsibility of the National Federations. If the sleds are financed through a hire purchase, purchase or possibly a leasing model is still part of the process.

- Rules

A working group has been set up and the suggestions will be presented at next Exco meeting.

- Calendar

The planning and scheduling compatibility of the monobob series with all other series is in the final phase and will also be presented to Exco asap.

- Quotas OS

The quotas and admission requirements have already been published by IOC and can be found on our website.

I am convinced that with publication of all these updates, the still hesitant Federations will expand their program to include the discipline of women monobob or at least consider doing so.

The program for the coming season will be presented after confirmation of all relevant data.

### 3. Youth program

This years season was dominated by our young athletes third Youth Olympic Games, which were held from January 9th to 22nd in St.Moritz/SUI.

At four different destinations, on two continents, eight qualification races were held in each discipline. See table in the appendix. Two additional training days were offered right before the start of YOG in St.Moritz. Almost every Nation used this "extra training" to prepare their athletes in the best possible way.



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At YOG Lausanne 2020 races, we were able to experience exciting competitions at a very good level in all disciplines.

#### Qualification:

The number of participants in Europe was satisfactory. Unfortunately, the number of participants in North America was very small. In order to be able to run an official race in the women's skeleton discipline, the ExCo had to comply with Article 10.6.3. of the international skeleton rules. (To hold a race, a minimum of six athletes from a minimum of two nations must participate.)

In principle, the qualification showed very clear which Nations have a structured youth program and Nations where, for whatever reason (financial, structure, know-how, etc.), it's only about "being there".

In some cases, like in the monobob discipline, the requirement profile of the athletes did not meet the minimum anthropological and physical requirements. For more information, see proposals for the future.

#### Material Bob:

The upgrade taken in the summer in relation to the bob material in Europe like recut every sets of runners and installing more stable seat shells made a positive impact. The team leaders' complaints about last season's material were almost entirely contained. The race results showed exciting competitions. During the last YOG/Lillehammer there were still numerous discussions/complaints about the material, compared with that there was not a single complaint from the coaches, team captains or athletes.

The procedure of qualifying races for monobob was slightly modified, partly due to the large number of starters.

With targeted programs, it is now important to support our young athletes on their further sporting path and thus counteract the dropout rate of our athletes. First measures have already been taken with the bobsleigh/skeleton schools and the women's monobob events, which take place after the season in LaPlagne and Lake Placid (cancelled). We will support youth athletes financially and structurally. Further steps are also in preparation for next season.

#### Suggestions for the future;

- To increase the quality, it is necessary to extend the qualification to two years and the first courses and advanced competitions should start three years in advance. Qualification in the Olympic season alone should no longer be possible. In YOG year, there would be more time for preparation and the time pressure would not be as great as during this season. This would give us and the Federations more security in planning and would promote the training and development of athletes.



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- Introduction of the 5/3/2 regulation for quality assurance for the existing qualification. This would encourage National Federations to tackle the YOG project earlier and in a more structured manner, which will help our young athletes to develop at the same time.
- The qualifying races should be held at least once on the YOG track (mandatory) and all others in Europe. The races in North America are due to the small number of participants distorting the competition (points) and sometimes not in accordance with the regulations. (possibly financial support for Overseas Nations)
- Especially in the skeleton disciplines, the reintroduction of the Junior Challenge Cup - the concept is already in preparation and will be presented later - could give an important impulse so that we can generate more young people.
- Equality of quota - currently 18 for monobob and 20 per gender for skeleton
- Reservation of sufficient training times - experience from this season has shown that six hours for both disciplines were not enough. Ideally, the disciplines have separated sessions for example three hours for skeleton in the morning and four hours for bobsleigh in the afternoon.
- The time window for the YOG races was too tight at two hours per discipline, especially for the bobsleigh events. For future schedules, two and a half hours have to be planned for skeleton and three hours for bobsleigh events.
- material;  
In skeleton according to the existing rules.

#### YOUTH Qualification Races 2019/20 Statistic

Place	Bob m		Bob f		SN m		SN f		Bob	SN	Total
	Part.	Nat	Part.	Nat	Part.	Nat	Part.	Nat			
Lillehammer/NOR 1	25	14	17	13	18	11	22	11	42	40	82
Lillehammer/NOR 2	25	14	17	13	18	11	22	11	42	40	82
Königssee/GER 3	25	14	14	10	14	9	23	11	39	37	76
Königssee/GER 4	25	14	14	10	14	9	22	11	39	36	75
Lake Placid/USA 5	7	6	6	6	8	6	5	5	13	13	26
Lake Placid/USA 6	7	6	6	6	8	6	5	5	13	13	26
Park City/USA 7	9	7	6	6	8	6	5	5	15	13	28
Park City/USA 8	9	7	6	6	8	6	5	5	15	13	28
total nations		18		15		14		14			

#### 4.Coaches

In order to be able to support the athletes in our programs as well as possible, and due to the increased demand that YOG qualification and YOG 2020 brought, the coaches pool had to be increased for this season.



