

**PARA U14 Chair Report
(2018-2019 Season)
Kristen Ehringer, U14 Age Chair**

U14 Derby –

The Derby took place February 22nd - 24th at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. The field consisted of a total 77 racers, 45 boys and 32 girls.

The event consisted of Super G training on Friday, 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, 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 6 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. Torin Pottinger | WPRC |
| 2. Lange Gaspar | LMRT |
| 3. Grady Hill | LMRT |
| 4. Louis Friedrich | BMRA |
| 5. Tyler Superczynski | LMRT |
| 6. Luke Watson | JFRT |

Girls

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| 1. Rhiannon Lubaszewski | SSRC |
| 2. Abigail Miller | SSRC |
| 3. Marisa Tomaru | BMRA |
| 4. Deirdre Flaherty | WPRC |
| 5. Kate Yadush | BMRA |

U14 Eastern Championships –

The USSA U14 Eastern Championship was held at Whiteface Mountain on March 16th through 19th. Eleven racers represented PARA. Jim Pottinger and Ben Shirk attended as PARA coaches.

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

Congratulations to Rhiannon Lubaszewski (34th GS, 13th SG), Abigail Miller (39th SL), Lange Gaspar (35th SL), Louis Friedrich (50th SG), and Torin Pottinger (54th GS)

Girls

Rhiannon Lubaszewski	SSRC
Abigail Miller	SSRC
Marisa Tomaru	BMRA
Deirdre Flaherty	WPRC
Kate Yadush	BMRA

Boys

Torin Pottinger	WPRC
Lange Gaspar	LMRT
Grady Hill	LMRT
Louis Friedrich	BMRA
Tyler Superczynski	LMRT
Luke Watson	JFRT

Francis Piche Invitational –

The Francis Piche Invitational was held at Gunstock Ski Area on March 13th through the 17th. This year's PARA's quota consisted of a total of 42 racers. This year's quota was allocated as 11 U12 boys, 11 U12 girls, 10 U14 boys and 10 U14 girls.

PARA sent a total of 20 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.

Rebecca Mize finished 6th in GS. Van Glantz finished 8th in GS and 14th in SL.

Special thanks to Brian Eardley, Diann Roffe, Kevin Hosie, and Mimi Pottinger coaches for their efforts communicated with and organizing such a large group of racers and families.

Girls

Sophie Milza
Rebecca Mize
Jaden Cook
Brianne Allegra
Madalyn Persing
Evangeline Roth
Gabriella Staback
Michaela Klus
Booke Persing
Grace Corbin

Boys

Shane Carpenter
Tucker Ellis
Cameron Mehallo
Dylan Jay
Armstrong Curren
Shayan Gupta
Van Glantz
Reily Koitzsch
Alexander Brown
Samuel Rudy

Eastern Region Projects

The goal of the projects is to (1) bring top Eastern athletes together to train different disciplines, (2) create an opportunity for training and peer group pace in a competitive environment and build confidence at elite training venues, and (3) promote camaraderie and regional team culture amongst eastern athletes.

The selection criteria was based on the prior year U14 state championship performance.

This year there were 4 Eastern Projects for the U14 age group.

1. GS Project at Stratton - Dec 16th – 18th (Quota 3 plus 1 automatic)
Rhiannon Lubazewski (automatic)
Marissa Tomaru
Lange Gaspar
Noah Rosenthal

2. SL Project at Waterville – Jan 14th – 16th (Quota 4)
Rhiannon Lubazewski
Marissa Tomaru
Abigail Miller
Torin Pottinger
3. SG Project at Whiteface & Lake Placid, NY – Feb 5th & 6th (Quota 4)
Abigail Miller
4. GS & SL Project at NWAC – Feb 18th - 19th (Quota 6 – Quota later expanded)
Lange Gaspar
Noah Rosenthal
Torin Pottinger
Tyler Superczynski
Luke Watson
Wyatt Rogers
Andrew Little
Jaden Cook
Brook Covington