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Executive Summary

Changes Implemented This Year

- None

Challenges & Issues

- None

Recommended Changes for Next Year

- None

Board Approvals

Proposed Rules & Procedure Changes

- None

Budget Requests

- Maintain the funding for the potential Kandahar Project for one more year.



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Detailed Report

U12 Derby –

The event took place February 22nd and 23rd at Roundtop Mountain Resort. The field consisted of a total 89 racers, 50 boys and 39 girls.

The event consisted of three runs of SL on Saturday, followed by three runs of GS on Sunday. Sunday afternoon consisted of an awards ceremony and the naming of the state team.

As both the age chair and a coach I had the opportunity to spend the majority of my time on the slope. I was very impressed with the behavior and sportsmanship exhibited by all the racers. Congratulations to all the racers who attended. I found that the quality/level of the field to be representative of what I would expect at a state championship event. Laughs, fun, camaraderie, building life-long friendships and life lessons is what it is all about at this age.

Special thanks to Ben Shirk and his staff at Ski Roundtop, as well as Alice Anderson the derby chair. Roundtop was a great venue for this age level. I would also like to thank all the coaches and parents for all their help, both on and off the hill. Special thanks to Andy Backlund for being the TD.

The PARA State Team consisted of 11 boys and 11 girls.

The following racers qualified for the PARA State Team based on their results at the derby.



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Boys

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| 1. Philippe Vesin | WTSEF |
| 2. Virat Singh | WTSEF |
| 3. Shota Ogawa | JF/BB |
| 4. William Craft | TMART |
| 5. David Klus | BMR |
| 6. Ishaan Aich | LMRT |
| 7. Kellan Backlund | JF/BB |
| 8. Luke Sanders | SRRC |
| 9. Jack Coyne | SRRC |
| 10. Calvin Furlong | WPRC |
| 11. Andrei Tobias | JF/BB |
| 12. Eliot Eckel | DCWST (Alternate to Piche) |

Girls

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| 1. Olivia Saltzman | PASEF |
| 2. Cassidy Miller | JF/BB |
| 3. Riley Papp | JF/BB |
| 4. Morgan Kunkel | SRRC |
| 5. Adeline Minkis | PASEF |
| 6. Avery Spehar | WPRC |
| 7. Grace Corson | JF/BB |
| 8. Audrey Nemitz | BMR |
| 9. Madison McCulloch | BMR |
| 10. Emma Easterday | DCWST |
| 11. Allyson Moran | BMR |
| 12. Matild Macskasi | LMRT (Alternate to Piche) |

Francis Piche Invitational –

The Francis Piche Invitational was to be held at Gunstock Ski Area on March 12th through the 16th. The event consisted of two optional training days, a Dual SL/Team Event, a day



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of GS and a day of SL. This year's PARA U12 quota originally consisted of a total of 22 racers, allocated as 11 boys and 11 girls.

PARA sent a total of 22 U12 racers.

Top U12 finishes:

GS – Areline Minkis (CB) 34th, Philippe Vesin (WTSEF) 23rd

SL – Olivia Saltzman (CB) 24th, David Klus (BMR) 17th

Special thanks to the PARA coaches, Megan Hersh, Andy Backlund and Scott Kunkel.



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2025 NYSSRA U12 SL Kandahar Performance Project NYSEF - Whiteface Mountain, April 5-6, 2025

PARA received an invitation to attend the event from Stephen Mergenthaler of NYSSRA. However, due to the late notice and event date PARA was unable to gain any racer/parent interest to field a team.