

## U16 Regional racing proposal

- Proposal to go back to regional races
- Why? – cost, avoid cancellations, smaller fields, opportunity for more races, weather, and snow availability.
- Regions –
- Regions (Western, Central, East, and Northeast) host local scored races to constitute a regular season
- All regional U16 events will be open with inter-regional racing welcomed and supported (Example: Central region clubs welcome at all E/NE races)
- The regions will be required to schedule a minimum of two GS races and two SL races.
- All homologated trails should be considered.
- Championship Weekend
- Blue remains host of the state championship final, the championship weekend is open to all interested PA U16 racers that have started at least 2 of their regional races.
- In the event of injury or other extenuating circumstance that prevented an athlete from starting at least 2 regional races the athlete's head coach may appeal to the PARA u16 chairperson for discretionary entry.
- The ROC may implement a field size cap of 150 if so desired
- The U16 Championship will consist of 1 SG race, 1 slalom race, and GS race. Each race will be a scored USSS race.
- The overall champions and state team selection will be decided by the cumulative total of each athlete's best 4 of 5 runs using New World Cup points. Tie breaks follow the "Inside / Out Method".
- State team size per PARA procedure, currently top 10/gender
- Start list procedure for championship weekend
- SG follow standard scored race start list generation procedure
- Tech events (SL/GS) follow modified [TRS butterfly format](#)
- Generate the start list of the first run of the first tech event scheduled following normal scored event procedure. Following the first run utilize the TRS butterfly approach based off of the first run start list.

Thank you for your time

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