

## **LUGE**

**International Federation:** Fédération Internationale de Luge de Course (FIL)

**Countries Affiliated:** 53 (November 2013)

**Year of Formation:** 1957

**First Year of Olympic Appearance:** 1964

**Olympic History:** Sledding on snow down hills has been done since the 16<sup>th</sup> century. But sledding sport can be traced to the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century when British tourists starting sledding on the snowbound roads of the Alps. The original form of the sport was the skeleton sleds that were used on the Cresta Run at St. Moritz. Skeleton was contested at the Olympics in 1928 and 1948, both times when the Winter Games were contested at St. Moritz, and was added to the Olympic Winter program for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games, but the sport is governed now by the bobsled federation, the Fédération Internationale de Bobsleigh et Tobogganing (FIBT).

Luge spread to Switzerland in the 1890s as a variant of the skeleton race. The first recorded competitions took place in 1890 at the Innsbruck-based Academic Alpine Club. The Internationaler Schlittensportverband (International Sled Sport Federation) was formed in 1913 and the first European Championships were held in 1914 at Reichenfeld, Austria.

At the IOC meeting in Athens in 1954, luge tobogganing was recognized as an official Olympic sport but luge events were not contested in the Olympics until 1964. The first world luge championships were contested in Oslo in 1955. It was planned to introduce the sport at the 1960 Olympic Winter Games but the Squaw Valley organizers had decided not to build a bob run and not to hold bobsled events, and they likewise opposed building a luge run for the participation of only a few countries. Thus the Olympic début was delayed until 1964. Since that time luge has been contested at all Olympic Winter Games, with a singles and doubles event for men, and a singles event for women. Technically, it could be considered that there is a men's event, a women's event, and a mixed event, since the doubles are open to mixed pairs. However, no mixed pair has ever competed internationally at the Olympics or World Championships. In 2014 at Sochi, a team relay event consisting of two men and two women will be contested. This has been a World Championship event since 1989 when it was originally contested with three men and three women, but that was changed to teams of four in 1999.

In 1935, the International Schlittensportverband, later renamed the Internationaler Rodelverband (International Luge Federation), joined the bobsleigh federation, the FIBT, as the "Section de Luge." Prior to 1957, luge was governed by the FIBT. In that year, the Fédération Internationale de Luge de Course (FIL) separated from the FIBT and was formed with 13 founding nations. The FIL currently has 53 affiliated member nations, all of which are recognized by the IOC. This makes it the second smallest International Federation, after curling, in terms of affiliated national federations.

The 53 member federations of the FIL are as follows: Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bermuda, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Chinese Taipei, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Netherlands Antilles, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Puerto Rico, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tonga, Turkey, Ukraine, United States, US Virgin Islands, and Venezuela.

### **Luge Olympic Program**

Event	Class	1964	1968	1972	1976	1980	1984	1988	1992	1994	1998	2002	2006	2010	2014	Totals
Men's Singles	M	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	14
Ladies' Singles	F	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	14
Doubles	X/M	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	14
Team Relay	X														x	1
Totals	M	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	28
Totals	F	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14
Totals	All	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

Note: Doubles is technically a mixed event, but no woman has ever competed in it at the Olympic Winter Games.

