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Q: What is the Athlete Training Fund?

A: The Athlete Training Fund (ATF) is a bank account owned by the United States Luge Association (USLA) to which athletes may direct sponsorship money or gifts received for training and living expenses. The money will be dispersed by the USLA for such use while allowing the donor the tax benefit of a charitable contribution.

Q: How can money be deposited into an ATF?

A: A sponsor may issue a check payable to USLA, accompanied by a letter stating the name of the individual athlete whose training is to be supported by the funds.

Q: What does the USLA do with the funds?

A: The money is deposited into an account and athletes who have a closing balance of \$2,000 or more at the end of the month will receive interest for the days during the month that the balance was \$2,000 or higher. (A complete up-to-date accounting is available at all times.) Upon receipt of the funds, the USLA will send a thank you note to the sponsor and an acknowledgment of the donation to the athlete.

Q: Are there any fees involved?

A: Yes, the USLA charges a 5% fee upon receipt of the funds for the administration of the individual account. (Generally, in-kind donations are not assessed the 5% fee).

Q: Can a sponsor donate anything other than cash?

A: Yes, a sponsor can make "in-kind" donations (made payable to USLA, to support the training of a specific athlete). In this case a dollar value for the donation will be agreed upon and the amount will be acknowledged to the sponsor. (i.e.: a health center membership)

Q: Who keeps track of the ATF?

A: The USLA will track each transaction for the athlete. Athletes can always contact the USLA to check on the current balance, activity etc. of their account.

Q: What can ATF money be spent on?

A: Below is current list of maximum allowable expenses (per season maximum - \$31,425):

1. Singles Competition Sled	\$ 1,000
2. Modifications	500
3. Doubles Competition Sled	1,100
4. Modifications	550
5. Helmet	325
6. Face Shield (2)	100
7. Racing Gloves	50
8. Kidney Belt	50
9. Protective Pads	50
10. Racing Suits (3)	675
11. Racing Shoes (2)	200
12. Training Clothes	500
13. Weight Vest	150
14. Sled Maintenance	750
15. Per Diem (\$20/day) - 180 days max)	3,600
16. Transportation to various training sites	3,000
17. Additional Singles Racing Steels	300
18. Additional Doubles Racing Steels	325
19. Health Care	1,000
20. Room & Board	9,000
(\$50 per day - 180 days max)	
21. Track Fees	6,200
(\$18 per run X 6 runs/day X 150 days max)	
22. Dues and Other Misc. Training Fees	2,000

Q: How do I start an ATF?

A: You actually don't open the account but begin by requesting donations from businesses or other organizations. A letter of introduction for both the athlete and the sport of luge is a good idea. It is also good to enclose a pre-stamped envelope for the donation to be sent directly to the USLA office in Lake Placid. The athlete should be creative with their requests for contributions.

The donations are sent directly to the USLA and, once received, the USLA will open the account as well as send a thank you letter to each donor. The athlete will also receive a copy of this letter so that he/she may send a personal thank you to the donor.

THE ATHLETE MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE U.S. LUGE ASSOCIATION

