

PARA U16 Chair Report

2015-2016 Season

Speed Camp

Blue Mountain hosted a Speed Camp open to PARA U16 and U14 athletes. Event was postponed twice, once due to weather and the 2nd time due to hill conditions. Event took place on Feb 17 and 18, 2016. It was well attended by 80 athletes, 45 which were U16's. Thank you to Amato DePaulo and the Blue Mountain crew for doing an excellent job of preparing the hill for this event during this season of weather ups and downs.

PARA U16 State Championship

The U16 Derby took place February 26 through Feb 28th at Blue Mountain with all races on the Razors Edge trail. Friday's race was a single-run non-scored Super G race. Saturday was a 2-run scored GS race, and Sunday was a 2-run scored SL race. This is the 2nd time that Blue Mountain has hosted The U16 Derby. The field consisted of 80 racers, 31 females and 49 males. Once again, Matty DePaulo and the Blue Mountain crew did a great job with preparing for the 3 days of the event. Course conditions were very good with little course deterioration. Blue Mountain staff did a great job with course maintenance and safety measures.

Saturday evening's banquet was held at the Blue Mountain Summit Lodge with all, if not most of the athletes attending. Raffle with giveaways for the competitors was held at the banquet. Awards ceremony was held on Sunday. A baked potato/soup bar was served. Thank you to Beth Yen and the Blue Mountain parents for putting on a great weekend for the athletes!

PARA State Team

This year's U16 State Team consists of 12 females and 12 males. The following racers qualified for the PARA State Team based on their Overall Derby results:

Women

Meagan Olsen	WTSEF	2001
Kyra Frederick	LMRT	2001
Anna Midock	SRRC	2001
Anna Claire Miller	WTSEF	2000
Ustyna Danylovysh	BMRA	2000
Anika Furrer	LMRT	2000
Claire Turner	EMSC	2000
Lauren Girard-Cutaio	EMSC	2001
Mihaela Toader	WTSEF	2001
Anya Zwally	LMRT	2001
Blair Reilly	WTSEF	2000
Mia Zwally	LMRT	2001

Men

Harrison Combs	BMRA	2000
Conor Newman	EMSC	2000
Sam Reilly	WTSEF	2001
Duncan Bedell	SRRC	2001
Mark Matusinsky	BMRA	2001
Conor Robbins	BMRA	2000
Joey Cichon	PASEF	2000
Nathan Kistler	JFRT	2000
Andrew Kukla	HVRC	2000
Dalton Miles	SRRC	2000
Shaun Clem	WTSEF	2000
Charlie Kutz	EMSC	2001

USSA Eastern Championships

PARA sent 4 female and 4 male competitors to Sugarloaf, ME on March 10-15th. SG was not run due to snow conditions. Thank you to coaches Eric Olsen and Rudi Riet for supporting PARA athletes at this event.

Female finishes:

M. Olsen: SL Day 1- 14th, SL Day 2 12th, GS Day 1- 17th, GS Day 2- 18th
A. Midock: SL Day 1- 28th
K. Frederick: SL Day 2- 44th, GS Day 1- 41th, GS Day 2- 64th
A. Miller: SL Day 2- 52nd

Male Finishes:

C. Robbins: SL Day 1- 38th
D. Bedell SL Day 2- 40th

USSA Eastern Finals

PARA sent 8 female and 8 male competitors to Okemo, VT on March 12-15th. SG was not run due to snow conditions. Thank you to coaches Allan Miles, Roman Matusinsky, and Bruce Newman for supporting out athletes at this event.

Female finishes:

A. Zwally: GS 28th, SL Day 1- 28th, SL Day 2- 33rd
A. Furrer: GS 33rd, SL Day 1- 27th, SL Day 2- 44th
E. Gentner: GS 40th, SL Day 1- 46th, SL Day 2- 48th
U. Danylovyh: SL Day 1- 21st, SL Day 2- 30th
M. Zwally: SL Day 1- 40th, SL Day 2- 37th
T. Krane: SL Day 1- 50th, SL Day 2- 45th

Male Finishes:

M. Matusinsky: GS 29th, SL Day 1- 11th, SL Day 2- 21st
D. Miles: GS 34th, SL Day 1- 24th, SL Day 2- 26th
C. Kutz: GS 35th, SL Day 2- 45th
S. Clem: SL Day 1- 17th, SL Day 2- 47th
C. Newman: SL Day 1- 15th
N. Kistler: SL Day 1- 19th, SL Day 2- 49th
A. Kukla: SL Day 1- 26th, SL Day 2- 45th
J. Cichon: SL Day 2- 23rd

Can Am Event

No PARA Athletes were able to attend this year's event due to short notice.

2017 U16 Championship Event

The U16 State Championship is up for a 2-year bid for 2017 and 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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