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To: National Bobsled & Skeleton Federations

Subject: Skeleton School

Ladies and Gentlemen,

For the upcoming competition season, our Federation, in collaboration with the Austrian Bobsled and Skeleton Federation (Österreichischer Bob- und Skeletonverband), will once again organize a skeleton school at the Igls/Innsbruck track.

The school will run from November 1st to 8th, 2009, and is reserved for the following two categories of athletes:

- **Adult athletes** between the ages of 16 and 26;
Athletes under the age of 18 require the permission of their parents or legal guardian in order to exercise the sport of skeleton. The parents or legal guardian must sign the letter of permission and the signature must be officially notarized.
- **Athletes born in 1995 and 1996** (13 and 14 years of age) who hope to participate in the Youth Olympic Games, which will be held at the Igls/Innsbruck track in 2012.
These athletes must have written authorization from their parents or legal guardians, certified by a notary public or other public official.

This year's skeleton school will focus particularly on those athletes who intend to participate in the Youth Olympic Games of 2012 at Igls/Innsbruck. The school is especially important since it will be conducted on the same track as the Olympic competitions.

The FIBT considers this initiative as a first step in supporting the National Federations that intend to prepare their athletes for the upcoming Youth Olympic Games.

Eligible participants:

- **Adult athletes:** male and female, between 16 and 26 years of age, from countries that do not have bobsled/skeleton facilities, and who have not participated in more than one skeleton school.
Athletes who have already participated in an FIBT skeleton school are admitted only if they have also participated in international FIBT skeleton competitions during the 2008/09 season.
The maximum number of athletes (male + female) admitted from a single country is 6.
- **Athletes born in 1995 and 1996:** male and female, from countries either with or without bobsled/skeleton facilities, up to a maximum of 6 participants per nation (male + female).
Athletes born in 1995 and 1996 may be accompanied by a national trainer (maximum 1 trainer per country).

N.B. The maximum number of athletes admitted to the school (including both adult and teen athletes) is 40 individual athletes. Because of this limited number, the date of requests for admission to the school will be taken into consideration.

Applications must be sent through the athlete's National Federation and endorsed by its President.

Requirements for admission to Skeleton school**For adult athletes (16-26 years old):**

1. Membership in a National Bobsled and Skeleton Federation;
2. Good athletic skills and condition;
3. Medical certificate attesting to the candidate's suitability – from a medical standpoint – to practice the sport of skeleton. The certificate must carry the full name and address of the doctor;
4. Adequate insurance coverage against accidents relative to the practice of skeleton that includes emergency room expenses, ambulance transport, hospital stays and third-party liability.
5. Skeleton Sled, helmet, competition goggles, gloves, start shoes and training kit. The equipment has to meet the FIBT rules.

For athletes born in 1995 and 1996 and under the age of 18

These athletes must meet all of the above requirements, in addition to written authorization from their parents or legal guardians, certified by a notary public or other public official.

School program

01st November 2009

Arrival of participants at the Landessportcenter Innsbruck, by 2:00 PM

School Program: follows

08th November 2009

After breakfast: departure

Lodging

Landessportcenter Innsbruck
Stadionstrasse, 10 a
6020 Innsbruck
Austria

Enrolment

by 14th October 2009: to be sent using the enclosed forms to:

Österreichischer Bob- und Skeletonverband (Austrian Bobsleigh & Skeleton Federation),
Stadionstrasse, 1,
6020 INNSBRUCK, Austria,
telephone +43 699 10696144 (Mr. Walter Reithmayer)
email: office@bobskeleton.at or
walter.reithmayer@chello.at

Costs

Only adult athletes between 16 and 26 years of age are required to pay a fee of 300 EUR per person.
The fee should be paid as follows:

Made out to:	F.I.B.T. – Fédération Internationale de Bobsleigh et de Tobogganing
Current account no.	236.346698.61Q
Bank:	U B S AG. P.zza Col. Bernasconi, 5 CH 6830 CHIASSO, Switzerland
IBAN:	CH86 0023 6236 3466 9861 Q
BIC:	UBSWCHZH80A

A copy of the payment must be shown to the Director of the school, on arrival at the Landessportcenter. Candidates who fail to pay the quota for participation will not be allowed to take part in the school unless they pay the amount owed in cash to the School Director when they arrive in Innsbruck. The payment transaction must indicate the names of the candidates for whom the quota for participation is being made

Participants born in 1995 and 1996 and the trainers who accompany them (one per country) are exempt from payment.

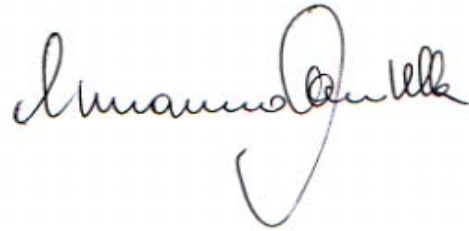
The FIBT will assume the following costs for all participants (adult athletes, teen athletes and the trainers of the latter):

- Food and lodging at the Landessportcenter

- Track rental, transport of skeleton sleds to and from the track, emergency medical services at the track facility
- Instructors.

Thank you for your kind attention, and best regards to all.

Ermanno Gardella,
General Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ermanno Gardella', written in a cursive style.