

PARA U16 Chair Report

2017-2018 Season

Speed Camp

Speed Camp was held on Feb 5-6, 2018 at Blue Mountain. It was well attended by 81 athletes: 53 U16's and 28 U14's. Thank you to Amato DePaulo and the Blue Mountain Crew for doing an excellent job of hosting these events and ensuring that Razors Edge was properly prepared.

PARA U16 State Championship

Due to a nor'easter, the U16 Derby that was originally scheduled for February 23rd through 25th at Blue Mountain had to be moved to March 3rd and 4th. Saturday was a 2-run scored GS race on Razor's Edge. Sunday races comprised of a single-run scored SG race on Razor's Edge, followed by a 2-run scored SL race on RazorBack. This was the 4th time that Blue Mountain has hosted The U16 Derby. The field consisted of 91 racers, 45 females and 46 males. 2 athletes that were in quota were not able to compete due to rescheduling of event.

Matty DePaulo and the Blue Mountain Race crew had to overcome challenging weather to prep the hill for the event with another nor'easter hitting the race venue on Friday, March 2nd. Course conditions for both days were very good with little course deterioration.

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 13 males. The following racers qualified for the PARA State Team based on their Overall Derby results:

Women

Erin Kistler	BMRA	2003
Alexandra Howard	WTSEF	2002
Anna McDermott	EMSC	2002
Stephanie Hulme	JFRT	2002
Zoe Crute	LMRT	2002
Elena Carlson	WPRC	2003
Ellie Koitzsch	EMSC	2003
Kelsey Mehallo	JFRT	2002
Quinn Robbins	BMRA	2002
Grace Lenihan	PASEF	2002
Katerina Talanova	WPRC	2003
Giovanna Young	BMRA	2003

Men

Brady Mason	SRRC	2003
Charlie Olsen	WTSEF	2003
Nicolas Castricani	HVRC	2003
Aiden Gonder	SRRC	2003
Tyler Yost	SRRC	2002
Weston Greloch	BMRA	2002
T. Grant Yen	BMRA	2002
Matthew Young	BMRA	2002
George Kwiecinski	EMSC	2003
Christian Combs	BMRA	2003
Jack Scott	HVRC	2002
Elijah Quintana	BMRA	2003
Matthew Penny	SRRC	2003

USSA Eastern Championships

PARA sent 4 female and 5 male competitors to Stowe, VT on March 8th-13th. Thank you to coaches Dan Chayes, Kyle Penny, Dave Gonder, and Lee Gonder for supporting PARA athletes at this event.

Female finishes:

E. Kistler: SG1 37th, SG2 10th
A. Howard: SL1 22nd, SL2 19th, GS 34th, SG1 55th, SG2 47th
A. McDermott: SL2 50th, GS 30th, SG1 50th, SG2 44th
S. Hulme: SL2 42nd, GS 58th, SG1 72nd, SG2 64th

Male Finishes:

B. Mason: SL2 28th, GS 30th, SG1 35th, SG2 35th
C. Olsen: SL1 29th, SL2 52nd, GS 25th, SG1 34th, SG2
N. Castricani SL1 35th, SL2 55th, SG1 63rd, SG2 76th
A. Gonder: SL1 27th, SL2 46th, GS 55th, SG1 85th, SG 2 78th
T. Yost: SL1 34th, SL2 49th, GS 51st, SG1 81st, SG2 71st

USSA Eastern Finals

PARA sent 6 female and 9 male competitors to Waterville Valley, NH March 22nd-25th. Thank you to coaches Kyle Penny, Sean, Lenihan, and Tom Yen for supporting our athletes at this event. One female athlete had committed to attending event, but withdrew at last minute.

Female finishes:

E. Carlson: SG 19th, GS 48th, SL 43rd
E. Koitzsch: SG 32nd, GS 25th, SL 33rd
Q. Robbins: GS 54th,
G. Lenihan: SG 48th, GS 51st, SL 41st
G. Young: GS 59th, SL 44th
T. Treherne: SG 52nd, GS 60th, SL 45th

Male Finishes:

W. Greloch: SG 27th, GS 21st, SL 9th
T. Yen: SG 44th, GS 26th, SL 35th
M. Young: SG 48th, SL 34th
G. Kwiecinski SG 40th, GS 29th,
E. Quintana: GS 39th, SL 38th
E. Wandel: SG 37th, SL 21st
S. King: SG 45th, GS 49th,
E. Lin: SG 39th, SL 41st
W. Creekmore: SG 41st, GS 43th, SL 46th

Can-Am Event

U16 Can-AM was hosted by Mont Tremblant April 2nd-5th. Alexandra Howard (WTSEF) and Anna McDermott (EMSC) represented PARA. Alexandra's finishes: SG 58th, GS 48th, SL 32nd. Anna's finishes: SG 46th, GS 42nd, SL 50th. A coach from WVBBS assisted the PARA athletes at Can-Ams.

2019 U16 Championship Event

The 2019 and 2020 U16 State Championships are up for a 2-year bid.

Respectfully submitted,

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