

United States Luge Association

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

The Staff of the United States Luge Association (USLA), together with the input from and agreement of the USLA athlete reps on the USLA Board of Directors and USOC AAC, have prepared this Policy Statement with respect to athlete use of USLA Equipment and Tools. An overriding principle agreed upon is the need for open, professional, and honest communication between the athlete(s) and staff regarding technical adjustments in equipment. We ask that each USLA athlete read and agree to adhere to this Policy Statement and indicate his or her willingness to do so by signing and dating this Statement at the place indicated below. This policy will be effective from the date of signing, and it will replace and supersede any previously signed document of this nature. Please consult with the CEO and / or athlete reps if you have any questions / concerns.

EQUIPMENT and TOOLS OWNED BY USLA AND PROVIDED TO USLA ATHLETES FOR USE (See attached lists, hereinafter collectively defined as "Item(s)")

- All Items remain the property of the USLA, which retains all rights to all / each / any Item, including all drawings, designs and dimensions of such product, as well as ideas and/or concepts resulting from the Item USLA supplies, provided only that it does not infringe upon the individual manufacturer's rights to such Items, if any;
- All Items are to be used for training, race preparation and competition purposes only, except the Athlete may use permitted "Personal Performance Gear" as defined by the USOC without restriction from the USLA;
- Equipment / tools must be routinely maintained, and otherwise be kept in good condition by the Athlete;
- Items provided to Athletes must be returned before replacement Items are distributed, unless USLA, in its discretion, allows the Athlete to keep any Item;
- Items may not be loaned, sold, or given away without the permission of the USLA;
- Athletes, upon request, must return any Item provided by USLA within thirty (30) days. The failure to do so may result in the Athlete being required to pay USLA for the value of the Item (as determined by USLA) and also charged with a conduct violation.

Many Items of Equipment and Tools provided / loaned to Athletes by USLA are the result of research and development that is proprietary to USLA and / or the manufacturer, and which may give a competitive advantage to USLA and its athletes, as well as be of value to competitors of the USLA, if disclosed to them. Accordingly,

- At no time will I allow any Item of Equipment / Tool to be examined, photographed, or measured by anyone other than an individual employed by USLA, or under their direct supervision, except for event race officials and media during the course of official training or racing; or if a situation seems out of the athlete's control;
- At no time will I discuss / disclose (in writing, in person, via email, social networking, etc.) the technical ideas, concepts, or merits of Items of Equipment / Tools provided by USLA, other than with other USLA athletes and USLA staff, either while I am an athlete affiliated with USLA or thereafter;
- Equipment / Tools provided to me by USLA will only be serviced by myself or by USLA coaches and/ or staff, or by USLA's express designee;

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- I will work with my teammates to endeavor to keep all Items of Equipment / Tools from being examined / inspected by non-USLA coaches and non-USLA competitors;
- I will keep any sled provided / loaned to me by USLA in a secure manner in the team work room during team travel, unless granted permission by the USLA coaching staff to secure items in another location and locked at the USLA headquarters when not traveling;
- I will keep the sled covered at the track (with a sled bag, etc.) when it is not being used;
- In consideration of the benefits I receive as an athlete on the USLA National Team and / or an athlete who is provided with Equipment / Tools on loan from USLA, I hereby agree that any modifications / improvements to existing Equipment / Tools that I may make / recommend belong exclusively to, and are the property of, USLA.

By signing my name below, I hereby understand, acknowledge and agree to adhere to this policy and I SHALL NEVER DISCLOSE, USE, MISAPPROPRIATE, SELL OR IN ANY WAY COMPROMISE USLA LUGE TECHNOLOGY BY PROVIDING INFORMATION, DATA, ACCESS TO OR PHOTOGRAPHS OF USA LUGE TECHNOLOGY TO ANY PERSON, ENTITY OR ORGANIZATION OTHER THAN USLA COACHES, USLA ATHLETES OR USLA STAFF WITHOUT THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE CEO OF USLA.

Dated: _____

Athlete Signature

Printed name of athlete

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian
If athlete If under 18 years of age

Printed name of Parent/ Guardian

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Equipment and Tools Supplied by USLA

All parts of the Sled including, but not limited to:

Kufens

Steels

Bridges

Pod/Shell

Suspension Pieces

Bolts

Runner Guards

Foam

Handles

Helmet

Face Shield

Spikes

Gloves

Weights for weight vest or sled

Any other equipment supplied by the USLA

Equipment/Tools Supplied by /Available from USLA

Bow Gauges (Old and New)

Parallel Gauges

Steel Benders

Power Tools

Sanding Jigs

Sandpaper/diamond paste

And any other equipment or tools secured by the USLA