

PARA U12 Chair Report (2013-2014 Season)

Derby:

The U12 Derby at Roundtop Resort commenced on Friday, February 28, with a Skills Quest day. Race days were March 1st & 2nd. This is the 1st year that the U12's had their own derby. The field consisted of 65 racers, 31 boys and 34 girls.

Cold winter weather kept conditions ideal for all 3 days of the event. Course conditions were excellent with little if any course deterioration. Roundtop staff did a great job with course maintenance and safety measures.

The event was held on the slope Exhibition.

Saturday evening consisted of a banquet and a raffle with giveaways for the competitors. The smaller event size this year allowed all attendees including children to dine on the main level. All those in attendance found the evening to be enjoyable.

In addition to the two days of racing the Skills Quest was held on Friday. 62 racers (95%) attended the event. Six skills were tested.

As both the age chair and parent of a competitor 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.

Thank you to Jeff Beinhaur, Bill Filling, Joe Bender, Alicia Miller, and the entire Ski Roundtop Race staff. Thank you to the Marshberry Group who was the primary sponsor of the event. Lastly I would like to thank all the coaches and parents for all their help, both on and off the hill.

PARA State Team

The U12 State Team consisted of 8 females and 8 males. The following racers qualified for the PARA State Team based on their Overall Derby results:

Females

Eleanora Neel	1
Anya Barteck	3
Danielle Suh	7
Kristin Finnerty	7
Sloan Rost	11
Celia Braun	12
Grace Lehihan	6
Erin Kislter	10

Males Skills Quest Result Overall

Tyler Yost	2
Aiden Gonder	3
Appollo Powell	3
Mason Bowman	7
Noah Forman	1
Charlie Olsen	6
Blake Baughman	15
Andrew Kulakovsky	8

Francis Piche Invitational –

The Francis Piche Invitational was held at Gunstock Ski Area March 6-9^h. PARA's initial quota consisted of 36 racers for U14/12 racers. This year's quota was allocated as 10 U12 boys, 10 U12 girls, 8 U14 boys and 8 U14 girls. PARA was grant 4 additional spots last minute. We were able to fill one female U12 spot and one male U14 spot upon short notice.

PARA sent a total of 38 U14/12 racers, along with coaches. The event consisted of an optional training day on Thursday, a training day, GS race and an optional slalom race on Sunday.

The PARA U12 Piches Team consisted of the State team members + 3 additional females and 2 additional males (based on Derby Overall finish standings) there we available to attend the event.

2015 U12 Derby –

Need to find venue for this event.....

Respectfully submitted.

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