

PARA U18-U21 Chair Report

2013-2014 Season

PA Cup Series and State Team

This season 45 female and 57 male athletes competed in the PA Cup Series.

Races were hosted by Seven Springs(2SL), Blue Mountain(2GS, 1SL) and Elk Mountain(2GS, 1SL)

At the conclusion of the final PA Cup race at Elk Mountain the PARA State Team was named, the PA Cup Champions were crowned and the recipient of the Frank Sheibley Memorial Award was announced.

The 2014 PARA State Team was comprised of the top 7 ranked female and the top 10 ranked male athletes based on the final PA Cup results at the conclusion of PA Cup 8.

2014 PARA State Team U18-U21

Katie Miller	WTSEF	1997
Annelise Depaulo	BMRT	1997
Kelly Flack	BMRT	1997
Robin Derr	TMART	1996
Margaux Klingensmith	WPRC	1997
Liza Legro	SRRC	1995
Dana Tindall	EMSC	1997
Nelson Dibaise	WPRC	1997
Sean Lenihan	PASEF	1995
Dakota Detwiler	SRRC	1995
Tyler Long	SRRC	1996
Aaron Jacobson	LMRT	1996
Blake Bowman	SRRC	1997
Owen Braun	SRRC	1995
Michael Simpson	EMSC	1995
Coby Hudac	WPRC	1997
Doug Houston-Ludlam	LMRT	1995

The Frank Sheibly Memorial Award recipient for 2013-2014 was **Devon Patrice Salasin** from Blue Mountain. The Frank Sheibly Memorial Award is determined each year from nominations submitted to the PARA Executive Board and presented to the U21-U18 athlete who demonstrates the qualities of character, sportsmanship and dedication to the sport of alpine ski racing in PARA.

Post Season Events

USSA Eastern Finals were held at Gore, NY from February 28th through March 2nd.

PARA sent 10 male and 7 female athletes to this event which included SG Training, SG, SL and GS competitions.

We had some very good results in **SG**, with Sean Lenihan (2nd) and Dakota Detwiler (4th) for the men and Courtney Clark(8th) and Kelly Flack(11th) for the women.

SL results showed a number of our athletes finishing at the top of the field. Dakota Detwiler(7th), Nelson Debiase(8th) and Tyler Long(11th) for the men and Courtney Clark(5th), Annelise Depaulo(10th), Margaux Klingensmith(12th) and Robin Derr(16th) for the women.

GS results were a little more challenging to achieve. Only Nick Blasey(20th) and Tyler Long(26th) would finish in the top 30 for the men. For the women, five of the seven did crack the top 30. Courtney Clark(12th), Kelly Flack(18th), Annelise Depaulo(19th), Robin Derr(20th) and Dana Tindall(26th) all made a strong showing.

USSA Penalty for these events were as follows:

SG- 121.16 (M) 174.79(W)

GS- 89.46 (M) 98.08(W)

SL- 72.80 (M) 91.11(W)

Eastern High School Championships were again hosted by Attitash, NH on March 7-9, 2014.

The event included one training day, followed by GS and SL races.

PARA sent a full team consisting of 12 male and 12 female athletes as well as a COMPOSITE team of 12 male and 9 female athletes that compete as PARA athletes, but attend high school in New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland or D.C.

This is a large event with **over 120 male and 120 female athletes** in the field for each discipline.

In **GS** we had a fantastic result from Katie Miller, finishing **3rd**. For the men, only Andy Stewart (23rd) and Sean Lenihan (25th) reached the top 30.

In **SL** only Sean Lenihan (11th) managed to reach a top finish. Close were Steve Combs (38th) for the men and Devon Patrice Salasin (32nd) for the women.

USSA Penalty for these events were as follows:

SL- 80.50 (M) 83.44(W)

GS- 82.34 (M) 97.82(W)

As you can see, this is a very good points event for those looking to establish or improve on their point profile.

FIS and Development

PARA does have Development (DEVO) opportunities available at a limited number of races throughout the season in Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire. Athletes looking to develop or improve on an FIS point profile may be able to attend some of these events.

Athletes desiring to attend these events should first contact the head coach for their home program, who will then contact the U18-U21 Chair.

Intent to compete in these events MUST be made +30 days in advance of the event.

PARA does NOT provide coaching staff for athletes attending these events. Other arrangements for representation at these events must be made prior to attending.

Summary

As the new Age Chair for the U18-U21's, I have learned much more about the development track that athletes must take if considering college racing or just improving on the racing careers and point profiles.

We have had many changes presented to us over the last few seasons and I am sure there will be more along the way.

I hope to improve on our entry procedure to regular season DEVO and FIS races as well as revising our sign up procedure for post season events such as High School Championships and USSA Eastern Finals.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank DAN CHAYES, for all the hours of phone calls, emails, paperwork and craziness that he dealt with in my place, while I was trying to heal from my broken collarbone and continue working at my "other" occupation. THANKS DAN!

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