

PARA Spring 2019 meeting
SUMMARY FROM ECC/ACC MEETING - D. ROFFE

ECC

1. U14 proposals - Proposal for a Finals is coming for 2019/2020 season, held the weekend before Champs. To keep kids in the sport, another fun event with GS, Kombi, team obstacle course or parallel, PARA quota will be population based. VT is possibly holding an open U14 States. 2 venues (350 athletes total) for boys and girls, seeding ranked by council races. (U12s?)
2. Reviewed and passed 2020 Eastern U14 Quota - 3 year average of 50/50 pop/perf. PARA numbers are stable.
3. U14's racing for USSA points. Passed Fall 2019. We (PARA) should schedule 2 SL and 2 GS races for U14s with U16s and/or U19s after March 1, 2020. (Locations?)
4. U12 Age Appropriate course length and time discussion - From Beatty Schlueter- NYSEF - "I tend to think a "sprint" is more meaningful at the younger ages. See attached from Jon Nolting. Congress will see proposal with much support from Eastern to adjust the course setting matrix."

Here are times/length we have discussed in NY

U12 & Under SL 35-40 sec max

U12 & Under GS 45-50 sec max

U12 & Under Kombi 35 - 45 sec max

5. Setting perpendicular to the snow is important for Junior gates (height safety). No changes to junior gates anticipated
6. VT has NO state champs for U12s. OPEN state championship

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7. for U14s, 2 venues (350 athletes) for boys and girls, seeding ranked by council races. For discussion only
8. NHARA State team gets a NH Ski Pass!!!
9. Youth Coordinator?

ACC

1. Membership dues going up due to SafeSport requirements
2. Stop the Bleed - Stop the bleed kits in all Start Referee kits, Designated patroller at the start. Included in Medical plan. Coming down from National
3. New pocket guide coming out for coaches using video of kids versus WC athletes. Will be distributed to Program directors to spread to coaches. Subsidized funding TBD. Digital accessibility

FROM USSS Staff

4. **S** - Good Staff, huge membership numbers, point depth is super up to 60 pts.
5. **W** - Have swiss cheese in the base at the club level for quality of coaching ed and delivery of fundamentals. East region has 55% of national membership, 25% of elite athlete pool.
6. **T** - cost of the sport
7. **O** - The way we celebrate the sport, culture, methodology, staffing, community involvement, all events as gatherings and celebration of our community
8. 15% increase in race attendance, working to automate more communication and tracking systems