



INTERNATIONAL BOBSLEIGH & SKELETON FEDERATION

Report IBSF Development Committee Meeting “Zoom Meeting” (28th April 2022)

The zoom meeting was attended by the following members:

Andre Sander, Alexandre Vanhoutte, Kamil Skwarczyński (instead of Marek Wisniowski) and Giovanni Mulassano;

resigned: Reinhard Poller and Dudley Stokes

no information: Laszlo Hodos and Changee Oh

guests: Jos Mattli, Michael Grünberger, Nicola Minichiello and Martin Kerbler

1. Welcome by the Vice President of International Affairs, Stefaan Freeling

Stefaan welcomed all participants and wished a successful meeting.

He gave a short review of the past season and said thanks to all the Volunteers, Coaches, Helpers and IBSF Staff for their hard work during the season.

2. Report Season 2021/2022

a. Development Program

b. Coaches

c. Financial support for Federations

d. Budget

Reports were presented using power point presentations. Any intermediate questions were dealt with and answered immediately. The presentation is attached to the report.

2.a. Development Program

All planned measures within the guidelines of the development program could be carried out. The unforeseen closing of the bobsleigh track in Königssee could be compensated by the track in Innsbruck/Igls. The Covid pandemic and the accompanying travel restrictions were a key issue for participation and minimized the number of participants.

Both bobsleigh and skeleton schools (Innsbruck and Lake Placid) were managed by Nicola Minichiello in coordination with myself. In addition to workshops in material maintenance, motivation and strategy seminars, all participants completed an anti-doping seminar (WADA online course).

2.b. Coaches

Our coaches trained the athletes in both disciplines in the EC, NAC and ICC series, the JWCH and at the Development Camps. In the bobsleigh and skeleton school, we also worked with local coaches in both disciplines. In addition to track coaching, numerous assistance was provided in terms of athletics, material, organization as well as strategy.

All coaches have excellent know-how in bobsleigh and skeleton, do an excellent job and are always interested in their further development in the spirit of the sport.

During around 300 days, our coaches looked after our athletes directly at the track and were available with advice and support.



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The following coaches were on duty;

Bobsleigh: Edgars Maskalans (Europe) and Bryan Berghorn (North America)
Additional coaches for the bobsleigh school in Innsbruck were Sarah Monk and Patrick Geiger.

Skeleton: Dorin Velicu (Europe) and Nick Vienneau/Andrew Blaser (North America),
as well as Markus Penz (Skeleton School Innsbruck)

2.c. Financial Support for Federations

All applicant federations that met the guidelines of the development program were granted financial support according to a uniform system. Due to the high costs for the nations in an Olympic season and the additional costs caused by the Covid pandemic, we decided to almost double the budget.

2.d. Budget

The budget for all programs and measures was decided and approved in June 2021 at **€ 500.000,-**.

In total, the budget was exceeded by **€ 13.602,00**. This is due to the annual depreciation for sports equipment (2-man bobsleds), which was not included in my calculation.

The details can be seen in the table below.

titel	estimate	costs	difference
Development	€ 240.000,00	€ 250.972,00	€ 10.972,00
Coaches/Coordinators	€ 110.000,00	€ 89.498,20	-€ 20.501,80
Financial Support	€ 150.000,00	€ 158.000,00	€ 8.000,00
Depreciation Sport Material	€ 0,00	€ 15.132,00	€ 15.132,00
Total	€ 500.000,00	€ 513.602,20	€ 13.602,00

3. Impact of the applications from last year

Extension of the Qualification for the Youth Games “Ganwong 2024”

The qualification mode is currently being revised and we are working to extend it to two years.

To this end, there have already been several meetings and various concepts are being worked on. The goal is to accompany the young athletes through a longer period of time and thus train them better. On one hand, we want to achieve a higher level at the YOG and on the other, we want to counteract the high drop-out rate.

4. Future projects

Preview of the coming season

The developed program, with the pre-season training camps before the IBSF races (EC/NAC and ICC), was well received by the athletes and coordinators.

In the new program, we will have another focus for Youth athletes (YOG 2024 Ganwong). Currently the qualification guidelines are being worked out.

With the establishment of the Junior Challenge Cup in skeleton, another youth project is in the starting blocks.



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As soon as the 2022/23 calendar is ready, the key points of the new program will be discussed intensively with the responsible coordinators and coaches and then submitted to the Executive Commission for finalization and approval.

5. Miscellaneous:

a. New ideas

Stefaan introduces the idea of combining the YOUTH program with the Para program. In this regard, talks are sought with the Para coordinator Kristaps Kotans and possible interfaces are explored.

Lowering the junior age in Bobsleigh from 26/23 to 23/20 like it is in Skeleton. This would give the youth athletes a motivation and a short-term goal and would help to counteract the high drop-out rate. Jos will discuss this topic in the sports commission meeting.

b. Discussions

Andre: Implementation from the Junior Challenge Cup in the youth qualification. We will have a look on this topic, if it is possible and how we can bring them together.
Andre: I saw in the table "financial support" that also big nations like Suisse get money. It's a no go for me and we have to put all the money for the development of the small nations.

Andre: Is there a possibility to make some projects together with schools or universities? I know that this is a very difficult topic, but maybe there is a change to think in this direction.

c. Statistics participants in IBSF events from Roland Gruber

6. Attachments:

Powerpoint presentation
Statistics from Roland Gruber

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Manfred Maier', is written in a cursive style.

Manfred Maier, Development Coordinator