## Luge Competitors by Nation

NOC	Overall	1G	2G	3G	4G	5G	6G	Men	1G	2G	3G	4G	5G	6G	Wom	1G	2G	3G	4G	5G	6G	
Argentina	4	3	0	0	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Australia	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Austria	50	16	19	9	3	2	1	33	10	12	7	1	2	1	17	6	7	2	2	0	0	0
Bermuda	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bosnia & Herzegovina	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bosnia-Herzegovina / Yugoslavia	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brazil	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bulgaria	8	5	3	0	0	0	0	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Canada	44	24	14	6	0	0	0	31	16	11	4	0	0	0	13	8	3	2	0	0	0	0
Canada / United States	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chinese Taipei	10	7	3	0	0	0	0	7	5	2	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Czech Republic	8	6	2	0	0	0	0	7	6	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Czechoslovakia	16	7	9	0	0	0	0	12	5	7	0	0	0	0	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Czechoslovakia / Slovakia	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Estonia	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fed. Rep. of Germany / Germany	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Republic of Germany	30	18	9	3	0	0	0	20	10	8	2	0	0	0	10	8	1	1	0	0	0	0
France	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
German Demo. Rep. / Germany	6	0	2	1	3	0	0	5	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
German Democratic Republic	31	15	15	1	0	0	0	20	9	11	0	0	0	0	11	6	4	1	0	0	0	0
Germany	29	15	7	7	0	0	0	18	10	4	4	0	0	0	11	5	3	3	0	0	0	0
Great Britain	28	22	4	2	0	0	0	24	18	4	2	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greece	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
India	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Italy	48	20	11	5	6	5	1	32	12	6	5	3	5	1	16	8	5	0	3	0	0	0
Italy / Russia	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Japan	31	19	8	4	0	0	0	18	9	5	4	0	0	0	13	10	3	0	0	0	0	0
Korea (South)	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Latvia	25	12	7	2	3	0	1	18	9	6	1	2	0	0	7	3	1	1	1	0	1	1
Liechtenstein	11	8	2	1	0	0	0	11	8	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moldova	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moldova / Romania	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Netherlands Antilles	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Norway	17	11	6	0	0	0	0	15	9	6	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Philippines, The	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poland	33	23	9	1	0	0	0	23	17	5	1	0	0	0	10	6	4	0	0	0	0	0
Puerto Rico	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Romania	22	16	5	0	1	0	0	13	8	4	0	1	0	0	9	8	1	0	0	0	0	0
Russia	23	16	5	1	1	0	0	16	12	2	1	1	0	0	7	4	3	0	0	0	0	0
Russia / USSR / Unified Team	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Russia / Unified Team	5	0	3	1	0	0	1	4	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Slovakia	9	3	5	1	0	0	0	7	3	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Slovenia	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Soviet Union	27	19	7	1	0	0	0	18	12	6	0	0	0	0	9	7	1	1	0	0	0	0
Soviet Union / Unified Team	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Spain	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sweden	19	13	4	1	1	0	0	14	9	3	1	1	0	0	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sweden / United States	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Switzerland	14	11	1	2	0	0	0	10	8	0	2	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ukraine	12	5	6	0	1	0	0	10	4	6	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Ukraine / Unified Team	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Unified Team	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
United States	76	47	17	8	3	1	0	52	31	12	6	2	1	0	24	16	5	2	1	0	0	0
U.S. Virgin Islands	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Venezuela	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Yugoslavia	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	

Overall: 58 Geopolitical entities (GPEs), 46 NOCs; Men: 53 GPEs, 45 NOCs; Women: 39 GPEs, 34 NOCs.

### Most Medals, Men

- 5 Georg Hackl (FRG/GER)
- 5 Armin Zöggeler (ITA)
- 4 Klaus-Michael Bonsack (GDR)
- 4 Jan Behrendt (GDR/GER)
- 4 Stefan Krauß (GDR/GER)
- 3 Paul Hildgartner (ITA)
- 3 Thomas Köhler (GDR/GER)
- 3 Hanns Rinn (GDR)
- 3 Markus Prock (AUT)

### Most Gold Medals, Men

- 3 Georg Hackl (GER)
- 2 Armin Zöggeler (ITA)

- 2 Jan Behrendt (GDR/GER)
- 2 Stefan Krauß (GDR/GER)
- 2 Paul Hildgartner (ITA)
- 2 Thomas Köhler (GDR/GER)
- 2 Hanns Rinn (GDR)
- 2 Norbert Hahn (GDR)
- 2 Andreas Linger (AUT)
- 2 Wolfgang Linger (AUT)

**Most Silver Medals, Men**

- 2 Georg Hackl (GER)
- 2 Markus Prock (AUT)
- 1 Many athletes tied with one.

