PENNSYLVANIA ALPINE RACING ASSOCIATION

U14 PARA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Dear PARA Racer,

Congratulations! Your racing results have qualified you for an invitation to the 2015 PARA U14 State Championship at Seven Springs Mountain Resort, February 20-22, 2015. Regional results reflecting qualifying racers are posted on the PARA web site. If you have qualified and cannot attend this event, notify your Region Chairperson as soon as possible. The final racer start list will be closed by noon Monday 2/16/14. The results at this U14 Championship will qualify racers to be named to the following:

MEMBERS OF THE 2015 PARA U14 STATE TEAM

(5 Men-- 6 Women)

2015 PARA TEAM TO THE EASTERN U14 CHAMPIONSHIPS March 13-16 at Stowe, Vermont

(5 Men -- 6 Women)

2015 PARA TEAM TO PICHE INVITATIONAL

March 13-15 at Gunstock, NH (8 Men -- 8 Women)

FORMAT

Your invitation includes the 3 days of events as well as the athlete banquets.

DAY1: Fri 2/20/15 - Speed Training *** this is optional & is not scored*** DAY 2: Sat 2/21/15 - (3) Runs of Slalom DAY 3: Sun 2/22/15 - (3) Runs of Giant Slalom

TEAM SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA FOR SELECTIONS TO PARA TEAMS

The U14 States will consist of 3 runs of slalom and 3 runs of GS, and an optional SG skills day on Friday. New World Cup points will be assigned for each run of slalom and GS. State Team and post-season event selection will be based on total New World Cup Points from the six runs. Discipline awards will also be given for slalom and GS champions based on total New World Cup Points from all three runs of each discipline. Tie breaks follow the "Inside/Out Method".

REGULATION HELMETS are mandatory for the <u>Speed Training</u>, <u>Slalom</u> and <u>Giant Slalom</u> races

RACE LOCATIONS

Speed training will be held on Gunnar Slope (back side of mountain) Slalom and Giant Slalom are on Avalanche Slope

Starting Times

<u>Friday</u>

Lifts open at 8:15 AM	
Speed training Introduction MANDATORY	8:45 AM
Groups report for First Drills	9:15 AM
Training runs start	12:00PM
<u>Saturday</u>	
Slalom 1st run	
<u>Sunday</u>	
Giant Slalom 1st run	

BANQUET AND PIZZA PARTY

The racer's registration fee includes their meal tickets for the following. Additional tickets must be purchased Thursday evening at registration. CASH OR CHECK ONLY FOR ADDITIONAL TICKETS **SATURDAY**–<u>Dinner and Prize Drawing</u>. There will be a banquet in the Alpine room located in the Main Lodge at 5:00 PM (doors open at 4:30) including a buffet dinner, followed by a racer prize drawing. Dinner menu includes

-Assorted Salad Table -Assorted Breads

-Spaghetti

-Petite Stuffed Chicken Cordon Blue

-Italian Meatballs

-Cheese Stuffed Manicotti

-Corn

-Assorted desserts

-Soft drinks and coffee/tea.

Additional tickets may be purchased for \$26.00 per person (adult or child). Coach's dinner tickets will be sold at a discounted rate of \$22.00. Coaches are encouraged to attend. **TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR!**

SUNDAY--<u>Pizza Party and Awards.</u> There will be unlimited assorted pizza, salad, dinner rolls, desserts, soft drinks and coffee/tea in the Grand Ballroom at 4:00 PM (doors open at 3:30). Additional tickets may be purchased for \$18.00 per person (adult or child) Coach's pizza party tickets will be sold at a discounted rate of \$15.00. Coaches are encouraged to attend. **PIZZA TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR – we will open the room for "award attendance only" once the pizza is gone.**

PHOTOS

"Cu@Seven Springs" will photograph all racers in both racing events. Photos will be available for purchase at Sunday's pizza party. Prints 5"x7" Prices are \$10.00 for one, \$25.00 for the set of three photos.

