

PARA U12 Chair Report 2014-2015 Season

Derby:

The U12 Derby at Tussey Mountain Resort commenced on Friday, February 27, with a Skills Quest day. Race days were February 28th & March 1st. This is the first time that Tussey Mountain has hosted a State Championship event. The field consisted of 77 racers, 36 boys and 41 girls.

Ideal winter conditions prevailed for all 3 days of the event. Course conditions were excellent with little if any course deterioration. Tussey staff did a great job with course maintenance and safety measures.

The event was held on the Tuscarora trail.

Saturday evening consisted of a banquet and a raffle with giveaways for the competitors.

In addition to the two days of racing the Skills Quest was held on Friday. The majority of racers attended the event. Six skills were tested.

Jeff Brock, U12 Derby Chair, did a phenomenal job with planning, organizing, and running the event. Thank you to Leigh Moore and the entire Tussey Mountain Race staff. A special thank you to Joe Bender who helped tremendously with the seeding and scoring for the event. Thank you to TMART 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 6 females and 6 males. The following racers qualified for the PARA State Team based on their Overall Derby results:

Females

Katherine Sarkisov
Maiwenn Marzin
Marcella Altman
Giovanna Young
Erin Kistler
Stephanie Hulme

Males

Charlie Olsen
Brady Mason
Christian Combs
Nicolas Castracani
Case Robbins
Blake Baughman

Francis Piche Invitational –

The Francis Piche Invitational was held at Gunstock Ski Area March 13-15th. 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 granted 4 additional spots last minute. We were able to fill one male U12 spot and one female U12 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 on Friday, the GS race on Saturday, and an optional slalom race on Sunday.

The PARA U12 Piche's Team consisted of the State team members + 5 additional females and 5 additional males (based on Derby Overall finish standings) that were available to attend the event.

2016 U12 Derby –

Tussey Mountain will host the 2016 U12 State Championship for the 2nd year of the bid.

Respectfully submitted,

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