

UNITED STATES LUGE ASSOCIATION

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JUNIOR NATURAL TRACK NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

The Junior National Team will be comprised of the first two men and the first two women from the final natural track seeding standings who are "eligible", provided there is a minimum of eight (8) junior men's singles competitors, or in the case of women, a minimum of six (6) junior women's singles competitors starting in each and every race, in each respective discipline.

Should there be less than these numbers racing in each respective discipline in at least one race, only the highest ranked junior men's singles competitor who is "eligible", and in the case of women, the highest ranked junior women's singles competitor who is "eligible", will automatically qualify for the Junior National Team. All remaining spots may be filled, up to a maximum of fourteen (14) athletes, according to the discretion of the Team Selection Committee, who will be comprised of three individuals from the Natural Track community (to include the Natural Track Team Head Coach), approved by the Executive Director and the National Team Committee Chairman.

All team members will be considered as equals. The discretionary picks will be made on or before April 1st following the end of the season. All athletes must be "eligible" according to all USOC and FIL regulations which pertain to international amateur luge competition and according to any other restrictions set forth by the USLA and spelled out in National Team Committee policies. One such restriction is that in order for any athlete to qualify for the Junior National Team, the athlete must be able to compete as a junior age competitor per FIL requirements, for the full duration of the sport season that applies to the Junior Team selection being considered. This "eligibility" rule does not preclude any junior age competitor from being selected on a discretionary basis.

A Junior man may compete both as a singles and doubles competitor provided he qualifies for both. A doubles team ranks only as qualified and must continue to train and compete as a team.