**Most Bronze Medals, Men**

- 2 Klaus-Michael Bonsack (GDR)
- 2 Wolfram Fiedler (GDR)
- 2 Armin Zöggeler (ITA)
- 1 Many athletes tied with one.

**Most Years Winning Medals, Men**

- 5 Georg Hackl (FRG/GER)
- 5 Armin Zöggeler (ITA)
- 4 Jan Behrendt (GDR/GER)
- 4 Stefan Krauß (GDR/GER)
- 3 Four athletes tied with three.

**Most Years Winning Gold Medals, Men**

- 3 Georg Hackl (GER)
- 2 Nine athletes tied with two.

**Most Years Between Medals, Men**

- 16 Armin Zöggeler (ITA)
- 14 Georg Hackl (FRG/GER)
- 12 Paul Hildgartner (ITA)
- 10 Jan Behrendt (GDR/GER)
- 10 Stefan Krauß (GDR/GER)
- 10 Markus Prock (AUT)
- 10 Jens Müller (GDR/GER)

**Most Years Between Gold Medals, Men**

- 12 Paul Hildgartner (ITA)
- 6 Georg Hackl (GER)
- 6 Jan Behrendt (GDR/GER)
- 6 Stefan Krausse (GDR/GER)
- 4 Six athletes tied with four.

**Most Medals, Women**

- 3 Silke Kraushaar (GER)
- 2 Susi Erdmann (GER)
- 2 Tatjana Hüfner (GER)
- 2 Angelika Neuner (AUT)
- 2 Barbara Niedernhuber (GER)
- 2 Ute Oberhoffner-Weiß (GDR)
- 2 Sylke Otto (GER)
- 2 Ute Rührold (GDR)

- 2 Margit Schumann (GDR)
- 2 Steffi Walter-Martin (GDR)

#### **Most Gold Medals, Women**

- 2 Sylke Otto (GER)
- 2 Steffi Walter-Martin (GDR)
- 1 Nine athletes tied with one.

#### **Most Silver Medals, Women**

- 2 Ute Rührold (GDR)
- 2 Barbara Niedernhuber (GER)
- 1 Nine athletes tied with one.

#### **Most Bronze Medals, Women**

- 1 13 athletes tied with one.

#### **Most Appearances, Men**

- 6 Albert Demchenko (EUN/RUS, 1992-2010)
- 6 Georg Hackl (FRG/GER, 1988-2006)
- 6 Wilfried Huber (ITA, 1988-2006)
- 6 Markus Prock (AUT, 1984-2002)
- 5 Sergey Danilin (EUN/RUS/URS, 1980-1994)
- 5 Mark Grimmette (USA, 1994-2010)
- 5 Oswald Haselrieder (ITA, 1992-2010)
- 5 Paul Hildgartner (ITA, 1972-1988)
- 5 Gerhard Plankensteiner (ITA, 1992-2010)
- 5 Hansjörg Raffl (ITA, 1980-1994)
- 5 Markus Schiegl (AUT, 1994-2010)
- 5 Tobias Schiegl (AUT, 1994-2010)
- 5 Armin Zöggeler (ITA, 1994-2010)

#### **Most Appearances, Women**

- 6 Anna Orlova (LAT, 1992-2010)
- 5 Mária Jašenčáková (SVK/TCH, 1980-1998)
- 5 Julianne "Anne" Abernathy (ISV, 1988-2002)
- 5 Nataliya Yakushenko (EUN/UKR, 1992-2010)
- 4 Maria Luise Rainer (ITA, 1976-1988)
- 4 Andrea Tagwerker (AUT, 1988-1998)
- 4 Cammy Myler (USA, 1988-1998)
- 4 Angelika Neuner (AUT, 1992-2002)
- 4 Natalie Obkircher (ITA, 1992-2002)
- 4 Iluta Gaile (LAT, 1992-2002)
- 4 Liliya Ludan (UKR, 1998-2010)

