



**TUSSEY MOUNTAIN
February 27 - March 1, 2015**

**2015 PARA U12 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS Presented by
Tussey Mountain Alpine Racing Team**

Dear PARA Racer,

Congratulations! Your racing results have qualified you for an invitation to the **2015 PARA U12 State Championships presented by the Tussey Mountain Alpine Racing Team.**

The weekend long event will be held at **Tussey Mountain**, Friday, February 27, 2015 – Sunday, March 1, 2015. An optional Skills Challenge will be held on Friday, February 27 followed by three SL runs on Saturday, February 28 and three GS runs on Sunday, March 1.

If you cannot participate, notify your PARA Regional Chair immediately! The final racer start list will close at noon on Wednesday, February 25, 2015.

The results from the races at this event will be used to select the following:

PARA U12 State Team

6 men and 6 women

**Francis Piche' Invitational Team
Gunstock Ski Club, Gunstock, NH**

Quota: 10 girls, 10 boys

March 12-15, 2015

- March 12 Optional Training Day (\$75 includes lift ticket)
- March 13-14 (\$135 includes 2 day lift ticket)
- March 15 Optional Slalom Race (\$50 includes lift ticket)

The top 10 girls and top 10 boys will be invited to represent PARA at the Francis Piche Invitational. Please be prepared to make a decision as to whether or not you will attend if you qualify. If you decide not to attend or fail to meet the announced registration deadline, your spot will be forfeited and offered to the next racer on the list.

Questions, please contact Jeff Brock, TMART Race Administrator at jeffbrock29@msn.com or 814-404-7868.

Registration and Events

REGISTRATION: Race Registration is available on alpinereg.com. For each racer, the registration fee will cover the following:

- Two days of race registration fees and optional Skills Challenge
- Racer lunch Saturday and Sunday
- Saturday evening Banquet at the Ramada Conference & Golf Hotel
- State Championship sweatshirt and Commemorative 2015 Race Bib

The \$125 registration fee does NOT include lift tickets. Lift ticket cost for racers and families is \$37 per day. Advanced 3 day tickets purchased through alpinereg.com offered for \$105 (See Miscellaneous Information page for how to use Alpine Reg). Tickets will also be available for purchase at registration. Payment must be made with cash or check. **If paying by credit card, lift tickets must be purchased at the ticket office and will be full price.** Complimentary coaches' lift tickets will be issued, not to exceed three complimentary coaches' lift tickets per team, available only at registration.

BANQUET: Saturday evening Banquet includes a dinner buffet. The cost is included in each racer's registration fee. **Additional Banquet tickets (friends & family) MUST be purchased on alpinereg.com when registering for the event** (See Miscellaneous Information page for how to use Alpinereg.com). Cost is \$25 per person age 11 and older, \$15 for children 10 and under and \$0 for Children 3 and under. There will be a Cash bar.

SCHEDULE: The attached schedules are tentative and will be confirmed each race day based on conditions and weather. You are responsible for verifying start times and locations on the day of the race.

VOLUNTEERS: Each race team represented is required to bring **AT LEAST ONE RACE WORKER** to fill on-hill positions. Volunteer signup can be done by following the link <http://www.timetosignup.com/tmart> We will need all of your help to make this an enjoyable weekend for you and your athletes! Thank you!

AWARDS: Slalom (Top 8 Females and Males); Giant Slalom (Top 8 Females and Males); Overall (Top Female and Top Male); PARA State Team Announcement; and Francis Piche' Invitational Team Designation. Qualification for the State Team and Piche's Team will be determined by **New World Cup Points** based on the **TOTAL OF THE FINISHES OF ALL SIX RUNS** as determined by circumstances and conditions (weather, snow, etc.). (See PARA/USSA comp guides for explanation of New World Cup Points.)

TENTATIVE EVENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015: **Skills Challenge (optional)**

The Skills Challenge event tests an athlete's fundamental skiing skills. Although optional, the Skills Challenge is a recognized third event in the U12 State Championships.

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Registration: Tussey Mountain Lodge - 2nd Floor
10:30 AM	Meet at base of Tuscarora (Be on time. Late arrivals not accommodated)
10:45 AM - 1:00 PM:	Testing – 3 Stations
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM:	Lunch
1:30 PM - 3:45 PM:	Testing – 3 Stations

Lunch: Racers are responsible for their own lunches.

