

Following advice from the medical team 2009 World Champion Nicola Minichiello will not be competing on the FIBT World Cup circuit in 2010/2011. Nicola has had to undergo surgery on her left knee and to ensure full rehabilitation has been advised not to commence full training for several months.

The medical team undertook the decision to operate following an injury sustained preparing for the Vancouver Winter Olympic Games earlier this year.

British Bobsleigh Performance Director Gary Anderson states “Whilst this is a blow for us the most important thing is that Nicola returns to the sport fully fit and able to challenge for top spot on the podium. Sochi is the objective for Nic and we cannot afford to rush to get this wrong. During her rehabilitation Nicola has agreed to take on a mentoring and coaching role with our Winter Youth Olympic squad of athletes as they prepare for Innsbruck in 2012”.

Nicola Said; Obviously I am really disappointed at having to miss this season – but my goal has to be the Olympics in Sochi and a well structured and long rehabilitation programme and a well managed return to competition is key to my long term success. This year was the best time to get this operation done giving me a good length of time to get back to the top. I am excited about the opportunity to work with the Youth Olympic squad – keeping busy and having a focus will help me manage my frustration!

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