

# UNITED STATES LUGE ASSOCIATION

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## ATHLETE RESIGNATION

This policy will outline the procedures for both staff and athletes in the event that an athlete removes themselves from a National Team (henceforth referred to as "resignation").

At the time that an athlete decides to resign from a National Team, they may be asked to return immediately all team issued equipment, including, but not limited to:

Sled  
Steels  
Training Suits  
Racing Suits  
Helmet/Visor(s)  
Tungsten  
Booties  
Gloves

Team jacket and pants (these items do not have to be returned if the clothing is in its second season of use)

At the time they resign, they will immediately lose all Team privileges including financial coverage of their room and board, transportation, etc. from that date forward. USLA is not required to provide any further services to that athlete (i.e. ticket changes, airport transport, etc.) or incur any further costs on behalf of that athlete.

If, in removing themselves, they affect the removal of another athlete as in the case of a doubles team athlete, it will be considered that the Team has been removed and all of the above (except expense reimbursements) is applicable to both Team members.

Should the resignation occur during a trip, expenses incurred by U.S. Luge from the commencement of the trip must be reimbursed by that athlete. These expenses are limited to costs that were incurred on behalf of that particular athlete and will include:

Room and Board  
Track Fees  
Airfare

In regards to USOC Basic and Basic-Plus grants that have already been received by that athlete, they are required to return exactly  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the amount received if the athlete does not start the fall trip. In regards to Level II monies, the athlete will not

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be endorsed for Special Assistance grants or Tuition grants, and any grants pending will have their endorsements revoked. However, any eligible athlete will be endorsed for the "Retired Athletes" tuition grant program (applicable only to past Olympic Games participants for a five year period after retirement).

The resigning athlete will still be entitled to any race incentive monies earned to date.

Appeals or any issues not covered in this policy will be decided upon by a simple majority vote of the National Team Committee.