Awards: Awards for 1st – 5th place, Male and Female (presented Sunday)

SATURDAY, February 28, 2015: **Slalom**

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Registration: Tussey Mountain Lodge-2 nd Floor
7:45 AM	Coaches Meeting: Tussey Mountain Lodge-Bar area <i>(Obtain coaches lift tickets at Friday or Saturday registration)</i>
7:45 AM	Gate Judge Meeting: Tussey Mountain Lodge-Bar area
8:15 AM – 9:00 AM	First Run Course Inspection: “ Tuscarora ”
9:30 AM	First Run immediately followed by Second Run
BREAK	Re-set for third run and lunch for racers at Tussey Mountain Lodge. Racer must be wearing their commemorative bibs to be served.
TBA	Third Run Course Inspection: “ Tuscarora ”
TBA	Third Run

TENTATIVE EVENT SCHEDULE (cont'd)

- 6:30 PM Banquet for Racers and Families:
Ramada Conference & Golf Hotel, 1450 S. Atherton St.
State College, PA. Racer included in registration fee. Cost
is \$25 per person age 11 and older, \$15 for children 10 and
under and \$0 for Children 3 and under. There will be a
cash bar.
- Banquet tickets for non-racers MUST be purchased in
advance on alpinereg.com** (see Miscellaneous
Information page for how to use Alpinereg.com). **No ticket
sales at the door.**
- 8:00 PM (approximate) Prize Drawings (racers must be present to win)

SUNDAY, March 1, 2015: Giant Slalom

- 7:45 AM Coaches Meeting: Tussey Mountain Lodge-Bar area
(*Obtain coaches lift tickets at Friday or Saturday
registration*)
- 7:45 AM Gate Judge Meeting: Tussey Mountain Lodge-Bar area
- 8:15 AM – 9:00 AM First Run Course Inspection: “**Tuscarora**”
- 9:30 AM First Run immediately followed by Second Run
- BREAK Re-set for third run and lunch for racers at Tussey
Mountain Lodge. Racer should show servers their
commemorative bibs.
- TBA Third Run Course Inspection: “**Tuscarora**”
- TBA Third Run
- 3:00 pm Snacks followed by **AWARDS CEREMONY**: Tussey
Mountain Lodge – 2nd Floor

Miscellaneous Information

Rules & Regulations:

Race Bibs will be provided in your Registration Package for use at the Skills Challenge and Saturday and Sunday's Races. **(You must have your bib to start.)**

All Racers must stage their **equipment** in the designated “**staging area**” at the top of the race hill. No equipment is permitted in the race arena. **Please do not block skier traffic.**

Helmets are required per USSA Rules.

Other Information:

1. The scoreboard is unofficial.
2. Poor sportsmanship/use of inappropriate language will be dealt with as per USSA rules.
3. All protests must be filed in writing by **coaches** and must be accompanied by the proper fee of \$50. **Parents are not to approach Race Officials or Gatekeepers regarding any issues.** Questions or protests must be directed to your coaches, who will approach the appropriate Race Officials.
4. Trophies and Medals will be awarded to the **top 8 finishers** for Slalom and Giant Slalom.
5. Trophies will be awarded to the top overall Female and Male Skier.
6. New World Cup points will be used to score each run.
7. State Teams and Piche's Invitational Qualification will be determined based on New World Cup points from each of the racers' six runs. Any ties will be broken using the combined time of all 6 runs of the championship event. (See PARA guide.)

Safety Rules:

1. Ski brakes will be required.
2. Skiing on the race slope outside the race arena must be at a controlled speed due to the limited area and volume of people.
3. Safety bars on chair lifts must be down.
4. Leave the finish area, under control, immediately after your run.

Using Alpine Reg.com

Purchase family lift and banquet tickets using alpinereg.com. To do so, you would always use your racer's USSA # for each purchase. Just complete the purchase cycle for each ticket you want.

Location & Accommodations

Venue: Tussey Mountain, 301 Bear Meadow Rd., Boalsburg, PA 16827

Banquet: Ramada Conference & Golf Hotel, 1450 S. Atherton Street, State College, PA 16801 (approx. 5 miles from Tussey Mountain)

Accommodations: There is an abundance of hotels in State College ranging from budget hotels to full service. Most hotels are within 15 minutes of Tussey Mountain.

Apres Ski - Edge's Pub located on the second floor of the lodge



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