

**PARA U12 Chair Report  
(2018-2019 Season)  
Tim Brown, U12 Age Chair**

**U12 Derby –**

The event took place March 1<sup>st</sup> through March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The field consisted of a total 90 racers, 49 boys and 41 girls.

The event consisted of three runs of GS on Friday, Skills Quest event on Saturday, followed by three runs of Slalom on Sunday. The Skills Quest event included, for the first time, an obstacle course which brought many smiles and laughs not just from the racers but from parents and coaches as well.

Saturday evening consisted of a banquet and a raffle, held at the mountain. Sunday afternoon consisted of an 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. Laughs, fun, camaraderie, building life-long friendships and life lessons is what it is all about at this age.

Special thanks to Diann Roffe and her staff, as well as Sandy Stefanic for coming out of retirement to act as the derby chair again. Thanks to Joe Bender for all his help with timing and calculations. I would also like to thank all the coaches and parents for all their help, both on and off the hill. Special thanks to Sam Ganow for being the TD.

The PARA State Team consisted of 10 boys and 10 girls.

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

**Boys**

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| 1. Erik Pilisek    | BMR   |
| 2. Joseph Coyne    | SRRC  |
| 3. Jaco Miroz      | WPRC  |
| 4. Luca Rao        | PASEF |
| 5. Stuart Reath    | WTSEF |
| 6. Max Awanohara   | LMRT  |
| 7. Curt Friedrich  | BMR   |
| 8. Daniel Zoubarev | JFRC  |
| 9. Arthur Purcel   | SRRC  |
| 10. Jackson Miller | SRRC  |

## Girls

1. Jamie Hodgkinson	WTSEF
2. Alyssa Sarkisov	WTSEF
3. Sienna Correia	BMR
4. Mia Bruno	WPRC
5. Piper Mayes	EMSC
6. Anna Pucilowski	EMSC
7. Tinley Sutch	EMSC
8. Isabella Altman	SRR
9. Lauren Meneely	BMR
10. Johanna Cook	BMR

### **Francis Piche Invitational –**

The Francis Piche Invitational was held at Gunstock Ski Area on March 13<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>. This year's PARA's quota originally consisted of a total of 40 racers. This year's quota was allocated as 11 U12 boys, 11 U12 girls, 9 U14 boys and 9 U14 girls.

PARA sent a total of 26 U12 racers after the quota was expanded. The team consisted of the 20 state team members along with three additional girls and three additional boys. The additional girls were Paige Barnes (EMSC), Cameron Starner (SRRC) and Addison Winfield (BMR). The additional boys were Becket Pottinger (WPRC), Collin Schreiber (BMR) and Ian Renquist (BMR). The event consisted of two optional training days on Wednesday and Thursday, a training day on Friday, GS race on Saturday and a slalom race on Sunday.

PARA had several racers place in the top ten in GS; Erick Pilisek (BMR) 6<sup>th</sup>, Alyssa Sarkisov (WTSEF) 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Jamie Hodgkinson (WTSEF) 9<sup>th</sup>.

Special thanks to all of the coaches (Diann Roffe, Mimi Pottinger, Brian Eardly and Kevin Hosie) for their efforts communicating with and organizing such a large group of racers.

### **Future Stars Festival –**

NYSSRA held a two-day event at Gore Mountain, NY. The event, which was skills based, was open to a total of 100 athletes from NYSSRA, SARA, Tri-State, NJSRA and PARA. Prior to the event PARA had commitments from 20 racers. Diann Roffe (SRRC) and Art Purcel (SRRC) attended as PARA coaches.

The quota was initially open to state team member, but open to all U12 racers after many state team members declined. Racers were offered slots based on overall derby results.

I received, for the most part, positive feedback the last three years about this event from both parents and racers. However, fielding a team continues to be somewhat of a challenge for various reasons including the event date (late season).