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To National Bob & Skeleton Federations

Ref: **FIBT Bob and Skeleton Schools**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Herewith we would like to confirm you that the following bob and skeleton schools will be held:

from 20 th to 25 th October 2008:	Park City, USA:	Bob and Skeleton Schools
from 02 nd to 09 th November 2008:	Igls, Austria:	Skeleton School
from 09 th to 16 th November 2008:	Igls, Austria:	Bob School
from 23 rd Feb, to 01 Mar. 2009:	Lake Placid:	Bob and Skeleton Schools

There are various reasons why FIBT organizes such schools; mainly, FIBT has the purpose of promoting the bob and skeleton sports on a wider basis and providing help and support to those nations that do not possess tracks and haven't had a great tradition in these sports. Therefore, these nations are given priority in the admissions process to these schools.

The final goal of the schools is to provide a "basic preparation for the bob and skeleton sports" to the athletes of the above mentioned nations, favouring their participation in the competitive activities.

In order to be admitted to the FIBT schools, the candidates must abide by the following conditions.

Athletes must:

- belong to an FIBT-affiliated National Federation which does not possess a track and hold valid FIBT Licenses issued by their National Federation;
- be between a minimum of 18 and a maximum of 28 years of age (for Skeleton min. 16. **In preparation for the next Youth Winter Olympic Games, planned for 2012, this year the Bobsleigh Schools will also admit, with a limited number, candidates that are younger than 18 years of age and not under 16 years old**). 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.
- be in possession of a medical certificate stating that they are fit to practise bobsleigh racing (or skeleton, according to the case);
 - be covered by insurance policy covering accidents due to bobsleigh or skeleton racing, third party responsibility, ambulance transport, medical treatment and hospitalisation.
 - be in possession of the following equipment: bobsled or skeleton (according to the case; exchanging bobsleigh and/or skeleton during the practice runs is only allowed in exceptional cases), integral helmet homologated according to ECE norms, competitions goggles, push-off shoes and gym kit (.FIBT does not make any sports materials and/or equipment available)

Skeleton School in Igls, Austria from 2th to 9th November 2008

Arrival of participants: by 14.00 hrs on Sunday 2th November 2008 at Landessportcenter Innsbruck, Stadionstrasse, 1, 6020 INNSBRUCK, Austria, Tel.: +43.512.33838461

Departure of participants: on: 9th November 2008, after breakfast.

Accommodation: Landessportcenter Innsbruck, Stadionstrasse, 1, 6020 INNSBRUCK, Austria, Tel.: +43.512.33838461.

Participants Admitted: Allowed to participate: both male and female athletes – up to a maximum of 4 athletes per nation – from nations which do not possess a bob track and who have not taken part in the past in more than one skeleton school.

Registrations: these must be sent by National Federations, using the special form enclosed, by 15th October 2008 to Österreichischer Bob- und Skeletonverband (Austrian Bobsleigh & Skeleton Federation), (Stadionstrasse, 1, 6020 INNSBRUCK, Austria, telephone +43.512.200-250 and fax +43.512.200-250-14 – e-mail: office@bobskeleton.at or walter.reithmayer@chello.at).

Fee for participation: Each participant in the school must effect an advance payment of EUR 300 to the FIBT.
The quota must be paid by the candidate or by the Federation to which he/she belongs, into the following bank account by 31st October 2008. 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 Director of the School when they arrive in Innsbruck.
The payment transaction must indicate the names of the candidates for whom the quota for participation is being made

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Bob School in Igls, Austria from 9th to 16th November 2008

Arrival of participants: by 17.00 hrs on Sunday 9th November 2008 at the Gasthof Trauber-Isserwirt Hotel in Lans.

Accommodation: Gasthof Trauber-Isserwirt, in Lans, close to the Igls track, Tel.: +43.512.377261, hotel@isserwirt.at

School programme: 09th Nov.: arrival of participants
 19:00 hrs. "opening"

10th Nov.: Installation, Preparation of Materials, Track Inspection

11th – 14th Nov.: Descents on the track in the morning and afternoon

15th Nov.: End of the School - Competition

16th Nov.: After breakfast, departure of participants

Registration: by 18th October 2008: to be sent using the enclosed form to:

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Participants admitted: Up to a maximum of 6 male/female athletes per nation from nations which do not possess a bob track and providing they have not participated in the past in more than one Bob School and that have participated, during the 2007/2008 season, in FIBT competitions.

The other candidates must be beginners instead.

Number of Participants admitted: In order to guarantee efficiency and quality for the school, a maximum number of 52 participants is set (which is 26 teams). Admission to the school will take place based on receipt of enrolments and taking into account, mainly, if these are athletes enrolling from nations which do not possess tracks and also based on the athletes' age.

Exceptions may be made both by the Sports Director of FIBT as well as the Director of the School.

Confirmation of acceptance of the application for enrolment in the school will be given by FIBT after the deadline set for registration (October 18, 2008).

Fee for participation: Each participant in the school must effect an advance payment of EUR 300 to the FIBT.
The quota must be paid by the candidate or by the Federation to which he/she belongs, into the following bank account by 6th November 2008. A copy of the payment must be shown to the Director of the school, Mr. Horst Hoernlein, on arrival at the Traube-Isserwirt hotel.
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 Mr. Horst Hoernlein when they arrive in Lans.
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The FIBT will incur the following expenses:

- cost of the track, transport of bobs/skeletons to the track, first aid service;
- cost of instructors
- accommodation costs

At the end of the bob School, participants will be able to take part in the first Europe Cup competition scheduled on the Igls track from 17th to 23rd November 2008.

Further information regarding Park City and Lake Placid Schools follows.

Please accept our best regards.

Ermanno Gardella
Secretary General