#### **Longest Span of Appearances, Men**

- 22 Rubén González (ARG-LUG; 1988-2010)
- 18 Markus Prock (AUT-LUG; 1984-2002)
- 18 Georg Hackl (FRG/GER-LUG; 1988-2006)
- 18 Wilfried Huber (ITA-LUG; 1988-2006)
- 18 Albert Demchenko (EUN/RUS-LUG; 1992-2010)
- 18 Oswald Haselrieder (ITA-LUG; 1992-2010)
- 18 Gerhard Plankensteiner (ITA-LUG; 1992-2010)
- 16 Paul Hildgartner (ITA-LUG; 1972-1988)
- 16 Mark Grimmette (USA-LUG; 1994-2010)
- 16 Markus Schiegl (AUT-LUG; 1994-2010)
- 16 Tobias Schiegl (AUT-LUG; 1994-2010)

- 16 Armin Zöggeler (ITA-LUG; 1994-2010)
- 16 Bengt Walden (SWE/USA-LUG; 1994-2010)

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- 18 Anna Orlova (LAT-LUG; 1992-2010)
- 18 Nataliya Yakushenko (EUN/UKR-LUG; 1992-2010)
- 14 Anne Abernathy (ISV-LUG; 1988-2002)
- 14 Sylke Otto (GER-LUG; 1992-2006)
- 12 Maria Luise Rainer (ITA-LUG; 1976-1988)
- 12 Liliya Ludan (UKR-LUG; 1998-2010)
- 10 Gerda Weissensteiner (ITA-LUG; 1988-1998)
- 10 Cammy Myler (USA-LUG; 1988-1998)
- 10 Andrea Tagwerker (AUT-LUG; 1988-1998)
- 10 Iluta Gaile (LAT-LUG; 1992-2002)
- 10 Angelika Neuner (AUT-LUG; 1992-2002)
- 10 Natalie Obkircher (ITA-LUG; 1992-2002)

#### **Youngest Competitor, Women**

- 15-320 Sarah Felder (ITA-1972, \*20 March 1956)
- 16-039 Yumiko Kato (JPN-1984, \*1 January 1968)
- 16-086 Kathleen Ann Roberts-Homstad (USA-1968, \*17 November 1951)
- 16-170 Annefried Göllner (AUT-1980, \*27 August 1963)
- 16-193 Berit Salomonsson (SWE-1968, \*2 August 1951)
- 16-247 Erika Außendorfer-Lechner (ITA-1964, \*28 May 1947)
- 16-253 Sarah Podorieszsch (ITA-2006, \*5 June 1989)
- 16-287 Maria Luise Rainer (ITA-1976, \*23 April 1959)
- 16-316 Mina Tanaka (JPN-1988, \*6 April 1971)
- 17-008 Veronika Oberhuber (ITA-1984, \*1 February 1967)

#### **Youngest Medalist, Women**

- 17-060 Ute Rührold (GDR-1972, \*9 December 1954)
- 19-145 Margit Schumann (GDR-1972, \*14 September 1952)
- 19-239 Ingrida Amantova (URS-1980, \*21 June 1960)
- 20-065 Ortrun Enderlein (GER-1964, \*1 December 1943)
- 20-261 Erika Außendorfer-Lechner (ITA-1968, \*28 May 1947)
- 20-278 Doris Neuner (AUT-1992, \*10 May 1971)
- 21-053 Angelika Dünhaupt (FRG-1968, \*22 December 1946)
- 21-060 Ute Rührold (GDR-1976, \*9 December 1954)
- 21-148 Steffi Walter-Martin (GDR-1984, \*17 September 1962)
- 21-180 Melitta Sollmann (GDR-1980, \*20 August 1958)

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- 20-065 Ortrun Enderlein (GER-1964, \*1 December 1943)
- 20-261 Erika Außendorfer-Lechner (ITA-1968, \*28 May 1947)
- 20-278 Doris Neuner (AUT-1992, \*10 May 1971)
- 21-148 Steffi Walter-Martin (GDR-1984, \*17 September 1962)
- 22-349 Anna-Maria Müller (GDR-1972, \*23 February 1949)

