

# UNITED STATES LUGE ASSOCIATION

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## JUNIOR SUBSISTENCE AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This policy sets forth the manner in which we will distribute per diems to Junior National Team members, as well as reward our top junior athletes for excellent performances. By creating this policy, the USLA wishes to, first and foremost, send the message that the education of its athletes is of prime importance. While this policy primarily applies to kunstbahn, where it applies to naturbahn, it is so noted.

Per Diems will be paid to all Junior National Team athletes at the rate of \$5 per day for each day they are a part of an international tour, and for those years that money has been allocated and budgeted for such a project. These amounts earned will be distributed on a date at the discretion of the Junior Team Head Coach and the Executive Director.

The Male Junior Athlete of the Year and the Female Junior Athlete of the Year will each receive a \$100 scholarship and a \$100 award (to be placed in the athlete's training fund (TF)) for those years that money has been allocated and budgeted for such a project (for naturbahn, one naturbahn junior athlete of the year award will be selected).

The junior male athlete, junior female athlete, and junior doubles team in the Junior II Division that finish first amongst U.S. athletes in the Junior World Cup standings will each receive a \$50 scholarship and a \$50 award (to be placed in the athlete's TF) for those years that money has been allocated and budgeted for such a project.

The junior male athlete and junior female athlete in the Junior I Division that finish first amongst U.S. athletes in the Junior World Cup standings will each receive a \$25 scholarship and a \$25 award (to be placed in the athlete's TF) for those years that money has been allocated and budgeted for such a project.

Finally, scholarships and awards for individual race results will be allocated according to the chart that follows on a 50/50 basis:

**Awards for individual performances in Kunstbahn World Championship and World Cups:**

Money will be awarded from a pool of money to be budgeted each year.

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Categories: Jr. I - (S) Singles only  
Jr. II - (S) Singles, (D) Doubles

Places	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	-7-
<b>W. Championship</b>							
(S-D)	400	300	200	100	75	50	25
Team Competition	100	50	25				
<b>W. Cups</b>							
(S-D) Jr. II	200	150	100	75	50	25	
(S) Jr. I	25						

To receive any award there must be at least a total of 3 Nations competing in the particular category. In addition, in singles, the athlete must place ahead of 4 sliders for places 1-3 and ahead of 3 sliders for places 4-6 to receive that race's award. In doubles, or the team competition, the team must place ahead of 3 teams for places 1-2, and ahead of 2 teams for places 3-6 to receive that race's award.

If the total amount of the awards exceed the amount of money in the pool, then the awards will be given out by priority as follows:

All awards for individual events at the World Championship will be awarded first.

Then remaining awards for World Cup Results and the World Championship Team Competition (as the fund will allow) will be awarded by priority as follows:

- 1) Top 1-3 Places in all races Jr. II (S,D)
- 2) Top 4-6 Places in all races Jr. II (S,D)
- 3) Top 1-3 Places in all races Jr. I (S)
- 4) Team Competition (World Championships)

The total monies earned by each athlete will be split in half. The scholarship portion will be paid directly to an accredited institution of higher learning that leads the athlete to a lifetime career oriented position. The award half will be deposited into that athlete's TF.

Since it is likely that the athlete will not use the scholarship money in the year that it is earned, a suitable commitment letter will be drawn up by the USLA informing the athlete of the award and the time frame in which it must be used.

The scholarship must be used either by the age of 21 or within two years after the athletes retirement from the sport. Retirement will be defined, for this policy, as not participating in the Senior Seeding Races except for reasons of illness, injury, or an excused absence. If a doubles team is selected, both athletes will receive a full award.