

Hello Potential U12 State Championship (Derby) Parents:

As you know this year's U12 State Championship will be held from 2/27-3/1 at Tussey Mountain in State College. We're gearing up for an exciting weekend of action.

I'm writing early to pass along a few points.

There are many choices of accommodations in State College. While we are not endorsing any particular hotel TMART has negotiated a special rate with the Ramada Golf & Conference Hotel in State College. This rate is \$57. The catch is they gave us a booking deadline of Monday, February 16 which clearly is not enough time to determine racer participation. I'm suggesting that you book a room now at that rate if you think your racer might qualify. The block code is CHMP. Be sure to confirm the cancellation policy. The Ramada is approximately 5 miles from Tussey Mountain and is also the site of this year's banquet on Saturday night. Their phone number is 814-238-3001.

The second issue is one of volunteers. As many of you know, TMART is a very small organization (26 racers). We will be relying heavily on racer parents to volunteer for hill positions (Gate Judge, TOD positions, Start/Finish Refs). When the official race announcement is circulated, we will provide instructions for posting your volunteer effort. Your volunteer efforts will insure this to be an event your racer child will remember.