#### **Oldest Competitor, Women**

- 48-306 Anne Abernathy (ISV-2002, \*12 April 1953)
- 44-304 Anne Abernathy (ISV-1998, \*12 April 1953)
- 43-257 Minna Blüml (GER-1964, \*17 May 1920)
- 40-363 Iginia Boccacalandro (VEN-2002, \*14 February 1961)
- 40-309 Anne Abernathy (ISV-1994, \*12 April 1953)
- 40-258 Liliya Ludan (UKR-2010, \*2 June 1969)

40-112 Mária Jasenčáková (SVK-1998, \*21 October 1957)  
38-305 Anne Abernathy (ISV-1992, \*12 April 1953)  
37-350 Nataliya Yakushenko (UKR-2010, \*2 March 1972)  
37-176 Anna Orlova (LAT-2010, \*23 August 1972)

#### **Oldest Medalist, Women**

36-222 Sylke Otto (GER-2006, \*7 July 1969)  
35-127 Silke Kraushaar (GER-2006, \*10 October 1970)  
32-221 Sylke Otto (GER-2002, \*7 July 1969)  
31-126 Silke Kraushaar (GER-2002, \*10 October 1970)  
28-050 Angelika Neuner (AUT-1998, \*23 December 1969)  
27-252 Barbara Niedernhuber (GER-2002, \*6 June 1974)  
27-124 Silke Kraushaar (GER-1998, \*10 October 1970)  
26-294 Tatjana Hüfner (GER-2010, \*30 April 1983)  
26-156 Ute Oberhoffner-Weiß (GDR-1988, \*15 September 1961)  
26-019 Susi Erdmann (GER-1994, \*29 January 1968)

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36-222 Sylke Otto (GER-2006, \*7 July 1969)  
32-221 Sylke Otto (GER-2002, \*7 July 1969)  
27-124 Silke Kraushaar (GER-1998, \*10 October 1970)  
26-294 Tatjana Hüfner (GER-2010, \*30 April 1983)  
25-154 Steffi Walter-Martin (GDR-1988, \*17 September 1962)

#### **Youngest Competitor, Men**

16-167 Shiva Keshavan (IND-1998, \*25 August 1981)  
16-174 Lee Hak-Jin (KOR-2002, \*20 August 1985)  
16-232 Werner Sele (LIE-1968, \*24 June 1951)  
16-360 Lee Chang-Yong (KOR-2002, \*15 February 1985)  
17-026 Chris Hoeger (VEN-2002, \*15 January 1985)  
17-096 Wilfried Huber (ITA-1988, \*15 November 1970)  
17-188 Rainer Gassner (LIE-1976, \*31 July 1958)  
17-211 Wolfgang Schädler (LIE-1976, \*8 July 1958)  
17-254 Takashi Takagi (JPN-1980, \*4 June 1962)  
17-277 František Halíř (TCH-1968, \*10 May 1950)

#### **Youngest Medalist, Men**

17-310 Manfred Stengl (AUT-1964, \*1 April 1946)  
19-246 Paul Hildgartner (ITA-1972, \*8 June 1952)  
20-041 Armin Zöggeler (ITA-1994, \*4 January 1974)  
20-076 Jochen Pietzsch (GDR-1984, \*1 December 1963)  
20-082 Jan Behrendt (GDR-1988, \*29 November 1967)  
20-109 Walter Plaikner (ITA-1972, \*24 October 1951)  
20-131 Wolfram Fiedler (GDR-1972, \*29 September 1951)  
20-155 Stefan Krauß (GDR-1988, \*17 September 1967)  
20-176 Valery Dudin (URS-1984, \*20 August 1963)  
20-205 Felix Loch (GER-2010, \*24 July 1989)

