

# United States *Luge* Association

## ATHLETE SUBSISTENCE - KUNSTBAHN

This policy spells out how USLA athletes will be able to earn incentive monies based on their placing in World Cup races. This policy does not include the results from the World Championships or the Olympic Games as the primary source of result incentive money as the USOC's Operation Gold Program entitles athletes to incentive monies for those races.

Athletes must finish in the top 25% of their discipline's field to earn incentive monies. The definition of "field" will be the same as the definition of 'sleds entered' specified in USLA NTC policy 30-02.XK, where X is variable depending upon the version number of the policy currently in effect. If 25% of the entrants does not end up (compute) as a whole number, the number will be rounded up or down to the next (closest) placing (i.e. 25% of 31 = 7.75, therefore, money is distributed to eight place; 25% of 29 = 7.25, therefore, money is distributed to seventh place). In the case of an equal division, we will round up a placing, to the athletes benefit (i.e. 6.5 would become seventh place).

Incentives will be earned in the amounts of the following chart for all disciplines:

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| 1st Place  | \$3000 |
| 2nd Place  | \$2000 |
| 3rd Place  | \$1500 |
| 4th Place  | \$1250 |
| 5th Place  | \$1000 |
| 6th Place  | \$ 750 |
| 7th Place  | \$ 500 |
| 8th Place  | \$ 300 |
| 9th Place  | \$ 200 |
| 10th Place | \$ 100 |

In general, monies earned will not be paid out until the end of the season.

Funding for this project will come from an annual allocation placed in the USLA budget, which is subject to approval at each year's NLC meeting. Should the athletes, as a whole, earn incentive monies that will exceed the net budget for this project, then all earnings per athlete will be pro-rated down to a figure that keeps the project from going over budget.

In the event monies still exist in this project after the results from all the World Cup races have been applied, then the results from the World Championships, and the results from the overall World Cup standings, in that order, will be applied to the athlete's totals.

Should the results from the World Championships put this project over budget when it is applied, then the results from the overall World Cup standings will not be used, and the results from the World Championships will be prorated down to keep the project on budget.

Should this project not go over budget until the overall World Cup standings are applied, then the results from the overall World Cup standings will be prorated down to keep the project on budget.

If after applying all the events noted in this policy, money is still unallocated from this project, it will go unused and revert to the general fund.

*Note to file - the most recent changes to this policy occurred in November 2004 and dealt primarily with the definition of the "size of the field" in light of ITL rule changes.*