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1. PARA State team sweatshirt totals for U16/U18-U21. I'd propose, for these two age categories, that the "State Team" reflect the quota for post season and the sweatshirts be provided to all of those athletes. For instance, this year the quota for U16 was 13. The top 6 went to U16 Champs, the next 7 went to U16 Finals, however we made the State Team 10, gave 10 sweatshirts, and left 4 out. This seems odd to me. I understand a hard cap at the U14 level specifically if post season races are "open", but this does not seem to make sense at the U16/U18-U21 age groups where we generally have an idea of the quota, and it's not that large.
2. I would like to explore and discuss the notion of dropping one race from the point totals for the U16 series (assuming we have the same structure, I know Western is proposing going back to regional qualifiers) and the Pa Cup series. I feel having so few races, dropping one would create more competitive racing. I think the notion that if you fall or are sick for one race your chances of winning the point total or making the state team could be significantly reduced. I know this system is based on the World Cup point structure, but in a normal World Cup season 30-33 tech races are held, meaning mistakes are not as magnified, as opposed to our 7.