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1. Bases

Largest promoter of the high performance sport within Germany - Federal Armed Forces

The sport promotion of the German Federal Armed Forces is a mechanism with high efficiency

Guarantees optimal basic conditions for its achievement-sporty and professional career for the athletes

All central associations and German Olympic Sport Federation take profit from this promotion concept.

2. Aims

Army supports with the goal:

- to make sure that Germany is represented at international competitions
- to grant top-class athletes the equal chances in relation to other nations

to make it possible for them to stay on the same level than other international top athletes during the military service

3. Selective procedures

- Request to the admission with the responsible central association
- Endorsement of the federation and the German Olympic Sport Federation
- For male athletes the summoning takes place for 9 months, women can be obliged immediately for 2 years.

4. Criteria for choice

The following criteria are to be fulfilled:

- a) Olympic kind of sport/discipline
- b) Affiliation to a federal cadre of the category A, B, C or federal league

5. Use/career

- Military basic training of 8 weeks
- shifted into a group of sport promotions
- Sporty training, the preparation and participation in competitions covers 70% of the service
- The training and education 30%.

When achievement objectives of the federation are reached, athletes can remain and extend from year to year.

If an athlete terminates his career due to not sufficient achievements or for age reasons, he separates immediately from this haulage system.

6. Organization

18 groups in the whole country.

Locations in principle in the proximity of olympia bases and achievement centers.

Example:

- Bischofswiesen/Berchtesgaden
- Achievement center Biathlon Ruhpolding
- Achievement center Bob and sledge Berchtesgaden
- Olympia base Berchtesgaden
- Achievement center speed skating Inzell

7. Extent/contingents

744 places are at the disposal

100% occupied

165 female athletes

Approx. 6% of these places can be used for coaches, technicians and physio therapists

From this contingent 220 places are winter sports.

Federal police and customs authority do support the winter sports in offering another 50 places.

8. Infrastructure/material equipment/cost

No own high level sport infrastructure

To make it at the disposal is the responsibility of the sport federations and olympia bases

Uniform sport clothing for common appearances on the occasion of national and international meetings and for public representations

Carrying German Federal Armed Forces Logos

Costs of the promotion: approx. 25 Millions Euro annually.

9. Success balances

The balances prove and confirm a high efficiency of this system.

Since the last 9 Olympics in 1992 (counted after the reunification) the following was achieved:

173 olympic medals

468 WSC titles

416 European titles and

2489 German Championship titles

10. Summary

Secures athletes optimal basic conditions for their achievement-sporty and professional career

For the future an important guarantor for the fact that the German winter sports federations maintain a leading position at the top level of the world