

2015 U16 USSA PARA State Championships

February 27- March 1, 2015

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Dear PARA Racer,

Congratulations! Your racing results have qualified you for an invitation to the 2015 PARA U16 State Championship at Blue Mountain Resort, February 27- March 1, 2015. Regional results reflecting qualifying racers are posted on the PARA web site. If you have qualified and cannot attend this event, notify your Region Chairperson as soon as possible. Registrations will be handled through AlpineReg.com and will close at 11:59pm on Wednesday 2/25/15. The results at this U16 Championship will qualify racers to be named to the following:

2015 MEMBERS OF THE PARA U16 STATE TEAM
(11 Men-- 13 Women)

2015 PARA TEAM TO THE EASTERN U16 FINALS
March 12-15 at Sunday River, ME
(8 Men—8 Women)

2015 PARA TEAM TO U16 EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS
March 16-20 at Whiteface, NY
(3 Men -- 5 Women)

Your invitation includes the 3 days of race events as well as the banquet and pizza party.

FORMAT

DAY 1: Fri 2/27/15 - **Super G**- Training Run(s) on Race Hill and 1 Scored Run

DAY 2: Sat 2/28/15 - **Giant Slalom**- 2 Run Scored Race

DAY 3: Sun 3/1/15 - **Slalom**- 2 Run Scored Race

TEAM SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA FOR SELECTION TO PARA STATE TEAM

Each race will be a Scored USSA race with the event result deciding the discipline champion. The overall champions and state team selection will be decided by the cumulative total of each run (5) using New World Cup points. Tie breaker methods apply as indicated in the PARA Championship guidelines.

SL & GS AWARDS

Awards for individual Slalom and Giant Slalom will be determined by the combined run results for each discipline.

REGULATION HELMETS are mandatory for the Super G, Giant Slalom, and Slalom races

RACE SCHEDULE

All Championship event runs will be held on Razor's Edge

<https://www.skiblument.com/winter-sports/skiing-riding/trail-map/>

Friday- Super G

Lifts open at 8:30 AM

Warm up Runs- on controlled Race Hill.....10:00am to 11:30am

SG Course Setting.....11:30am

Inspection12:00pm-1:00pm

Forerunners1:15pm

SG Race start1:30pm

Saturday- Giant Slalom

Lifts open at 8:00am

1st Run Course Inspection8:30am-9:30am

Forerunners9:45am

1st run..... 10:00am

2nd Run Course Inspection will take place approximately 45 minutes after conclusion of 1st Run

2nd Run will start at approximately 12:30pm

Sunday- Slalom

Lifts open at 8:00am

1st Run Course Inspection8:30am-9:30am

Forerunners9:45am

1st run.....10:00am

2nd Run Course Inspection will take place approximately 45 minutes after conclusion of 1st Run

2nd Run will start at approximately 12:30pm

BANQUET AND PIZZA PARTY

The racer's registration fee includes their meal tickets for the following.
Additional tickets must be purchased Friday morning at registration.

CASH OR CHECK ONLY FOR ADDITIONAL TICKETS

SATURDAY--Dinner and Prize Drawing. There will be a banquet in the Vista Room located in the Summit Lodge at 4:30 pm (doors and cash bar open at 3:30pm) including a buffet dinner, followed by a racer prize drawing. Dinner menu includes Caesar salad, pasta, alfredo, marinara and pesto sauces, chicken breast, meatballs, rolls, cake, soft drinks and coffee/tea.

Additional tickets may be purchased for \$25.00 per person (adult or child). Coaches will receive their tickets at the coaches meeting. Coaches are encouraged to attend.

TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR!

SUNDAY--Pizza Party and Awards. There will be pizza, and soft drinks in the Vista Room at 3:30 PM (doors open at 3:00). Additional tickets may be purchased for \$10.00 per person (adult or child). Coaches will receive their tickets at the coaches meeting. Coaches are encouraged to attend.

PIZZA TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR – we will open the room for “award attendance only” once the pizza is gone.

PHOTOS

A photographer will be at all 3 days racing events. Photos will be available online after the weekend for you to download at <https://u16championships.shutterfly.com/>.

