

Agenda Item – Possibly additional U12 post season event for 2025.

Whiteface Mountain U12 Championship (Event for 2025?) –

Stephen Mergenthaler -Alpine Sports Director with NY State Ski Racing reached out to both Patrick Wende and myself last March with an invite for PARA to participate in a U12 State Championship. The event was to be held the third weekend in March at Whiteface Mountain in Lake Placid NY. Ten PARA athletes would have been invited to participate. Stephen was slow in providing details, and since it would have been a rush to select athletes and coaches to attend it was decided that PARA would follow up with Stephen regarding the event in 2025.

The following details about the event were provided:

Event Content - open event, 1st and 2nd Year U12s

2-day event Saturday / Sunday March 23-24, 2024

Optional Training Day at Organizers Discretion - SL Progression to be Included if possible, for U12s

Day 1 // Kombi Race - 3 Run Race

Day 2 // GS Race - 3 Run Race

Place points for Awards, Best two finishes.

**Short Sprint Like courses approximately 30 seconds.

Awards - Top 10 U12s M/W age class. Overall Award. Skimeister for top finisher across all 6 runs.

Council Cup for Best Top Finishing Council

Event - to Include some of the following. Sense of Arrival, Recognition of event, Swag, Gift, Banquet, BBQ.

I followed up with Stephen last week. He is planning on holding the event next year. He will provide PARA with the schedule this fall. He feels it is not only a valuable athlete development project, but great coach collaboration and education opportunity.

As U12 Age Chair I am looking for the boards thoughts on possibly supporting this event next season (2025) by fielding a team of U12 athletes and PARA coaches.