

PARA U16 Chair Report

2018-2019 Season

USSS Eastern Projects

USSS Eastern scheduled two U16 projects during the 2019 season. The first project was an SL event to be held at Mittersill (males) and Proctor (females) on Jan 19-20. Unfortunately it was cancelled due to weather uncondusive to the event. Three PARA athletes were slated to attend. PARA did not send anyone to the GS and SL project held at NWAC Feb 20-21 due to timing as this event was the two days immediately preceding the PARA U16 State Championship weekend.

Speed Camp

Speed Camp was held on Feb 4-5, 2019 at Blue Mountain. It was well attended with 53 U16's and 35 U14's in attendance. Amato DePaulo and the Blue Mountain Crew once again did a great job of preparing Razor's Edge to host the 2-day Speed Camp.

PARA U16 State Championship

U16 Derby was held February 22rd through 24th. This was the 5th time that Blue Mountain has hosted The U16 Derby. The field consisted of 85 racers, 45 females and 40 males.

Saturday evening's banquet was held at the Blue Mountain Summit Lodge with all, if not most of the athletes attending. Awards ceremony was held on Sunday. A baked potato/soup bar was served. Thank you to Beth Yen and the Blue Mountain parents for putting on a great weekend for the athletes!

PARA State Team

This year's U16 State Team consists of 13 females and 12 males. The following racers qualified for the PARA State Team based on their Overall Derby results:

Females

Erin Kistler	BMRA	2003
Marcella Altman	SRRC	2004
Summer Saifee	WPRC	2004
Stephanie Hulme	JFRT	2003
Tatum Treherne	SRRC	2004
Kailey McCune	WPRC	2003
Allison Mitchell	SRRC	2004
Elena Carlson	JFRT	2003
Julia Bennett	SRRC	2004
Molly Burns	JFRT	2004
Lily Kutz	EMSC	2003
Giovanna Young	BMRA	2003
Carolyn Mole	WPRC	2004

Males

Nico Castracani	HVRC	2003
Elijah Wandel	WPRC	2003
Lucca Correia	BMRA	2004
Jack Pope	EMSC	2004
Christian Combs	BMRA	2003
Benjamin Cook	BMRA	2004
Gus Tritsch	TMART	2003
Gregory Morris	DCWST	2003
Matthew Penny	SRRC	2003
Elijah Quintana	BMRA	2003
Jesse Mize	SRRC	2003
Michael Finnerty	JFRT	2004

USSS Eastern Championships

PARA sent 5 female and 4 male competitors to Sugarloaf, ME on March 8-13. Thank you to coaches Doug Houston-Ludlam and Jonathan Altman for supporting PARA athletes at this event. The following athletes represented PARA:

Females

E. Kistler
M. Altman
S. Saifee
S. Hulme
T. Treherne

Males

N. Castracani
E. Wandel
L. Correia
J. Pope

USSS Eastern Finals

PARA sent 9 female and 10 male competitors to Gore Mountain, NY March 15-18. Thank you to coaches Lee Gonder and Kyle Penny for supporting our athletes at this event. Of special note is the 7th Place GS finish by Ben Cook. The following athletes represented PARA:

Females

K. McCune
A. Mitchell
E. Carlson
J. Bennett
M. Burns
G. Young
C. Mole
M. Diller
G. Hubbard

Males

B. Cook
G. Tritsch
G. Morris
M. Penny
J. Mize
J. Kostelac
B. Gonder
R. Shojaei
D. Aderholt
M. Fretes

2019 U16 Championship Event

The 2021 and 2022 U16 State Championships are up for a 2-year bid.

Respectfully submitted,

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