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## AMERICAN DOWNHILLER PARA SPEED PROJECT AT OKEMO MOUNTAIN

PARA has decided to again sponsor the **American Downhiller Speed Project at Okemo Mountain** for the 2023-24 season to help build speed-specific skills in our athletes. Coaches for the camps will include former **Olympian & USST member, Marco Sullivan** and other former USST athletes, along with PARA coaches similar to last year's camp.

The Project will consist of two camps, and each camp will have priority registration period for the top ranked PARA U16 and U14 athletes (based on the previous season's results). The registration fee is expected to be about \$375.00.

- **Camp 1 - Open to U16 through U21 athletes: January 20-22, 2024 with two scored Super-G races on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.**
- **Camp 2 - Open to U14 athletes: January 23-25, 2024 (skills camp only; no race component).** U14 ski rules for SG are min 17 meter radius. (SG specific skis are not required but the 17m rule will be enforced.)
- **Each camp is limited to a maximum of 80 PARA athletes.** The opening dates for registration are published in advance to help give all eligible PARA athletes equal access to these camps. Coaches and PARA Directors are encouraged to share this information broadly with your athletes and member families as soon as possible.
- **General registration** for both camps will **open at 6PM on Saturday December 9, 2023.**
- Both camps will have a **one-week priority registration period** for **U16 and U14 athletes** of each gender who ranked in the top 10 of their birth year using the last year's State-wide rankings. U18s & U21s can register for Camp 1 during the general registration period. U18s & U21s are not eligible for the priority registration period. The **list of U16 and U14 athletes** eligible for priority registration will be published shortly.
- The one-week **priority registration period** for both camps will **open at 6PM on Saturday December 2, 2023.**
- Registration for the camps will be via [Adminskiracing.com](https://Adminskiracing.com) and the links will be posted shortly.
- U16 and U14 athletes who did not qualify for priority registration based on their prior season results can appeal to the Speed Committee for inclusion in the priority registration period. (The Committee can approve up to 8 additional athletes for the (1 per gender per region) for inclusion in the priority registration.) Any such requests must be submitted to the Speed Committee **no later than 11:59 PM Saturday November 25, 2023** via [SpeedCommittee@paracing.org](mailto:SpeedCommittee@paracing.org)
- **PARA clubs with athletes attending are expected to provide coaches to help support the camp.** PARA is not providing additional funding to support club coaches staffing the event.
- **Coaches interested in helping staff the event are asked to please sign up as soon as possible** via [Adminskiracing.com](https://Adminskiracing.com) and **no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>.**
- **In the event that Camp 2 does not fill to capacity** by Wednesday, December 20, 2023, **U16s will be eligible to register for Camp 2 starting at 6pm on Saturday December 23, 2023.**
- PARA would like to thank Killington World Cup Foundation for its sponsorship of this year's speed camps. The Killington World Cup Foundation provided a \$5,000 grant to match the \$5,000 PARA is providing this year to help defray costs to the participants.