

**BYE LAWS  
OF THE  
IRISH LUGE FEDERATION**

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The following Bye Laws shall be read and interpreted with the Memorandum and Articles of the Irish Luge Federation (“Luge Ireland”).

**1. Name and headquarters**

The association will be called the Irish Luge Federation (“Luge Ireland” or “Association”) and is registered at Miltown, Oldcastle, Co. Meath, A82 AP58 Ireland. The Memorandum and Articles of Association (M&A) of Luge Ireland provide the framework within which Luge Ireland will operate.

**2. Goal**

Luge Ireland, whose activities are not for profit, aims to develop the sport of luge at a national level, to supervise it, to promote it, and to represent the sport internationally under the guidance of the International Luge Federation (Fédération Internationale de Luge de Course (FIL)).

**3. Aims and objectives**

The aims and objectives of Luge Ireland will be:

- 3.1. To develop and promote the sport of luge at Irish national and international level.
- 3.2. To develop recreational, national and international competition.
- 3.3. To negotiate with and make representations to government departments, statutory bodies and other authorities in Ireland and abroad for the furtherance of these objects.
- 3.4. To be a member of or affiliated to FIL and to co-operate with all such bodies belonging to or affiliated to FIL and in particular to represent Irish luge in FIL and such bodies, organisations or associations, and to represent their views and interests to any appropriate authorities in other countries.
- 3.5. To respect the environment.
- 3.6. To enforce the principle of “fair play”.
- 3.7. To promote clean sport in line with the principles of WADA.

#### **4. Neutrality and code of conduct**

- 4.1. Luge Ireland is neutral.
- 4.2. Luge Ireland will not tolerate political, racist, religious, or any other discrimination towards its members.
- 4.3. Luge Ireland recognizes the principles and rules of the IOC Code of Ethics, the FIL framework of moral principles including a code of conduct, and the FIL Ethics Code.

#### **5. Membership**

- 5.1. Any club willing to bind itself to observe the rules of Luge Ireland may become a Member upon making application in writing accompanied by the membership fee in respect of the type of membership applied for subject to being elected by a majority of two-thirds of the members present at the meeting of the Board of Luge Ireland.
- 5.2. Every club applying for membership shall forward to the Secretary of Luge Ireland a copy of its most recent rules or constitution, the name, address and e-mail address of its Honorary Secretary or other officer of the club, to whom all communications shall be sent. It shall furnish such other information as the Secretary may require.
- 5.3. In the event of a club applying for membership not being elected, the membership fee shall be returned. Any club rejected by the Board shall have the right to appeal to the Annual General Meeting, which may approve or reject the application by a simple majority vote.
- 5.4. All Members will be subject to the M&A of Luge Ireland and by joining the association will be deemed to accept the regulations and codes of conduct that the Association has adopted (as amended from time to time), as well as those set out by the International Luge Federation.
- 5.5. Members will be enrolled in one of the following categories:
  - 5.5.1. full member
  - 5.5.2. junior member.

#### **6. Membership fees**

- 6.1. Membership fees will be set annually and determined at the Annual General Meeting.
- 6.2. Membership fees will be paid by annual subscription.

#### **7. Voting rights**

Members right to vote in elections of the Association shall be consistent with the conditions of their category of membership.

## **8. Board**

- 8.1. The Board of Luge Ireland shall consist of a minimum of three and a maximum of twelve Directors, including:
  - 8.1.1. The Chair
  - 8.1.2. The Secretary
  - 8.1.3. The Treasurer
  - 8.1.4. any other relevant position felt to be relevant, necessary, and voted upon by the Members.
- 8.2. Subject to article 4.2 of the M&A, Directors shall hold office for a term of four (4) years, which shall expire at the Annual General Meeting held in the fourth year of office. Upon expiry of this initial term, the relevant Director shall be eligible for re-appointment for a second four-year term. After completing the maximum of two consecutive terms, a Director shall not be eligible for re-appointment until a further term of four years has elapsed. Subject to article 4.2 of the M&A, no Director shall hold office for more than eight (8) consecutive years.

## **9. Committees**

- 9.1. The Board may delegate any of its powers to a committee or sub-committee established by the Board.
- 9.2. All committee members must be Members of the Association unless otherwise specifically approved by the Board.
- 9.3. All committees must operate in line with its terms of reference as set by the Board and as amended from time to time.
- 9.4. All committee members must declare conflicts of interest prior to any discussion on the relevant topic and shall leave the meeting during the discussion and decision making on the relevant topic.

## **10. Finance**

- 10.1. Finances include: annual membership fees from Members, financial support from FIL, donations, other income.
- 10.2. All Association monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the Association.
- 10.3. The Treasurer of Luge Ireland will be responsible for the finances of the Association, while at all times remaining accountable to the Board of Luge Ireland.
- 10.4. The financial year of the Association will end on 5th April each year.

- 10.5. An audited statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.
- 10.6. Any cheques drawn against Association funds should hold the signatures of the Treasurer plus up to one other officer.
- 10.7. Possible profits may only be used for purposes according to the objects of the Association as set out in the M&A.

## **11. Discipline**

- 11.1. Luge Ireland shall make available to all Members the Luge Ireland Code of Conduct and the Luge Ireland Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures.
- 11.2. All Members are obliged to comply with the Luge Ireland Code of Conduct and shall be liable to disciplinary action in the event of any breach. In addition, any Member proved guilty of:
  - 11.2.1. any misbehaviour or unfair practice in connection with luge, or
  - 11.2.2. any misbehaviour considered to bring the sport of luge or Luge Ireland or its membership into disrepute,shall be dealt with through the Luge Ireland Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures.
- 11.3. All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be submitted in writing to the Secretary.

## **12. Anti-Doping**

- 12.1. Luge Ireland's policy is that doping is contrary to the spirit of sport and every Member has a duty to ensure that the sport is free of doping. Membership of Luge Ireland means that all competitors may be chosen for testing and must submit to the same.
- 12.2. The Anti-Doping Rules of Luge Ireland are the Irish Anti-Doping Rules as published by Sport Ireland and as amended from time to time by Sport Ireland. Luge Ireland accepts the right of FIL, Sport Ireland, Sport Northern Ireland, LEN, the Olympic Council of Ireland, or duly authorised representatives of such bodies, to dope test, in accordance with law, any competing Member both in-competition and out of competition (i.e. un-announced testing).
- 12.3. It shall be a fundamental condition of membership of Luge Ireland that Members submit to and comply with any dope testing by Luge Ireland or any of the bodies referred to above. This is deemed to be accepted immediately on becoming a Member of Luge Ireland.
- 12.4. All Member personnel have a responsibility to ensure that Members are aware of the Irish Anti-Doping Rules and that there is an atmosphere supporting a drug free sport within the Association. The Irish Anti-Doping Rules are available on the Sport Ireland website ([www.sportireland.ie](http://www.sportireland.ie)).

### **13. Matters not Specifically Provided For**

The Board shall decide and arrange all matters which may arise during the year and which are not specifically provided for in Luge Ireland M&A, or these bye laws and shall make any additional bye laws. All such decisions are subject to confirmation by the next Annual General Meeting of Luge Ireland.

### **14. Interpretation**

All questions as to the correct interpretation of the rules shall be referred to the Board whose decision thereon shall be final.