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The following coaches were on duty;

Bob: Elfje Willemsen, Bryan Berghorn, Alexandre Grigore, Elana Meyers and Tom Johansen  
 Skeleton: Joska LeConte, Lelde Priedulena, Dorin Velicu, Nick Vienneau & Bernhard Lehmann  
 Our coaches also looked after the athletes in EC, NAC, ICC and YOUTH series, at YOG 2020, the JWC and in Skeleton at the World Championships for Seniors. Furthermore, they were responsible for all training camps, pay trainings, bobsleigh and skeleton schools and push camps that we offered. In addition to track coaching, numerous assistance was given in terms of athletics, materials, organization and strategy. (See table under development program)

All coaches have excellent skills in bobsleigh and skeleton sports, do a very good job and are always interested in their further development in the sense of sport. Elfje Willemsen, Joska LeConte, Alexandru Grigore and Dorin Velicu joined the IBSF jury exam in December and with the exception of Dorin everyone passed it successfully. Dorin will try again at the next possible date. Our coaches worked a total of 406 days. In addition, there were more than 84 travel days.

### 5. Financial support for Federations

All applicant Federations that met the guidelines of development program were granted financial support according to a uniform system. (see table below) They were also advised of the reimbursement of costs under our programs.

nation	discipline						support			last season	output	budget	application
	Bob m	Bob w	Mono	Sk m	Sk w	Youth	Coach.	Financ.	Startup	Support			
ARG				X						- €		2.000,00 €	08.10.19
AUS	X	X	X	X	X			X		- €		10.000,00 €	31.10.19
BEL	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		6.000,00 €	2	10.000,00 €	16.09.19
BRA								X				2.931,91 €	20.01.20
CZE/SWE												2.000,00 €	30.10.19
CRO	X		X			X	X			6.860,00 €	4	8.000,00 €	19.07.19
DEN				X		X		X	X	- €		2.000,00 €	02.09.19
GHA			X	X				X	X	10.000,00 €	3	5.000,00 €	30.08.19
GMB				X					X	- €		2.000,00 €	17.09.19
IRL/GBR							X					2.000,00 €	29.10.19
ISR				X	X			X		2.000,00 €	3	2.000,00 €	27.08.10
NOR			X			X						3.000,00 €	31.10.19
NED	X		X	X	X			X		- €		8.000,00 €	16.09.19
NZL							X					2.000,00 €	30.10.19
SRB						X			X	- €		3.000,00 €	11.09.19
SVK	X		X			X						5.000,00 €	06.11.19
SWE					X	X				- €		3.000,00 €	09.09.19
UKR			X							- €		2.000,00 €	17.09.19
USVI					X					1.000,00 €	2	2.000,00 €	07.10.19
											total	<b>75.931,91 €</b>	



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## 6. Budget

The budget for all programs and measures was calculated and approved ahead of season at **€ 687.210,-**. Due to many indefinite variables, such as track costs - some of which varied considerably and had to be adjusted on site, number of participants, emergency services, postponements, cancellations, etc., attempts were made to calculate the budget very carefully and with a sense of proportion in advance, but with the appropriate scope for the unforeseen. Because of the cancellation of the last events/camps due to the Corona protective measures at end of the season in Lake Placid (bobsleigh-skeleton school, women's monobob event, bobsleigh-skeleton training camp), as well as the cancelled events at the beginning of the season we saved a total of approximately € 130.000,-.

title	appraisal	expenses	incomings	total
Development	€ 286.500,00	€ 199.804,13	€ 19.823,10	€ 179.981,03
Women Monobob	€ 108.250,00	€ 108.085,94	€ 38.500,00	€ 69.585,94
Youth	€ 41.000,00	€ 95.787,69	€ 47.900,00	€ 47.887,69
Coaches/Coordinators	€ 181.460,00	€ 145.161,19	€ -	€ 145.161,19
Financial Support	€ 70.000,00	€ 75.931,93	€ -	€ 75.931,93
Monobob crew incl.	€ 180.000,00	€ 192.927,25	€ -	€ -
total amount	€ 687.210,00	€ 624.770,88	€ 106.223,10	€ 518.547,78

The table shows the budget applied for and the actual costs incurred during the season.

Development program: The costs were far from being exhausted, which is partly due to the cancellation of the events, but also because of the communication between Federations and athletes.

Women's monobob program: The budget path was respected, the cancellation of Lake Placid/USA reduces the calculated amount.

Youth program: The budget was exceeded by 17%, in this case the calculated number of participants was exceeded and therefore more track times had to be rented and the costs for the medical service increased.

Coaches/Coordinators: Due to fewer or more economical travel movements and cancellations, we stayed 10% below the calculation in this sector.

Financial Support: 19 Nations received financial support on request. The calculated framework was slightly overdrawn.

Monobob crew: The costs for the mechanics are already included in the respective programs. The separate performance is for information only. This cost center is nearly 10% range over the calculated budget. Most of the costs for the cancelled womens monobob race Lake Placid are included.

Even with the calculated costs of the 5 cancelled events (around € 130.000,-), we remained around € 55.000,- / 8% below the budget proposed.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone involved for the good and constructive work during the season. I would like to explicitly emphasize Nicola Minichiello and Kristaps Kotans through their tireless efforts that have contributed significantly to the positive development of the programs.

Attachments: Development statistic by Roland Gruber & list with all supported athletes