

**PARA U14 Chair Report
(2014-2015 Season)
Tim Brown, U14 Age Chair**

U14 Tech Fundamentals Camp –

The Tech Fundamentals Camp was held December 12-14 at Sunday River. The camp's focus was to bring the top-performing Eastern U-14's to work together as a group. The focus was on SL & GS through directed drills such as one ski, pivot slips, outside ski turn and pole plants. The goal was to challenge the athlete's with various sets and terrain and to develop better inspection skills.

PARA sent the following U14 Racers:

Mark Matusinsky	Blue Mt.
Duncan Bedell	Ski Roundtop
Anna Middock	Ski Roundtop
Margaret Tate	Ski Roundtop

Blue Mountain Speed Camp –

Fourteen (14) U14 racers attended the two day speed camp held at Blue Mountain on February 5th and 6th. Thanks to Matty DePaulo and Tom Yen for putting on a great event. Eric Harlow from USSA Eastern was able to attend.

U14 Derby –

The Derby took place February 27th-March 1st at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. The field consisted of a total 81racers, 44 boys and 37 girls.

The event consisted of Friday speed training, followed by three runs of Slalom on Saturday and three runs of GS on Sunday.

Saturday evening consisted of a banquet and a raffle. Sunday afternoon consisted of a pizza party followed by the awards ceremony.

As both the age chair and a coach I had the opportunity to spend the majority of my time on the slope. I was very impressed with the behavior and sportsmanship exhibited by all the racers. Congratulations to all the racers who attended. I found that the quality/level of the field to be representative of what I would expect at a state championship event.

I personally would like to thank Jim DiBiase, Charles Donnellan, Steve Fishetti and the entire staff of Seven Spring for all their hard work pulling off this event. Special thanks to Rachel Greenier for acting as the derby chair and all her help assisting with the awards ceremony. I would also like to thank all the coaches and parents for all their help, both on and off the hill.

The PARA State Team consisted of 5 boys and 6 girls.

The following racers qualified for the PARA State Team based on their results at the derby.

Boys

1. Duncan Bedell	Ski Roundtop
2. Willem Robbins	Blue Mt.
3. Brady Carpenter	Elk Mt.
4. Michael Baker	Jack Frost/BB
5. Tyler Yost	Liberty

Girls

1. Meagan Olsen	Whitetail
2. Anna Midock	Ski Roundtop
3. Margaret Tate	Ski Roundtop
4. Lauren Girard-Cutaio	Elk Mt.
5. Eleanora Neel	Blue Mt.
6. Brianna Lucas	WPRC

U14 Junior Championships –

The USSA U14 Eastern Championship was held at Stowe, VT on March 13th through 16th. PARA was awarded 11 slots. Eleven racers represented PARA. Patrick Wende from Elk Mountain and Bruce Bedell from Roundtop attended as PARA coaches.

The event consisted of a Skills Quest Day, SG, slalom and giant slalom races.

The top finishing PARA racer was Meagan Olsen, who qualified for the CanAm event. Congratulations to Meagan!

Francis Piche Invitational –

The Francis Piche Invitational was held at Gunstock Ski Area on March 12th through the 15th. This year's PARA's quota consisted of a total of 36 racers. This year's quota was allocated as 10 U12 boys, 10 U12 girls, 8 U14 boys and 8 U14 girls.

PARA sent a total of 16 U14 racers. The event consisted of an optional training day on Thursday, a training day on Friday, GS race on Saturday and an optional slalom race on Sunday.

Lee Gonder, Luigi Diianni, Alex Shearer and Eric Hessinger attended as the PARA coaches. Special thanks to all the coaches for their efforts communicated with and organizing such a large group of racers and families.

Girls

Kyra Frederick	Liberty
Maggie McCoy	WPRC
Mia Zwally	Liberty
Maddy Lieblein	Roundtop
Anya Zwally	Liberty
Molly Bruno	WPRC
Kristen Finnerty	JF/BB
Antoinette Cerminaro	JF/BB

Boys

David Kossman	WPRC
Omar Boukhriss	Liberty
Max Hessinger	Hidden Valley
Aiden Gonder	Roundtop
Eric Mole	WPRC
Luca Diianni	WPRC
Kaylen Frederick	Liberty
Florian Knollman	Whitetail