



TUSSEY MOUNTAIN
February 26 – February 28, 2016

2016 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 **2016 PARA U12 State Championships presented by the Tussey Mountain Alpine Racing Team.**

The weekend long event will be held at **Tussey Mountain**, Friday, February 26, 2016 – Sunday, February 28, 2016. An optional Skills Challenge will be held on Friday, February 26 followed by three SL runs on Saturday, February 27 and three GS runs on Sunday, February 28.

If you cannot participate, notify your PARA Regional Chair immediately! The final racer start list will close at noon on Wednesday, February 24, 2016.

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
March 9-13, 2016

Quota: 10 girls, 10 boys

- March 9 Optional Slalom Training Day
- March 10 Optional GS Training Day
- March 11 Piche GS Training Day
- March 12 Piche GS Race
- March 13 Piche Slalom

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.

Registration and Events

REGISTRATION: Race Registration is available on adminskiracing.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 2016 Race Bib

The \$ 150 registration fee does NOT include lift tickets. Lift ticket are \$38 per day. Advanced 3 day tickets purchased through adminskiracing.com offered for \$108. Tickets will be available for purchase at registration payable only by cash or check. **If paying by credit card, lift tickets must be purchased at the ticket office.** Complimentary coaches' lift tickets will be issued, not to exceed three complimentary coaches' lift tickets per team, available only at registration. Ski PA 4th & 5th grade lift tickets must be purchased at the Tussey Mountain ticket office.

BANQUET: Saturday evening Banquet includes a dinner buffet. The cost is included in each racer's registration fee. Families and friends must purchase their banquet tickets at adminskiracing.com. **Tickets will not be sold at the door.** Cost is \$26 per person age 12 and older, \$16 for children 11 and under and \$0 for Children 3 and under.

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: TMART has generously provided the venues, core organizational and administrative volunteers as well as the financial sponsorship necessary to host this race. **That said it is incumbent upon each club to provide adequate race day hill volunteers (parents of racers).** Each race team represented is required to have a number of volunteers proportionate to the number of racers. Please coordinate this effort with parents from your club. Certified volunteers (ie: certified gate judge) qualify for a complimentary lift ticket for their racer. PLEASE PLAN AHEAD AND PLEASE VOLUNTEER (note: the race cannot begin without the appropriate number of hill volunteers). 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!

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 26, 2016: **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 27, 2016: **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 \$26 per person age 12 and older, \$16 for children 11 and
under and \$0 for Children 3 and under. There will be a
cash bar.

**Banquet tickets for family & friends MUST be
purchased in advance on adminskiracing.com.
No ticket sales at the door.**

Prize Drawings (racers must be present to win)

SUNDAY, February 28, 2016: Giant Slalom

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 should show servers their commemorative bibs.
TBA	Third Run Course Inspection: “ Tuscarora ”
TBA	Third Run
3:00 pm	AWARDS CEREMONY: Tussey Mountain Lodge – 2 nd 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 inside/outside method.

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)

Lodging choices, from budget to full service, are available in State College. Please consider TMART's Gold Medal sponsor, Ramada State College Hotel & Conference Center (rooms, restaurant, bar, pool). Use block code "U12C" when booking (814-238-3001).

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



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