

## REPORT

A post-Olympic season always stands for rebuilding/reorientation, both applies for National Federations as well as at IBSF. By implementing the discipline of Women Monobob into the Olympic program, we are facing a major challenge in addition to the established programs. Accordingly, the focus for this season, in addition to the Development Program, was directed to Women Monobob. This focus should make women bobsleigh more attractive in the future and provide more female athletes. New emphasis on sponsorship/support for National Federations and their athletes are intended to enable young athletes to practice this sport professionally and lay the foundation for a promising future. Track training is supported on a large scale. Athletes are looked after by our coaches on site and costs of the training runs are largely reimbursed. This support is subject to conditions (anti-doping training, start tests, material workshop) and is monitored with regard to athletics. We started the season with 3 programs (Development, Youth and Women Monobob) and with only a few exceptions they could be implemented more or less successfully.

### Development program:

The number of participants in the program is a bit short of expectations, this is partly due to the late announcement of the appointments and on the other hand, the information flow of the Federations to the athletes/coaches. We will fix both weaknesses, so we can reach more athletes. Of the measures offered, all but the skeleton course in Lillehammer (1.2.1 DVP) were carried out on schedule. There are 4 main coaches working for our programs this season. For North America Bree Schaaf and Bryan Berghorn as well as for Europe Joska Leconte and Elfje Willemsen. All 4 do an excellent job, are motivated and very reliable. In addition Dorin Grigore was consulted for EC and Youth.

Furthermore, start-up trainings were held in Calgary and Berchtesgaden and a material workshop for Bobsleigh at Koenigssee. In order to achieve a further increase in performance, even more measures aimed at athletics/start technique are needed. The tables below give the key data for individual measures.

### North America:

Title	Place	Participant	Nations	Runs	Disciplines	Coach
1.1.1.DVP	Calgary TC	4	3	23	Bob	Berghorn
		8	5	75	Skeleton	Schaaf
1.1.2.DVP	Whistler TC	4	3	52	Bob	Berghorn
		12	7	120	Skeleton	Schaaf
1.1.3.DVP	Whistler PreT	4	3	76	Bob	Berghorn
		12	7	128	Skeleton	Schaaf
1.1.4.DVP	Park City Pre T	8	5	100	Bob	Berghorn
		6	5	54	Skeleton	Schaaf
1.1.5.DVP	Lake Placid Pre T	8	4	110	Bob	Berghorn
		6	4	62	Skeleton	Schaaf
1.1.6.DVP	Calgary	11	6	100	Bob	Berghorn
		5	5	64	Skeleton	Schaaf
1.1.7. DVP	Lake Placid	April 19			Bob	Berghorn
		April 19			Skeleton	Schaaf
1.1.8. DVP	Lake Placid	April 19			Bob	Berghorn
		April 19			Skeleton	Schaaf

The measures include support at NAC.

**Europe:**

Title	Place	Participant	Nations	Runs	Disciplines	Coach
1.2.1.DVP	Lillehammer	6	3	83	Bob	Willemsen
	abgesagt	-	-	-	Skeleton	Leconte
1.2.2.DVP	Altenberg	4	2	32	Bob	Willemsen
1.2.3. DVP	Sigulda	2	2	27	Bob	Willemsen
		5	3	63	Skeleton	Leconte
1.2.4. DVP	LaPlagne	10	6	109	Bob	Willemsen
					Skeleton	Leconte

EC	Altenberg	3	2	21	Bob	Willemsen
EC	Königssee	8	5	38	Bob	Grigore
EC	Winterberg	2	2	16	Bob	Willemsen
EC	Innsbruck	3	3	25	Bob	Willemsen
EC	Sigulda	2	2	15	Bob	Willemsen
JWM	Königssee	2	2	19	Bob	Willemsen
EC/ICC	Innsbruck	13	6	132	Skeleton	Leconte
EC/ICC	Winterberg	13	7	119	Skeleton	Leconte
EC	Königssee	11	7	80	Skeleton	Leconte
EC	Altenberg	3	2	15	Skeleton	Leconte
EC	Sigulda	5	3	40	Skeleton	Leconte
JWM	Königssee	6	5	58	Skeleton	Leconte

Only the training camp for Skeleton, which we offered in October in Lillehammer had to be canceled due to a lack of participants.

**Women's Monobob Program:**

The new Olympic discipline presents us with great challenges in terms of the extremely short preparation time. It is gratifying that nations that have paid little attention to women bobsleighbing in the past have seen in the new format a chance for the competitiveness of their athletes and thus entered the program. To date, 36 athletes from 15 nations have participated in the races in Europe and North America. The majority of the participants were beginners, thus new pilots for our bobsleigh sport.

Due to massive transport difficulties we had to cancel both scheduled races in North America (Park City and Lake Placid). A replacement program and financial compensation for the costs incurred have been agreed with athletes/coaches. The first Women Monobob race with 10 athletes from 5 Nations is already a good sign. The canceled races will be held during the first two weeks in April 2019 in Lake Placid.

**Europe:**

Title	Place	Participants	Nations	Runs	Coach
2.2.1.	Lillehammer	12	7	263	Willemsen
2.2.2.	Königssee	14	9	174	Willemsen
2.2.3.	Königssee	19	10	124	Willemsen
2.2.4.	LaPlagne	16	9	227	Willemsen

### America:

Title	Place	Participants	Nations	Runs	Coach
2.1.1.	Park City	-	-	-	Berghorn
2.1.2.	Lake Placid	-	-	-	Berghorn
2.1.3.	Calgary	10	5	145	Berghorn
2.1.4.	Lake Placid	April 2019			Berghorn

### Youth Program:

Especially in North America, the Youth program finds little appeal. As with the previous YOG, many Federations only start their programs in the event year. This shows once again the special conditions of our sport, which has many skeptics for an early entry age. Since there is still need for action in education, as the comparable sport of luge shows, is a safe exercise of our disciplines, after a methodical structure also at a young age possible.

### America:

Title	Place	Participant	Nations	Runs	Disciplines	Coach
3.1.1.	Park City	5	3	50	Bob	Berghorn
		3	1	30	Skeleton	Schaaf
3.1.2.	Calgary	2	2	12	Bob	Berghorn
		-	-	-	Skeleton	Schaaf
3.1.3.	Lake Placid	April 19			Bob	Berghorn
		April 19			Skeleton	Schaaf

### Europe:

Title	Place	Participant	Nations	Runs	Disciplines	Coach
3.2.1.	Königssee	13	6	126	Bob	Willemsen
3.2.2.	St.Moritz	36	13	300	Bob	Willem/Grigore
		39	13	347	Skeleton	Leconte
3.2.3.	Königssee	29	10	332	Bob	Willem/Grigore
		27	10	318	Skeleton	Leconte
3.2.4.	LaPlagne	12	4	143	Bob	Willemsen
		7	1	75	Skeleton	Leconte

### Individual Support:

We have exceeded the budget plan of € 30,000 for more than € 18,000 - since we had more requests by the National Federations.

The following nations have been granted or have already received financial support upon request: Belgium, Croatia, Ghana, Holland, Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Virgin Islands, Nigeria, Poland and Switzerland.