

# 2024-2025 Luge Stipend and EAHI Criteria

## Athlete Stipend and EAHI Criteria

(This policy funded by the USOPC and is subject to USOPC approval and modifications.)

The Athlete Stipends amount is based only on the highest criteria achieved by the most recent season's conclusion or, in the case of Olympic Medalists, the most recent Olympic Games. Athletes may only receive one level of stipend, either one Olympic medalist stipend or one National Team status stipend.

- Olympic Medalist stipends
  - Gold \$4000 a month
  - Silver \$3500 a month
  - Bronze \$3000 a month
- National Team status stipends
  - National "A" Team \$2000 a month
  - National "B" Team \$1000 a month

Stipend allocations are determined each spring at the end of the luge competitive season for the next stipend payment cycle. Each year, the stipend payment cycle begins July 1 and continues for one year.

In an Olympic year, the total of monthly stipends awarded to each athlete for twelve months will be prorated so that the stipend is completely paid to the athlete by the end of February of the Olympic season. Olympic Team alternates receiving a stipend, will continue to receive a stipend until the Olympic Team is finalized.

## Athlete EAHI and Stipend Criteria

- The athlete must be committed to a program of preparation with the intent of qualifying for and competing for the USA in the next Olympic Games.
- The athlete must have signed the USLA Athlete Statement of Intent.
- An athlete winning an Olympic medal in the most recent Olympic games qualifies for a stipend at the amount previously noted for the medal won.
- Olympic medalists will continue to receive an Olympic medalist stipend throughout the four years of the quad provided they maintain National "A" or "B" team status.
- Athletes that have qualified for National Team status and Athlete Stipends will continue to receive the monies awarded, as determined by the policies in this document, only if they maintain their national team status through the determined stipend payment cycle.
- If an athlete's team status is revoked, then the athlete will stop receiving the Stipend and EAHI benefits.
- Athletes qualify for a National "A" Team status stipend, if:
  - Team Relay Qualifications

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- In the previous season, the athlete(s) earned a World Championship Team Relay medal or two World Cup Team Relay medals.
- Singles and Doubles Discipline Qualifications
  - In the previous two seasons, the athlete(s) earned a World Cup or World Championship medal.
- Athletes qualify for a National “B” Team status stipend, if, in the previous year, they:
  - Competed in the previous year’s World Championships in a non-coach’s discretion capacity OR
  - In their last year of Junior class eligibility, won a medal at the Junior World Championships
- Exceptional Circumstance Clause
  - An athlete may be granted a certain stipend level or EAHl allocation in an Exceptional Circumstance if they are a potential medal winning athlete in the next or future Olympic games.
- If an athlete receives a stipend, then they qualify for EAHl.
- Additionally, if an athlete does not qualify for a stipend through this policy, an athlete may be considered for an EAHl allocation if they,
  - Are a potential medal winning athlete in the next or future Olympic Games, and
  - Can demonstrate the need for an EAHl allocation.

EAHl allocations will be reviewed semi-annually for deadlines of July 1 and December 31.

Note: This policy is in effect until June 30, 2025.