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19-246 Paul Hildgartner (ITA-1972, \*8 June 1952)  
20-109 Walter Plaikner (ITA-1972, \*24 October 1951)  
20-205 Felix Loch (GER-2010, \*24 July 1989)  
21-164 Dettlef Günther (GDR-1976, \*27 August 1954)  
22-035 Norbert Hahn (GDR-1976, \*6 January 1954)  
22-102 Bernhard Glass (GDR-1980, \*6 November 1957)

22-224 Jens Müller (GDR-1988, \*6 July 1965)  
 22-317 Alexander Resch (GER-2002, \*5 April 1979)  
 22-328 Hans Rinn (GDR-1976, \*19 March 1953)

#### **Oldest Competitor, Men**

53-217 Matías Stinnes (ARG-1964, \*27 June 1910)  
 52-058 Werner Hoeger (VEN-2006, \*15 December 1953)  
 48-057 Werner Hoeger (VEN-2002, \*15 December 1953)  
 47-202 Rubén González (ARG-2010, \*26 July 1962)  
 43-058 Rolands Upatnieks (URS-1976, \*13 December 1932)  
 40-061 George Tucker (PUR-1988, \*15 December 1947)  
 39-199 Rubén González (ARG-2002, \*26 July 1962)  
 39-155 Georg Hackl (GER-2006, \*9 September 1966)  
 39-025 Mark Grimmette (USA-2010, \*23 January 1971)  
 38-316 Gerhard Plankensteiner (ITA-2010, \*8 April 1971)

#### **Oldest Medalist, Men**

38-186 Fritz Nachmann (FRG-1968, \*16 August 1929)  
 37-234 Markus Prock (AUT-2002, \*22 June 1964)  
 36-041 Armin Zöggeler (ITA-2010, \*4 January 1974)  
 36-020 Hansjörg Raffl (ITA-1994, \*29 January 1958)  
 35-155 Georg Hackl (GER-2002, \*9 September 1966)  
 34-314 Gerhard Plankensteiner (ITA-2006, \*8 April 1971)  
 34-178 Oswald Haselrieder (ITA-2006, \*22 August 1971)  
 34-078 Albert Demchenko (RUS-2006, \*27 November 1971)  
 34-016 Hansjörg Raffl (ITA-1992, \*29 January 1958)  
 32-359 Patric Leitner (GER-2010, \*23 February 1977)

#### **Oldest Gold Medalist, Men**

32-039 Armin Zöggeler (ITA-2006, \*4 January 1974)  
 31-248 Paul Hildgartner (ITA-1984, \*8 June 1952)  
 31-153 Georg Hackl (GER-1998, \*9 September 1966)  
 30-150 Stefan Krauß (GER-1998, \*17 September 1967)  
 30-077 Jan Behrendt (GER-1998, \*29 November 1967)  
 28-335 Wolfgang Scheidel (GDR-1972, \*9 March 1943)  
 28-262 Andreas Linger (AUT-2010, \*31 May 1981)  
 28-038 Armin Zöggeler (ITA-2002, \*4 January 1974)  
 27-237 Thomas Köhler (GDR-1968, \*25 June 1940)  
 27-158 Georg Hackl (GER-1994, \*9 September 1966)

#### **Olympic Luge Track Specifications**

##### Men's Singles

Year	Curves	Length	Start Altitude	Vertical Drop	Gradient
1964	18	1,058 m	1,133 m	113 m	10.7%
1968	14	1,000 m	1,110 m	110 m	11.0%
1972	14	1,023 m	443 m	101 m	9.9%
1976	14	1,220 m	---	103 m	8.4%
1980	14	1,014 m	731 m	96 m	9.5%
1984	13	1,210 m	1,112 m	129 m	10.7%
1988	13	1,251 m	1,309 m	109 m	8.7%
1992	15	1,250 m	1,671 m	111 m	8.9%
1994	16	1,365 m	350 m	110 m	8.1%
1998	14	1,326 m	1,029 m	114 m	8.6%
2002	17	1,317 m	---	106 m	8.0%
2006	19	1,435 m	---	114 m	7.9%
2010	15	1,198 m	909 m	132 m	11.0%

