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Canadian Luge Officials Newsletter

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Active Officials

Officials are considered active once the 2020 IRO update exam is passed and a minimum of two races in 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 were worked.

Local races count towards the race requirement that “International certified Judges must officiate a minimum of one competition each sport year” (Section 4 Item 5.2), which is great news as there have been few international races recently.

Officials Courses

An online National officiating course is being developed by Michael Sonntag and will be available in the near future.

A FIL level course is planned to be held in Whistler. The dates are to be confirmed and are dependent on BC COVID restrictions. This course is by invitation only.

Races

The Junior Canadian Luge Championships are coming up on March 10-11, 2022 and the Youth Canadian Luge Championships will be right after on March 12-13, 2022.

Both the 2021/2022 Lake Placid and Whistler World cups were cancelled. FIL made the decision as a result of logistical challenges related to travelling to North America and meeting COVID requirements.

Fortunately, Whistler has been awarded a World Cup in the 2022/2023 season. It will be great to see everyone there after such a long time!

Get Involved!

The Junior and Youth Canadian Championships will be held at the Whistler Sliding Centre in March. Watch for an email with more information about the races and a call for Officials and volunteers!

We hope to retain you, our current Officials, as well as recruit new Officials for future Local, National and International level races. If you have any questions about getting involved in officiating, please contact Marlene Vierboom, Chairperson of the CLA Officiating Committee at mvierboom@shaw.ca

Natural Luge Program in Calgary

Alberta Luge Association (ALA) is finalizing a Natural Luge program at Winsport. ALA is looking to expand its Discover Luge Programs to introduce newcomers to the sport through a Natural luge course on the hill over by the Tube Park.

With the continued positive feedback they have received, they will also look at the feasibility of growing the clubs by running a weekly program for people who want to continue into our programs. This will then hopefully lead into a fun race series for the later part of the season.

Rule Highlights and Clarifications

Advertising on Caps, Headbands, and Other Headgear

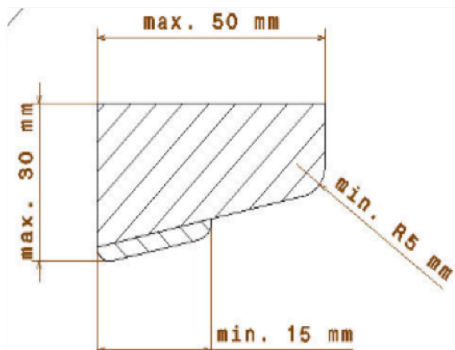
Item 2 on page 35 2.4. The description of the allowed number of trademarks on these surfaces unclear and could be interpreted as 3,4, or 5 logos.

FIL has confirmed that the maximum number of markings is 5 and may use different wording in the next revision.

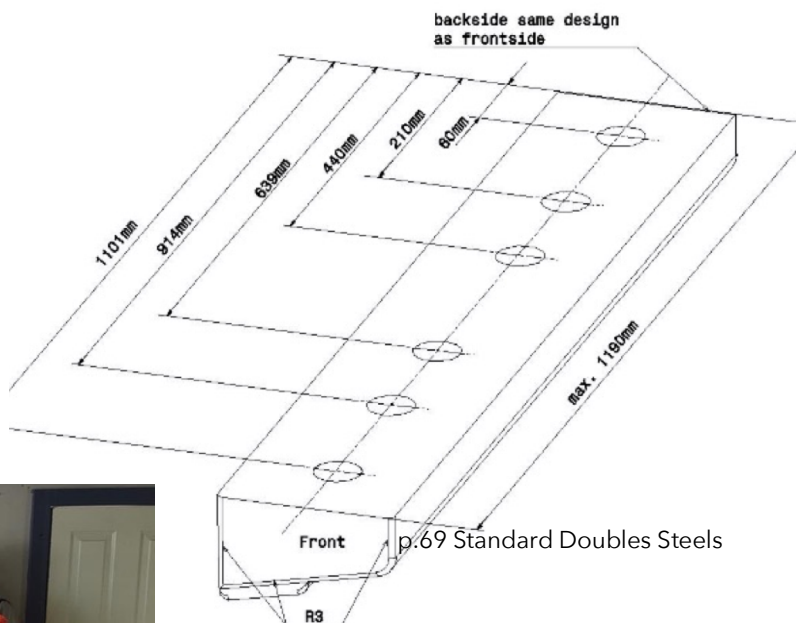
Double Steels

The diagram of the end of the steel on page 26 does not match the text. The diagram is labelled min 5mm radius and the text "the outer edges of the blades including the laminate must be rounded or sloped to a radius of at least 5 mm. The end faces of the steels (front side, back sides) are to be rounded or beveled with a radius of at least 3 mm at the spots marked in the diagram" (p.26 1.3.5.f).

FIL has responded that the diagram on page 69 1.3.5 shows the points that must be rounded to at least 3mm (see R3 on the diagram).



p. 26 Doubles Steel



p.69 Standard Doubles Steels



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