



Motion to Amend the U16 Series Proposal for 2025/2026:

- Motion - **Move the proposed SL from Roundtop to Tussey Mountain.**

Reasoning:

-As an Athlete first organization, PARA should be holding races at venues that provide the best race conditions, the best slopes for specific disciplines, and are held at ski racing friendly environments. Tussey provides this more so than any other PARA venue, especially for SL and specifically for U16.

-Tussey Mountain is pro ski racing, allowing TMART to be flexible with course sets on available terrain.

-Pro ski racing ownership and flexibility also allows us to host the race on any weekend in late January or February and allows us to work around other mountains more rigid scheduling requirements.

-With unlimited terrain availability, TMART is able to set both Woman/Men courses.

-Tussey is updating/improving the lighting on our race hill for 2025/2026. The intent for the U16 race is to have Saturday's race starting later, with the second run being held in the evening. This could allow parents the option to travel to State College on the morning of the race and avoid a Friday night hotel cost.

-Tussey allows parents unprecedented viewing of the race and access to the race venue. This includes easy viewing from the bottom of the hill or lodge and unlimited walkable access to the race hill, (outside the race venue).

-Past three years, on race days, TMART the Mountain have coordinated food, beverage, and bands creating a friendly and fun race atmosphere for both athletes and parents.

-Over the past three years, TMART has adopted the model of rewarding the top 5 places. Providing more opportunities for athletes.

Tussey provides our U16 with a more appropriate race venue which has been utilized by PARA for decades over TMART's 40-year history. Tussey is pro ski racing and TMART builds off this by hosting races that are challenging, fun, and easy for parents to enjoy.