AWARD CEREMONY FOR TOP FINISHERS OF INDIVIDUAL DISCIPLINES

**Ceremony will take place after the Pizza Party on Sunday
in the Vista room of the Summit Lodge**

2015 U16 PARA State Championship Men & Women Super G 1st-8th
2015 U16 PARA State Championship Men & Women Giant Slalom 1st-8th
2015 U16 PARA State Championship Men & Women Slalom 1st-8th
2015 U16 PARA Overall Men's and Women's State Champions
2015 U16 PARA State Team

STATE TEAMS

There will be a brief meeting of all those selected for the teams and alternates immediately following the awards ceremony. **Please come prepared to give a FIRM decision on whether or not you will attend the following events.**

U16 Eastern Finals (approx. \$150)	March 12-15	Sunday River, ME
Eastern U16 Championships	March 16-20	Whiteface, NY

EVENT CHECK-IN

Friday - 7:30AM to 8:30 AM in the Summit Lodge Alpine Room (near cafeteria)

Registration for the championship event closes on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 11:59pm, and can be found at www.alpinereg.com.

3-DAY EVENT ENTRY FEE --\$175.00
MUST REGISTER AT AlpineReg.com

The entry fee covers each competitor's race registration, t-shirt, Saturday evening banquet, and Sunday afternoon pizza party. **The entry fee does not include lift ticket.**

LIFT TICKETS

Racer discounted lift tickets may be purchased through AlpineReg.com. No family tickets will be available via AlpineReg. Racer and Family member discounted tickets may be purchased at the ticket windows on the days of events. Cash, check, or credit card will be accepted. **LIFT TICKETS** must be with Racers At All Times While on Hill

	<u>Racers</u>	<u>Family Member</u>
3 day pass Friday through Sunday	\$116	\$140
1 day lift ticket (any event day)	\$40	\$52

RACE BIBS

Bibs for all three days for all events will be issued at registration. Bibs will be collected at the end of the 2nd run on Sunday, March 1, 2015. A bib deposit of \$20 cash will be collected at registration and returned to the racer after Sunday's race.

PARENTS PARTICIPATION

It is requested for each racer to have a parent or friend gate judge or volunteer for at **least** one of the three event days. Volunteer sign-up sheets are available online at:

<http://www.bluemtraceteam.org/volunteer.html>

SPECTATORS

Shuttle service is available between the Summit and the Valley for non-skiing spectators. Walkers can hike up the side of the Homestretch trail to the finish area.

On Friday, Feb 27th for the Super G, **NO spectators will be allowed on Razor's Edge**, the race trail. Spectators may observe from the Challenge trail, the service trail from Dreamweaver, or the connector just above "The Falls." **For safety reasons all spectators MUST remain at least 7ft behind the b-netting.** We recommend that spectators observe from the finish area.

COACHES LIFT TICKETS

Please have one representative from each club with competitors e-mail names of coaches, team affiliation, and USSA# to racing@skibluemt.com by noon on February 25th. Coach's lift tickets will be provided at the Coach's meeting each day. Coaches **MUST** have a current USSA license to receive a complimentary lift pass.

COACHES MEETING

Friday, Feb 27th: 8:30-9:15am. Location- Competition Center Coaches room
Racer representation will be confirmed at this meeting as well as detailed information about coaches roles for the Super G event.

Saturday, Feb 28th: 8:15am Location- Comp Ctr Coaches Room- meeting and lift tickets

Sunday, Mar 1st: 8:15am Location- Comp Ctr Coaches Room- meeting and lift tickets

RACE DAY APP

New this year, Blue Mountain Racing Association has developed an app to replace a printed program booklet. We will be introducing it for the State Championships and using it at all races hosted at Blue Mountain thereafter. The app is called "**BMR Race Day**" and can be downloaded from the Apple and Google App stores. There will NOT be a printed program. The alert module of the app will provide any updates that take place over the weekend, i.e. 2nd run start times, delayed start times, etc. You will log in as a guest.

The app will also link to social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) so that everyone can share their photos by using #paraU16.

QUESTIONS - PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL

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CONGRATULATIONS RACERS, WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT BLUE MOUNTAIN!!!