

**PARA U14 Chair Report
(2015-2016 Season)
Kristen Ehringer, U14 Age Chair**

Blue Mountain Speed Camp –

Thirty-five U14 racers attended the two day speed camp held at Blue Mountain on February 17th and 18th. Thanks to Matty DePaulo and Tom Yen for putting on a great event.

U14 Derby –

The Derby took place March 4th - March 6th at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. The field consisted of a total 83 racers, 43 boys and 40 girls.

The event consisted of Friday speed training, followed by three runs of Slalom on Saturday and three runs of GS on Sunday.

Saturday evening consisted of a banquet and a raffle. Sunday afternoon consisted of a pizza party followed by the awards ceremony.

As both the age chair and a coach 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. I found that the quality/level of the field to be representative of what I would expect at a state championship event.

I personally would like to thank Charles Donnellan, TJ Greenier, Steve Fishetti, Jim DiBaise, and the entire staff of Seven Spring for all their hard work pulling off this event. Special thanks to Rachel Greenier for acting as the derby chair and all her help assisting with the awards ceremony. I would also like to thank all the coaches and parents for all their help, both on and off the hill.

The PARA State Team consisted of 5 boys and 5 girls.

The following racers qualified for the PARA State Team based on their results at the derby.

Boys

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| 1. Nicolas Castracani | Hidden Valley |
| 2. Charlie Olsen | Whitetail |
| 3. Gabriel Ginder | Ski Roundtop |
| 4. Andrew Kulakovsky | Blue Mountain |
| 5. Brady Mason | Ski Roundtop |

Girls

1. Zoe Crute	Liberty
2. Adair Martin	Ski Roundtop
3. Erin Kistler	Blue Mountain
4. Isabella Bravo	Liberty
5. Molly Bruno	WPRC

U14 Junior Championships –

The USSA U14 Eastern Championship was held at Sunday River, ME on March 17th through 21th. PARA was awarded 10 slots. Ten racers represented PARA. Eric Olsen and Rudi Reit attended as PARA coaches.

The event consisted of a training day, a skills quest day, SG, slalom and giant slalom races.

Congratulations to the top placing PARA girl and boy - Zoe Crute (48) and Nicolas Castracani (39).

Francis Piche Invitational –

The Francis Piche Invitational was held at Gunstock Ski Area on March 9th through the 13th. This year's PARA's quota consisted of a total of 36 racers. This year's quota was allocated as 10 U12 boys, 10 U12 girls, 8 U14 boys and 8 U14 girls.

PARA sent a total of 16 U14 racers. The event consisted of an optional slalom training day on Wednesday, an optional GS training day on Thursday, a training day on Friday, GS race on Saturday and an optional slalom race on Sunday.

Conditions were challenging for both days of racing with temps just barely freezing overnight and daytimes in the 50's. Vertical drop for both days were shortened. Aiden Gonder placed 5th in SL and 14th in GS. Tyler Yost placed 8th in SL and 16th in GS. Stephanie Hulme finished 16th in GS.

Tom Yen and Sarah Johnston attended as the PARA U14 coaches. Special thanks to all the coaches for their efforts communicated with and organizing such a large group of racers and families.

Girls

Quinn Robbins	Blue Mountain
Stephanie Hulme	JF/BB
Katerina Talanova	WPRC
Riley Pottinger	WPRC
Kristen Finnerty	JF/BB
Cecilia Olmsted	Ski Roundtop
Grace Lenihan	Camelback
Kelsey Mehallo	JF/BB

Boys

Aiden Gonder

James Cesare

T. Grant Yen

Tyler Yost

Christian Combs

Lachlan Northington

Corey Cutshall

Luca Diiani

Ski Roundtop

Ski Roundtop

Blue Mountain

Liberty

Blue Mountain

Blue Mountain

Liberty

WPRC