

## Towards retaining Fair Conditions of Competition

In the name of the International Bobsleigh Federation - FIBT - I wish to welcome most heartily in Sarajevo all participants in the XIVth Winter Games in general, and in the Olympic bob events in particular.

As regards the competition on the newly built bob and luge track on Mt. Trebevic, I sincerely wish to all bobsledders and to their coaches the success they are aiming at, and in view of which they have been preparing themselves working hard for years.

In the 60th year since the foundation of the FIBT, for the first time bobsledders from Netherlands, USSR, Taiwan and Yugoslavia, the host nation, are participating in Olympic bob events.

This token of satisfactory progress accomplished by the sport of bobsledding is opposed to the technical development of bobsleds, which, however, is desirable only if it brings about progress in the field of safety. On the contrary it is not desirable in the event it should affect the equality of chances of bobsledders of the same athletic capacity. While competitors will concentrate themselves on the Olympic events, the most important task of bob officials who are present at the XIVth Winter Games will be to issue, on the basis of experiences acquired during these competitions, new rules fixing the dimensions and the technical equipment of bobsleds so precisely, that in future all bobsledders will be in a position to buy bobsleds which, while keeping costs down to a minimum, ensure maximum safety and equality of chances.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the organisers of the XIVth Winter Games very much for the work they have done, wishing them due success.



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