

PARA Championship Committee Report (5/2/2014)

1. Committee

- 1.1. *Co-Chaired: Dan Chayes, Bruce Wickersham*
- 1.2. *Members: Bruce Bedell, Jim DeBiase, Tim Brown, Bruce Newman, Tom Yen, Jamie Joyce, Amato DePaulo, Gus Picariello, Curt Schramm, Kurt Zwally*

2. Predicted 2015 USSA Post-Season Schedule

- 2.1. *March 6-8 (H.S. Championships); March 7-8 (Jr. FIS Finals); March 12-15 (U16 Finals); March 13-16 (U14 Championships); March 14-17 (U18/U21 USSA Finals); March 16-20 (U16 Championships)*

3. Anticipated PARA 2015 Championship Event Bidders/Schedule

- 3.1. *PA CUP FINALS = Elk, U16 = Blue, U14 = Seven Springs, U12 = {open}*
- 3.2. *Recommended: 2 Championship weekends (U12/U16 & U14/CUP)*
- 3.3. *Proposed CUP Finals/U14 Championship on February 27-March 1, 2015, proposed U16 Championship on February 23-25, 2015. U16 Championship qualifiers (and other U16 at coaches discretion) allowed to race in the CUP Finals. U12 Championship need only be completed before Piché weekend (TBA - March 2015).*

4. Optimum PARA 2015 Championship Event Participants

- 4.1. *Set fixed participant limits (max./min.)? U16 = 100/65; U14 = 85/65; U12 = 85/65*
- 4.2. *Set a percentage of athletes (e.g. 35%)?*
- 4.3. *Why establish numbers in Spring based on last season athletes? Why not assign a committee (e.g. Regional Chairs) to determine the number in January of each season based upon actual athlete numbers?*
- 4.4. *Establishing numbers before the season means one less (devisive) decision to have to handle mid-season.*

5. Content/Scoring of PARA 2015 Championship Events

- 5.1. *Recommend U16 (SG, GS, SL); U14 (SG Training, GS, SL); U12 (Skills Quest, Kombi, GS, SL?)*
- 5.2. *U16/U14 three (3) runs of GS/SL? Traditional. Seeding? Tie-breakers (combined time of event)?*
- 5.3. *U16/U14 two (2) runs of GS/SL? Based on post-season reality. Allows more participants. Seeding? Tie-breakers (combined time of event)?*
- 5.4. *U12 (3, 2 or 1 day?) {New Organizer dependent} (Third day optional)*

6. Qualification/Quota System for PARA Championships

- 6.1. *Number of Events = Regional Decision***
- 6.2. *Finishes v. Runs = Regional Decision***
- 6.3. *Membership v. Racers = recommend using "Alpine Competitor" membership category (may tighten current gaps with new membership category "Non-Participatory")***

7. Other Issues

- 7.1. *Anticipated CUP Bidders: #1/#2:Seven Springs (January 10-11, 2015); #3/#4/#5: Blue Mountain (January 30-February 1, 2015)***
- 7.2. *Recommend no U16 Regional Qualifiers allowed to be scheduled at a CUP race.***
 - 7.2.1. *NE/E have invited Central U16 athletes to race at their U16 scheduled races.***
- 7.3. *USSA may require U16 athletes racing in a U18+ scored race to abide by U18+ ski equipment rules.***
- 7.4. *Blue may hold a separate scored SG. Blue may hold 1-2 SG camps in 2015.***