

United States *Luge* Association

TEAM RELAY SELECTION PROCEDURE

[The feasibility of a Reaction Time Start Test is targeted to be explored, discussed, and if possible, developed for incorporation into this policy for implementation for the 2013-2014 season.]

[This policy only applies to events in the General / Senior class until so changed at a later date by the National Team Committee. While the FIL has expressed the desire of seeing the Team Relay be contested at the junior level, and some tracks might even offer a Team Relay at a junior level event they are hosting (with the blessing of the International Luge Federation), the current IRO only describes a team event for juniors as a non-relay type of event. As such, the coaches will continue to make their selections for junior team event participants on a discretionary basis until such time that the National Team Committee decides otherwise; or a specific governing body (such as the US Olympic Committee) requires us to design a formal Team Selection Process document (such as the Youth Olympic Games) where we are required to address the Team event as part of the selection process document.]

PURPOSE – To provide the method of selecting athletes to participate in World Cup or World Championship Team Relay events.

ELIGIBILITY – Those U.S. athletes, participating in the men's singles, women's singles, and doubles disciplines at the World Cup or World Championship where the Team Relay event will be held, are eligible to be selected to compete in that Team Relay event.

The primary intent of this Team Relay Selection Policy is to select athletes who post the fastest run in a World Cup or the World Championship men's race, women's race and double's race to race in that same event's Team Relay competition.

The athlete/team with the fastest run in their discipline in a World Cup race or the World Championship will be selected to the Team Relay team. (Due to the administrative requirements in the IRO, the names of the Team Relay participants will often have to be submitted to the race leadership before one of the discipline's race occurs. To satisfy submitting such name(s) before the deadline, the coaching staff will select the highest ranked athlete/team via the current overall World Cup standings to date in the particular discipline that was not contested before the deadline. Once that discipline's race is contested, if the athlete/team with the fastest run is different than the name already submitted, then the coaching staff will make the appropriate change by notifying the Race Director or the FIL Sport Coordinator of the change within ten minutes of the conclusion of the discipline's race in accordance with the IRO).

In the situation where no U.S. athlete(s)/team(s) qualify to race in their respective discipline's World Cup race during a given event, coaches' discretion will be utilized to select the athlete/team to race in that event's Team Relay competition.

In the unlikely event that a discipline's race is canceled in a World Cup or World Championship competition, but the Team Relay is still contested, then the Team Relay participants in that discipline will be selected by coaches' discretion.

NOTE: If an athlete/doubles team, through this policy, qualifies to race in a Team Relay event, and any one of them declines to compete or is injured; then the second fastest athlete/doubles team from that same respective discipline's World Cup or World Championship race, will become the replacement athlete / doubles team. If only one athlete or doubles team qualified to race in the same World Cup event, or only one athlete / doubles team completes one full race run, but replacement athlete(s) are needed, then coaches' discretion will be utilized to select the replacement athlete/team.