



INTERNATIONAL BOBSLEIGH & SKELETON FEDERATION

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## **R E P O R T**

# **Development Committee Meeting**

**Location:** Grossgmain/AUT  
**Time:** April 04, 2019 form 09:00 – 17:00  
**Participants:** Poller Reinhard/AUT, Oh Changhee/KOR, Vanhoutte Alexandre/FRA, Sander Andre/GER, Giovanni Mulossano/ITA  
excused: Hodos Laszlo/ROU, Hu Jie/CHN, Stokes Dudley/JAM and Wisniowski Szczepan/POL  
Freeling Stefaan (IBSF-Vice President), Mattli Jos (World Cup Coordinator), Gruenberger Michael (World Cup Delegate Skeleton), Kerbler Martin (Sports Secretary)

1. Welcome by Vice President for International Affairs, Stefaan Freeling. The agenda was followed after a short introductory round of all members.
2. Season Reports 2018/19  
Season reports were presented via PowerPoint presentation. The members were updated with all latest figures, which are shown in the preliminary season report of April 04<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
3. Last update regarding Monobob project  
The members were informed about all procedures concerning the bid for Monobob production. After checking all strategic considerations, next steps should be taken in mid-May.
4. Future projects

### Sled project Skeleton:

Michael Gruenberger presents an adjustable unit sled, which could be used for skeleton schools or in the EC and NAC. The sled has already been tested and is on a World Cup level. The costs per sled would be around € 3,000.-, the runners per set € 600.-. A demand survey is carried out and, if necessary, an application for acquisition and reimbursement of costs will be made.



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Reactivation of Junior Challenge Cup (JCC):

The nations of Austria and Germany introduced a so-called JCC in 2003. The goal was especially to bring children to skeleton sports. The JCC was held on the following tracks: Igls, Königssee and Winterberg in up to 3 age groups (U13, U15, U17) for both genders. Unfortunately, in recent years, the program organized by National Federations has been discontinued. A concept for the reactivation of this format for season 2020/21 is at a work out process right now.

5. Targeted support for National Federations  
The individual financial support for National Federations should only be dealt with on presentation of a strategy and financial plan including objectives. The criteria and specifications of our programs must be met.
6. Financial support for developing Nations regarding YOUTH program  
Regarding separate financial support for the YOUTH series, qualification for "YOG 2020" was discussed and Stefaan will seek a solution (budget). In terms of Monobob we see a problem especially for men, because the athletes have to start from scratch by switching to 2-man Bob. We want to reduce the dropout rate with a specific transfer program for the men. The women can continue their discipline through the new discipline Monobob without additional high effort.
7. Juniors category in Skeleton - one class addition  
After Youth Olympic Games most athletes will be in the age of 16-17 years. They must compete under current regulations at the Junior World Championships and European Championships against up to 6 years older competitors. From the perspective of anthropological parameters, this means a huge competition disadvantage. In order to curb this and maintain the motivation for young athletes to invest in our sport, a second age limit U 20 would make sense.
8. Exchange of views on the participation of World Cup athletes at the Junior World Championships. With the request for an additional age group this tension part would be eased.
9. Any other business:  
Strategic orientation as well as the future projects were discussed and applications for the next Commission meetings (spring 2020) were formulated.

Attachment: Agenda  
PowerPoint Presentation  
Season Report

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