

Proposal for a State-Wide U16 Race Series

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Establish a State-wide race series for U16 athletes. A State-wide series will eliminate the need for council qualifiers. All U16's will race together for the entire season.

U16 Field Size

For the 2019-2020 season PARA membership included 170 U16 athletes. PARA U16 field is estimated to be 176 if all current 2005 yob and 2006 yob athletes return for the 2020-2021 season. Each season some attrition occurs so field size is expected to be about the same or less than the 2019-2020 season.

There are too many U16 and U19 athletes in PARA to run a combined series.

Number of races: 7 total

Disciplines: 3 SL 3 GS 1 SG

If Blue hosts 1 SG, 1 GS, and 1 SL for Finals, that will leave 2 SL and 2 GS to be hosted by other venues.

Host venues should be geographically located across PARA involving as many Councils as possible. Ideally, a venue will host 2 races on the same weekend to decrease athlete travel.

U16 Finals

Finals will take the place of U16 Championships. Blue can honor current 2-year bid for 2021 and 2022 seasons and host U16 Finals. Blue will run Finals in the same manner that U16 State Championships has been run: Friday will be a 1 run SG race; Saturday will be a 2 run GS race; Sunday will be a 2 run SL race. All will be run on Razors Edge.

U16 Finals will follow the same format as U19 Cup finals with the awards ceremony on Sunday after all races have been completed. A social event will be held for athletes on either Friday or Saturday.

Seeding and Scoring

Athletes will be seeded based on their US Ski and Snowboard points.

Athletes will be scored in the same manner as U19 Cup scoring with the World Cup 100 point system for each race (no race run scores). Each athlete may earn up to 7 scores. Highest totals will determine PARA State Champion and PARA State Team for each gender.

State Team

Number of athletes on U16 State Team will be determined by number of PARA spots given to PARA for U16 Eastern Championships and U16 Eastern Finals. Historically this has been 25 athletes: 9 athletes to Eastern Championships and 16 athletes to Eastern Finals.