



INTERNATIONAL BOBSLEIGH & SKELETON FEDERATION

Report IBSF Development Committee Meeting “Zoom Meeting” (3rd May 2021)

The video meeting was attended by the following members:

Andre Sander, Alexandre Vanhoutte, Marek Wisniowski (translator: Kamil Skwarczyński),
Giovanni Mulassano and Changee Oh;

excused: Reinhard Poller

no information: Laszlo Hodos

Jos Mattli, Michael Grünberger, Nicola Minichiello and Martin Kerbler were also present.

1. Welcome by Secretary General Heike Groesswang

Due business indispensability at short notice the Vice President Stefaan Freeling was represented by the Secretary General Heike Groesswang who welcomed all participants and wished a successful meeting.

She gave a short review of the past season and also addressed the difficult situation regarding the Covid-19 pandemic. The high costs, which could not be planned or foreseen in advance, as well as the uncertain developments in the various countries forced us to cancel part of the development program.

Our Development Coordinator had to take on the task of the Covid officer and he makes an excellent job.

2. Report Season 2020/2021

- a. Development Program
- b. Financial support for Federations
- c. Women’s Monobob Program
- d. Coaches
- e. Budget
- f. Covid-19

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 scheduled measures for 2020/21 season, as part of the development program, had to be canceled due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

This was decided by the Executive Committee at the beginning of September and was announced to all members via email.

Nonetheless, a budget of a maximum of € 200.000,- was approved in form of financial support in the development field.

Support for the EC / NAC and ICC races from our IBSF coaches has also been approved.

2.b. Financial Support for Federations

All applicant Federations that fulfilled the development program guidelines were granted financial support according to a uniform system. Due to the difficult situation (Covid 19 pandemic) and the cancellation of the training measures through the development program, the budget for financial support (€ 85,000) and women's monobob support (€ 95,000) was



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consolidated to a total of € 180,000. This gave us more flexibility in terms of support and we were able to react quickly and individually.

2.c. Update Women's Monobob Program

The development program offered a financial support of € 2.500,- per monobob/nation purchase. 14 nations made use of this offer.

In the third year of the establishment of the new women's monobob discipline (not youth), the program for 2020/21 season, was expanded to a total of 15 races. Five races were planned in each series (EC / NAC and WC) with the same ranking list (points).

For the first time in history, a World Championship in women's monobob was held. With 23 starters from 14 Nations, the new discipline gave a strong sign of acceptance. The number of participants in the race series fell by 3 to 48 athletes compared to last season which included many Youth athletes. The number of participating nations remained unchanged at 24.

In any case, it's worth mentioning the high participation at World Championships in Altenberg (23) and in the final race during the European Cup in Königssee (19).

2.d. Coaches

The good work of our coaches did not go unnoticed in the bobsleigh and skeleton scene. Three of our previous IBSF coaches, Elfje Willemsen (Bobsleigh Europe), moved to Canada as a junior coach, Joska Leconte (Skeleton ICC and EC) as head coach to Holland and Alexandru Dorin Grigore (Bob Youth) to Korea as a base trainer in Pyeongchang (Korea).

Nevertheless, as in previous years, we were able to provide IBSF coaches for our racing series at EC, NAC and ICC level.

2.e. Budget

titel	estimate	costs	difference
Development	€ 197.950,00	€-	No program due to Covid-19
Women Monobob	€ 95.000,00	€ 35.000,00	
Coaches/Coordinators	€ 123.230,00	€ 44.422,00	
Financial Support	€ 85.000,00	€ 169.000,00	
Total	€ 501.180,00	€ 248.422,00	€ 54.808,--

2.f. Covid-19

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we were also forced to change our sports program. To secure implementation of our race series we had to make additional regulations (IBSF Covid-19 Prevention Guidelines).

Thanks to our good concept and the discipline of everyone involved, we were able to carry out more than 80% of our normal sports activities.

Almost 20,000 tests (PCR and antigene tests) were organized and carried out by us.

3. Updates Women's Monobob

As of today, 48 sleds have been built and delivered. A total of 22 nations have at least one iXent Monobob.

In the meeting on March 25th in Munich at iXent, the experiences of the past season as well as an outlook for the upcoming season were discussed.



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On June 1st, Christoph Langen will take over the role of material coordinator at IBSF and will from now on also take care of the monobob issue.

4. Impact of the applications from last year

- **Junior Challenge Cup (JCC)**
The application for support or inclusion of a Junior Challenge Cup has been accepted by the Executive Committee for the season 2021/22.
 - due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the still uncertain planning time, this project was postponed to the 2022/23 season.
- The application for a change of rules concerning the second junior category was also accepted.
 - at the Junior World Championships in St. Moritz/SUI we had 13 girls from 8 Nations and 10 boys from 8 Nations
 - and at the Junior European Championships in Innsbruck/AUT we had 19 girls from 10 Nations and 14 boys from 9 Nations

5. Future projects

a. Preview of the coming season

The new development program was presented in broad outline. The details will only be published on the homepage after the inquiries to the tracks have been confirmed and after approval by EXCO.

b. YOG 2024 Gangwon/KOR

The Youth program will be started in the end of the season 2021/22. We are planning a Bob and Skeleton camp in Königssee (GER) and one in Lake Placid (USA). Furthermore, we want to extend the qualification to 2 years, this would relieve us of the immense time pressure of qualification in the year of event and give athletes and federations more planning security. The proposal will be presented to the Executive Committee for approval.

6. Miscellaneous:

a. New ideas

no comments

b. Discussions

Regarding the total number of athletes who took part in the race series, the statistics of the last few years were discussed. Due to the Covid-19 situation, the statistics show a minus of approx. 22%. With the measures taken, we hope for a positive trend for 2021/22 and the further future.

7. Attachments:

Powerpoint presentation

Report Development Program 2020/21 from 22nd April, 2021

Development Statistics from Roland Gruber

Manfred Maier, Development Coordinator