PARA U18/21 Postseason Considerations – 2024-25 Season

The 2024-25 postseason offers unique opportunities for U18/21 athletes. Listed below are those that apply this season.

Eastern High School Championships – March 7-9, 2025, at Cannon-Mittersill, NH

These races pit teams from states primarily east of the Mississippi River against each other in slalom and GS races, one each for men and women. These races tend to be excellent opportunities for PARA racers to improve their USSS points profiles as athletes with low points (especially in slalom) tend to attend.

There are technically two squads for this event: a team from athletes who attend high school in Pennsylvania; and a composite team filled with athletes who attend high school in Virginia, the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Delaware. Every athlete on the team must be enrolled in high school (grades 9-12).

The squads for these teams will likely be decided *before* PA Cup finals. To express your athlete's *intent* to attend these races <u>click here</u>. Please note: this form only expresses your athlete's intention of competing in this event – it is not a first-come, first-served setup for fielding this team. The team selections will be made initially by the U18/21 and U16 PARA Age Chairs based on accumulated results this season.

USSS Eastern U18/21 Finals – March 28-30, 2025, at Attitash, NH

This event features a field of athletes from throughout the various USSS Eastern divisions: PARA, SARA, NJSRA, NYSSRA, Tri-State, VARA, NHARA, and MARA. The event consists of a super-G, GS, and slalom for both men and women. The level of competition at this event is quite high, and PARA athletes have traditionally had a strong showing against heavy-hitter competition, including those from prestigious ski academies.

There is a single PARA squad for this event, consisting of 26 athletes (14 men, 12 women). The slots for these quotas are initially to be filled by the top 14 men and 12 women in the PA Governor's Cup standings for the 2024-25 season. As this event often has dropouts slots will be offered to the next athletes down the list until either the quota is filled or the roster submission deadline is reached, whichever comes first.

Roster names will be announced and intents taken at PA Cup Finals at Elk Mountain on Sunday, March 2nd.