2014	17	1,475 m	844 m	132 m	9.3%
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Doubles

Year	Curves	Length	Start Altitude	Vertical Drop	Gradient
1964	18	910 m	1,110 m	89 m	9.8%
1968	---	---	---	---	---
1972	11	763 m	420 m	78 m	10.2%
1976	10	870 m	---	72 m	8.3%
1980	11	749 m	695 m	59 m	7.9%
1984	11	993 m	1,082 m	100 m	10.1%
1988	10	1,080 m	1,281 m	81 m	7.5%
1992	14	1,143 m	1,652 m	92 m	8.0%
1994	13	1,185 m	325 m	85 m	7.2%
1998	13	1,194 m	1,011 m	96 m	8.0%
2002	12	1,140 m	---	77 m	6.8%
2006	17	1,233 m	---	98 m	7.9%
2010	14	953 m	883 m	96 m	10.1%
2014	16	1,384 m	836 m	125 m	9.3%

Women's Singles

Year	Curves	Length	Start Altitude	Vertical Drop	Gradient
1964	18	910 m	1,110 m	89 m	9.8%
1968	---	---	---	---	---
1972	11	763 m	420 m	78 m	10.2%
1976	10	870 m	---	72 m	8.3%
1980	11	749 m	695 m	59 m	7.9%
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**Medals Won by Countries**

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	Germany	13	10	8	31
2	2	German Demo. Rep.	13	8	8	29
3	4	Austria	5	6	7	18
4	3	Italy	7	4	5	16
5	5	Fed. Rep. Germany	1	4	5	10
6	6	Soviet Union	1	2	3	6
7	7	United States	-	2	2	4
8	8	Latvia	-	1	1	2
9	9	Russia	-	1	-	1
Totals (39 events)			40	38	39	117

**Medals Won by Countries, Men**

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	German Demo. Rep.	9	3	5	17
2	2	Germany	8	5	4	17
3	3	Italy	5	4	5	14
4	4	Austria	4	4	4	12
5	5	Fed. Rep. Germany	1	3	3	7



=6	=6	Soviet Union	-	2	2	4
=6	=6	United States	-	2	2	4
8	8	Latvia	-	1	1	2
9	9	Russia	-	1	-	1
Totals (26 events)			27	25	26	78

\*Two firsts/no second in 1972 men's doubles.

#### Medals Won by Countries, Women

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	Germany	5	5	4	14
2	2	German Demo. Rep.	4	5	3	12
3	4	Austria	1	2	3	6
4	6	Fed. Rep. Germany	-	1	2	3
5	3	Italy	2	-	-	2
6	5	Soviet Union	1	-	1	2
Totals (13 events)			13	13	13	39

#### Best Performance by Country at Each Olympics (Luge Only)

	Men	Women	Overall
1964	- Germany	Germany	Germany
1968	- GDR	Italy	GDR
1972	- GDR	GDR	GDR
1976	- GDR	GDR	GDR
1980	- GDR	USSR	GDR
1984	- USSR	GDR	GDR
1988	- GDR	GDR	GDR
1992	- Germany	Austria	Germany
1994	- Italy	Italy	Italy
1998	- Germany	Germany	Germany
2002	- Germany	Germany	Germany
2006	- Italy	Germany	Germany
2010	- Germany	Germany	Germany
2014	- ...	...	...

