

UNITED STATES LUGE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

A NEW YORK STATE NOT-FOR PROFIT CORPORATION

CONSTITUTION

CHAPTER I

UNITED STATES AND INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

- Section 1. UNITED STATES RECOGNITION. The United States Luge Association Inc. is recognized as a member of the United States Olympic Committee as the only representative for luge in the United States.
- Section 2. INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION. The United States Luge Association Inc. is recognized by the Federation Internationale de Luge de Course (FIL), which is the international federation member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), as the only American representative for the sport of luge.
- Section 3. POWERS AND JURISDICTION. For the sport of luge, the United States Luge Association Inc. is the national governing body, and as such it is autonomous in its direction and control of all aspects of the sport of luge nationally and internationally for the United States.
- Section 4. LEGAL AUTHORITY. Public Law 95-606, the Amateur Sports Act of 1978, coupled with the USOC Constitution and Bylaws, provide the legal authority for the United States Luge Association Inc. As such it is incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in New York State.

CHAPTER II

ASSOCIATION DUTIES

DUTIES. For the sport of luge, the United States Luge Association is under duty to:

- Section 2.1. Develop interest and participation throughout the United States.
- Section 2.2. Keep members informed of policy matters and reasonably reflect the views of athletes in its policy decisions.
- Section 2.3. Promptly review every request submitted by an amateur sports organization or person for sanction to hold an international amateur athletic competition in the United States, or sponsor United States amateur athletes to compete in international competition held outside the United States, and determine whether to grant such sanction, in accordance with the rules of the FIL and the USLA.
- Section 2.4. Allow an amateur athlete to compete in any international athletic competition that she/he has qualified for, conducted under its auspices or that of any other amateur sports organization or person, unless it is established that denial was based on evidence that the organization or person conducting the competition did not meet the requirements of the Constitution and Bylaws of the USLA, the USOC, the FIL or the Amateur Sports Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-606).
- Section 2.5. Provide equitable support, opportunities, and programs for persons, including any amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official, regardless of sex, age, color, race, sexual preference, national origin or religion, and also provide opportunities for participation by the handicapped.
- Section 2.6. Provide and coordinate technical information on physical training, equipment design, coaching, and performance analysis for the betterment of its athletes and;
- Section 2.7. Encourage and support research, development, and dissemination of information in the areas of sports medicine and sports safety for the betterment of its athletes.
- Section 2.8. Utilize all of its resources, including those items listed in Chapter II, Sections 2.6 and 2.7 of this Constitution to strive to attain medals on the elite international level on a consistent basis.

CHAPTER III

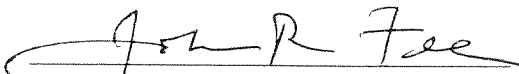


UNITED STATES AND INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

For the sport of luge, the United States Luge Association Inc. is authorized by Public Law 95-606, the USOC and the FIL to:

- Section 3.1. Represent the United States in the international luge federation, the Federation Internationale de Luge de Course (FIL).
- Section 3.2. Establish goals, both nationally and internationally, and encourage the attainment of those goals.
- Section 3.3. Serve as the coordinating body for amateur athletic luge activity in the United States.
- Section 3.4. Exercise jurisdiction over U.S. participation in international amateur luge activities and sanction international luge competition held in the United States and sanction the participation of qualified U.S. athletes in international luge competition held outside the United States, in accordance with the rules of the FIL, the USLA, the USOC, and the Amateur Sports Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-606).
- Section 3.5. Conduct amateur luge competition, including national luge championships, and international luge competition in the United States; and establish procedures for the determination of eligibility standards for participation in such competitions.
- Section 3.6. Recommend to the United States Olympic Committee individuals and teams to represent the United States in the Olympic Games.
- Section 3.7. Designate individuals and teams to represent the United States in amateur luge competition (other than the Olympic Games) and certify, in accordance with the applicable international rules, the amateur eligibility of such individuals and teams.

This Constitution was approved by vote of the National Luge Committee at its Annual Meeting of June 22, 1996, and shall replace the previous Constitution of the United States Luge Association.

Signed:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>Signatures</u>
Secretary	<u>John Fee</u>	
Treasurer	<u>Doug Bateman</u>	
Vice President	<u>Robert Germaine</u>	
President	<u>Dwight Bell</u>	