

# UNITED STATES LUGE ASSOCIATION

## FIL & NATIONAL OFFICIALS' COURSES & REFRESHERS

2008 - 2009

The FIL and National Officials' courses are \$25. The Refresher (for already certified officials) is FREE (\$10 for non-USLA members). FIL and National courses begin Friday evening at 6:00 pm. No charge to Audit National Courses toward certification to be an instructor or assistant. More info on each course will be forthcoming. Please check your choice.

\_\_\_\_\_ RULES REFRESHER: September 13, 2008 – Lake Placid, NY

\_\_\_\_\_ NATIONAL OFFICIAL'S COURSE: September 19-21, 2008 – Lake Placid, NY

\_\_\_\_\_ FIL JUDGES COURSE: September 19-21, 2008 – Lake Placid, NY

\_\_\_\_\_ NATIONAL OFFICIAL'S COURSE: October 10-12, 2008 – Park City, UT (at the Men's start)

\_\_\_\_\_ RULES REFRESHER: Saturday, November 1, 2008 - Park City, UT (at the Women's start)

\_\_\_\_\_ AUDIT/ASSIST A NATIONAL COURSE TOWARDS CERTIFICATION TO BE INSTRUCTOR/ASSISTANT

**NOTE:** To register for any of these courses, you must be a member of the U.S. Luge Association. All certified FIL & National officials should take a rules refresher each year. Contact Beverly (518-523-2071 ext. 107), or [Beverly@usaluge.org](mailto:Beverly@usaluge.org), if you have questions regarding your current status.

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\* "Active" Official: 1) National or FIL official, 2) Current with the FIL Rules by taking the exam or having attended a Refresher Course within the past two years (since July 1, 2006), 3) officiate at least one race each season.

\*\*Please indicate if you require housing for the Lake Placid Courses

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please list arrival date and departure date:

Arrive \_\_\_\_\_ Depart \_\_\_\_\_

If you require "Meals Only" (i.e., you have other accommodations), please indicate.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for OTC housing & meals notification is 2 weeks before the course date !! - no exceptions.

**Please complete the form and mail it with your check, or money order payable to "USLA".**

**Mail to : U.S. Luge Association, 57 Church Street, Lake Placid, NY 12946 Attention: Beverly**

**You can also Fax the form along with your credit card information to 518-523-4106.**

## NATIONAL OFFICIAL'S COURSE

The national official's course is an entry level certification for officiating at our national races. This is the first step in becoming certified as a luge race official and required to become an FIL (International Luge Federation) Judge. For the national course you will learn the rules of the two competitions of Kunstbahn (artificial track - Olympic style) and Naturbahn (natural track). At the end of the course you will be given a written exam which if you pass will certify you as a National Luge Official. You will receive an official's pin and certificate, and of course the opportunity to officiate at our sanctioned luge races.

## FIL INTERNATIONAL JUDGES COURSE

You must hold the National Officials Certification as well as meet other specific requirements which encompass working various officiating positions during races. There is both a written and oral test that must be passed to become certified. The national federation conducts the course with an approved proctor from the FIL, and the FIL issues the International Judge License and Badge. The names of FIL judges are entered in the FIL Directory of International Officials with name and National Federation.

## REFRESHER COURSES

These are one day courses to refresh officials on the rules, and are offered every year at all the track locations. There is no fee to take a refresher. However, there is a \$10 fee for the refresher, if you are not a U.S. Luge Association member. This course covers any new rule changes, hands on and examples of situations that might arise with discussion on how they can be handled, and an opportunity to address any concerns or problems experienced during the season. Once you are certified as an official, you maintain active status by working a minimum of one race a season and attending a Refresher Course at a minimum of every two years. Volunteers are always welcome. It's a good way to get experience and see if it's something you really want to do before taking the National Course.

## AUDIT/ASSIST NATIONAL COURSE

This is for officials who are interested in becoming an instructor or assistant to teach future National Courses. Approved officials should be FIL3 level, but may be any FIL level. Certification will also require you to act as an assistant instructor at least once, then act as an instructor under the supervision of a "proctor" at least once.

The Lake Placid FIL & National Course & the Refresher will be held at the Lake Placid Olympic Training Center. For those of you that are coming from out of town, we are offering housing & meals at the OTC with check-in beginning Friday afternoon and the latest check-out on Sunday. For those of you who are local and wish to join the group for meals, we can arrange that as well.

All FIL & National courses will begin on Friday night at 6:00 pm. They will run all day Saturday (approx. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, and from about 9:00-1:00 on Sunday. Specific info for each course will be sent out.

All of the Refresher Courses are free of charge to U.S. Luge Association members. Refresher courses are generally held on the Saturday. The refresher is for already certified National and FIL officials. If you have not taken a refresher course within the last two years (06 & earlier), you must attend a refresher to keep your "active" status. It is recommended that you take the Refresher this year as this is the year for rule changes and a new rule book.

You must be current on your membership dues to participate in any of the courses. Dues for "active" officials are \$35. For all others, the dues are \$45. If you are unsure of your status, please contact Beverly at the luge office. Please note: If you are an "active official", but are sliding, you are an athlete; your dues are \$45 and your classification is athlete.

Please note that all forms with fees need to be sent to the main office in Lake Placid, NY (see registration forms). We accept checks and money orders payable to: U.S. Luge Association. Also, American Express, MasterCard, Visa. NOTE: You must register for any of the courses or refreshers.