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#### Medals Won by Countries

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	Germany	5	3	2	10
2	2	German Demo. Rep.	4	2	3	9
3	3	Italy	3	2	2	7
4	4	Austria	1	2	2	5
5	5	Fed. Rep. Germany	-	2	1	3
6	6	Soviet Union	-	1	2	3
7	7	Russia	-	1	-	1
8	8	Latvia	-	-	1	1
Totals (13 events)			13	13	13	39

#### Most Victories

3 Georg Hackl (FRG)

**Most Medals**

5 Georg Hackl (FRG/320)  
 5 Armin Zöggeler (ITA/212)

**Youngest Competitor**

16-167 Shiva Keshavan (IND-1998, \*25 August 1981)

**Youngest Medalist**

20-041 Armin Zöggeler (ITA-1994, \*4 January 1974)

**Youngest Gold Medalist**

20-205 Felix Loch (GER-2010, \*24 July 1989)

**Oldest Competitor**

53-217 Matías Stinnes (ARG-1964, \*27 June 1910)

**Oldest Medalist**

37-234 Markus Prock (AUT-2002, \*22 June 1964)

**Oldest Gold Medalist**

32-039 Armin Zöggeler (ITA-2006, \*4 January 1974)

**Closest Finish in Event**

0.013 Georg Hackl (GER-1994)

**Biggest Margin of Victory in Event**

0.81 Wolfgang Scheidel (GDR-1972)

**Doubles****Medals Won by Countries**

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	German Demo. Rep.	5	1	2	8
=2	=2	Austria	3	2	2	7
=2	=2	Germany	3	2	2	7
4	4	Italy	2	2	3	7
5	5	Fed. Rep. Germany	1	1	2	4
6	6	United States	-	2	2	4
=7	=7	Latvia	-	1	-	1
=7	=7	Soviet Union	-	1	-	1
Totals (13 events)			14	12	13	39

\* Two firsts/no second in 1972.

**Most Victories**

2 Hans Rinn (GDR)  
 2 Jan Behrendt (GDR)  
 2 Norbert Hahn (GDR)  
 2 Stefan Krauß (GDR)  
 2 Andreas Linger (AUT)  
 2 Wolfgang Linger (AUT)

**Most Medals**

4 Jan Behrendt (GDR/211)  
 4 Stefan Krauß (GDR/211)

**Youngest Competitor**

17-096 Wilfried Huber (ITA-1988, \*15 November 1970)

**Youngest Medalist**

17-310 Manfred Stengl (AUT-1964, \*1 April 1946)

**Youngest Gold Medalist**

17-310 Manfred Stengl (AUT-1964, \*1 April 1946)

**Oldest Competitor**

43-058 Rolands Upatnieks (URS-1976, \*13 December 1932)

**Oldest Medalist**

38-186 Fritz Nachmann (FRG-1968, \*16 August 1929)

**Oldest Gold Medalist**

30-150 Stefan Krauße (GER-1998, \*17 September 1967)

**Closest Finish in Event**

tie Italy/German Democratic Republic (1972)

**Biggest Margin of Victory in Event**

0.49 German Democratic Republic (1972)

Women**Singles****Medals Won by Countries**

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	Germany	5	5	4	14
2	2	German Demo. Rep.	4	5	3	12
3	4	Austria	1	2	3	6
4	6	Fed. Rep. Germany	-	1	2	3
5	3	Italy	2	-	-	2
6	5	Soviet Union	1	-	1	2
Totals (13 events)			13	13	13	39

**Most Victories**2 Steffi Walter-Martin (GDR)  
2 Sylke Otto (GER)**Most Medals**

3 Silke Kraushaar (GER/110)

**Youngest Competitor, Women**

15-320 Sarah Felder (ITA-1972, \*20 March 1956)

**Youngest Medalist, Women**

17-060 Ute Rührold (GDR-1972, \*9 December 1954)

**Youngest Gold Medalist, Women**

20-065 Ortrun Enderlein (GER-1964, \*1 December 1943)

**Oldest Competitor, Women**

48-306 Anne Abernathy (ISV-2002, \*12 April 1953)

**Oldest Medalist, Women**

36-222 Sylke Otto (GER-2006, \*7 July 1969)

**Oldest Gold Medalist, Women**

36-222 Sylke Otto (GER-2006, \*7 July 1969)

**Closest Finish in Event**

0.002 Silke Kraushaar (GER-1998)

**Biggest Margin of Victory in Event**

1.12 Vera Zozuļa (URS/LAT-1980)