



**USA LUGE MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the USLA, in the Spirit of the Olympic Movement, is to provide for the Achievement of Athletic Excellence in the Sport of Luge, with the Highest Degrees of Sportsmanship, Honor, Dedication and Victory as the Standard.



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**ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS (Paperwork)**



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## Administrative Requirements (Paperwork!)

All active sliders and members of any National Team or beginning athletes, must complete specific paperwork prior to participating in any luge programs or training conducted by USA Luge. Generally, this paperwork must be submitted to USA Luge on a yearly basis.

***On all the forms mentioned below, any athlete under the age of 18 must also include a parent or legal guardian's signature.***

Here is an overview of many of the required items:

### **USA Luge Membership:**

Any athlete participating in a USA Luge program must be a USA Luge member. Individuals can also be members of USA Luge who have no intention of actually sliding, these might include fans of the sport, officials, volunteers and coaches. The membership year runs from July 1 - June 30 and all memberships expire on June 30 of each year. There are also different "classes" of membership depending on the individual's interest (see a membership form for more details).

All members of USA Luge receive a membership card, pin, and sticker. Some additional benefits you receive as a member include: our newsletter, the "Member Bulletin", track use, access to sliding programs, use of USA Luge equipment (when available), access to USA Luge coaches, and secondary accident insurance while sliding.

Membership fees range from \$35 - \$45 per year depending on your "class" of membership. The different "classes" of membership are listed on the membership form.

### **Waiver and Release of Liability and Grant of Permission:**

This form is included as part of the membership form and acknowledges that the participant understands they are participating in an activity that could involve risk (including paralysis or even death) and that they assume all responsibility for such injuries (see the actual form for more details).

The Grant of Permission is simply a release for use of your name, photo etc. to be used for media purposes.

### **USA Luge Physical Exam Form:**

This form must be filled out and signed by a physician and it is good for the current season only. Keep in mind that the physician must sign the USA Luge Physical Form (NO other forms can be accepted). A current physical must be on file for an athlete to participate in any program.

### **Code of Conduct:**

This form is required for any person actively sliding and for any active official. It is to insure that the integrity of USA Luge is upheld and that each participant will act in a responsible manner as representatives of USA Luge. This form is also included in each athlete's Team Agreement.

### **Sliding Permit:**

Once all paperwork is completed and on file, each athlete will receive a "Sliding Permit" allowing them access onto both the Lake Placid and Park City luge tracks during scheduled programs. Sliding permits must be brought to every practice session/race and must be produced on request. Failure to produce a valid Sliding Permit could result in an athlete being unable to participate in training/racing. Sliding permits will be reissued and updated on a yearly basis.

### **Olympic Sports Complex Waiver (Lake Placid):**

This waiver must be signed and submitted to USA Luge in order to slide on the Lake Placid luge track. It is necessary to submit this form once a year at the beginning of the season. This is a form required by the owners of the track, which is the Olympic Regional Development Authority (the State of New York).

### **Utah Olympic Park Waiver (Park City):**

Similar to the waiver mentioned above for Lake Placid, this form is required of all athletes prior to sliding on the Park City luge track.

### **Lake Placid Olympic Training Center (USOTC) Forms:**

If an athlete is eligible to participate in a program that takes place at the US Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid, that athlete must complete and sign the following paperwork before checking in: Olympic Training Center (OTC) Waiver, OTC Participant Biography, OTC Medical History Questionnaire, and a Release of Information form. *USOC forms expire on December 31 of each year.*

### **US Olympic Education Center (USOEC) Forms:**

If an athlete is eligible to participate in a program that takes place at the US Olympic Education center in Marquette, Michigan, that athlete must complete and sign the following paperwork: Medical History Form, Waiver Form, Consent/Conduct Form, and a Release of Information form.