AWARD CEREMONY FOR TOP FINISHERS OF INDIVIDUAL DISCIPLINES 4:30 PM (approx. time)

- 2015 PARA Championship U14 Slalom Champions (1st 8th Place)
- 2015 PARA Championship U14 Giant Slalom Champions (1st 8th Place)
- 2015 PARA Overall Women's and Men's State Champions

AWARD CEREMONY FOR PARA TEAM SELECTIONS 4:45 PM (approx. time)

2015 PARA U14 State Team PARA Team to 2015 Eastern U14 Championship

STATE TEAMS

There will be a brief meeting of all those selected for the teams and alternates immediately following the awards ceremony. <u>Please come prepared to give a FIRM</u> <u>decision on whether or not you will attend the following events.</u>

Eastern U14 Championships (approx. \$150)March 13-16Stowe, VTPiche InvitationalMarch13-15Gunstock, NH- Base price \$135 - there are optional training & SI Race - see Piche handout.

REGISTRATION

Thursday - 5 PM to 8 PM in the Ski Lodge (near cafeteria)
Friday - 7 AM to 8 AM in the Ski Lodge (near cafeteria)
Saturday (if needed) - 7 AM to 8 AM in WPRC Training Center (base of Tyrol Slope)

ENTRY FEES -- \$150.00

DO NOT MAIL ENTRY FEES! ENTRY FEES WILL BE COLLECTED AT REGISTRATION! MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "WPRC" (CASH OR CHECK ONLY) (Western Pennsylvania Race Club)

The entry fee covers race registration, sweatshirt, Saturday's dinner, and Sunday's pizza party for all racers. The entry does not include lift ticket – see below.

LIFT TICKETS

Adult (racer or parent) and Children lift tickets are purchased separately during registration at the following discounted rates. **CASH, CREDIT or CHECK (payable to Seven Springs Resort)** will be accepted. **LIFT TICKETS** must be on Racers <u>At All Times</u>, lost tickets are not refundable.

	Adults/	
	Racers	Child (6-11)
3 day pass Friday 9AM to Sunday 10 PM	\$148	\$118
Weekend pass Friday 4:30 PM to Sunday 10 PM	\$116	\$87
Friday day pass 9 AM to 10 PM	\$50	\$38
Saturday day pass 9 AM to 10 PM	\$67	\$50
Sunday day pass 9 AM to 10 PM	\$67	\$50

RACE BIBS

Bibs for all three days for all events will be issued at registration. These bibs are yours to keep!

PARENTS PARTICIPATION

It is requested for each racer to have a parent or friend assist with officiating or gate judging at <u>least</u> one of the three days. Assignment duties can be requested via e-mail (Rachel@wprcskiteam.org) prior to the event, or an assignment sheet for race duties will be at registration. A shuttle service will be available for non-skiing spectators to get to the Speed training finish area on the back side of the mountain. The shuttle will leave from the skier drop off area below the ski lodge at approximately 9:30 AM on Friday.

COACHES LIFT TICKETS

Please e-mail names of coaches, team affiliation, number of racers attending the event, and USSA# to Rachel@wprcskiteam.org by February 18th in order to secure a complimentary lift pass. Comp coaches passes are provided on a 4/1 athlete to coach ratio, and you must hold a current USSA Coaching License.

COACHES MEETING

The meeting for the Speed training will be held on Thursday, February 19 at approximately 7:45 PM in the registration area. Racer role call will take place at this meeting - as well as detailed information about your coach's role in the speed training. Please notify your coach of this meeting!

The meeting for the Slalom and Giant Slalom will be held on Friday, February 20 at approximately 3 PM in the WPRC Training Center, following the "clean up" & "put away" of the Speed Training.

ACCOMMODATIONS

SEVEN SPRINGS RESORT

Contact Reservations at 866-437-1300

Mention "USSA Event Package Code SPSSRC"

SOMERSET AREA (Exit 110-PA Turnpike)

Holiday Inn	814-206-7612
Quality Inn	814-443-4646
Hidden Valley Resort	814-443-8000
Hampton Inn	814-445-9161
Comfort Inn	814-445-9611
Baymont Inn& Suite	814-445-3996
Knights Inn	814-445-8933
Best Western	814-455-3808

DONEGAL AREA (Exit 91-PA Turnpike)

Day's Inn	724-593-7536
Log Cabin Motel	724-593-8200
Holiday Inn Express	724-593-1881

QUESTIONS - PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL

Tim Brown, U14 Age Chair 610-704-6414 tdbrown3@ptd.net or

U14chair@para.org

CONGRATULATIONS RACERS, WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT SEVEN SPRINGS!!!