

MOTION TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO THE SPEED COMMITTEE ON 2024 PARA SPEED PROJECTS

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MOTION: To continue to support and foster innovative PARA Speed Projects and make the following improvements:

- Foster and fund projects starting at the U12 level through U16s and older,
 - Set a goal of one or more camps open to U12 and U14 athletes happening one or more PARA regions in the 2023-24 season.
 - Continue to support and help improve the U16+ speed camp at Okemo
 - Work with camp organizers, with input from Age Chairs and Regional Chairs, to qualify PARA's top athletes for these camps (or give the top athletes priority registration)
 - Increase transparency by providing significant advance notice about registration opening dates to all Directors and Officers.
- 1) Provide financial support for a U16-focused speed camp held at an age-appropriate out-of-state venue in continued partnership with the American Downhill, while also:
- a. Adding a follow-on U14 component that same week
 - b. General registration for both camps shall open at [6PM] on [the 3rd Saturday after Thanksgiving];
 - c. Providing a one week advance registration period:
 - i. for U16 and under athletes that made the State Team the prior year
 - ii. that opens at [6PM] on [the 2rd Saturday after Thanksgiving];
 - d. Notice of these dates, times, and the athletes that qualify for advance registration will be published on the PARA website with the link to the camp registration under a new heading called: "Speed Camps".
 - e. The U14 & U16 Age Chairs shall provide the Speed Committee with the list of athletes that qualify for pre-registration for each camp by the Spring Meeting each year.
 - i. For the coming season, the Age Chairs will provide it to the Speed Committee by June 1st for review and the Executive Committee shall approve the final list no later than June 15th.

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- 2) Provide financial support for U12-focused speed education in PARA starting this year with the following guidance:
 - a. In-state camps shall be open to all U12 and U14 athletes who qualified for Derbies the previous year, with a two-week priority registration period for the previous year's **State Teams** members.
 - b. Camps should consist of at least 1 skills day, plus a day for a timed event that is set to the max U14 GS course set rules (until U14 SG homologation achieved)
 - c. General registration for any in-state camps shall open at **[6PM]** on **[the 3rd Saturday after Thanksgiving]**;
 - d. Providing a one week advance registration period:
 - i. for U12 and U14 athletes that made the State Team the prior year
 - ii. that opens at **[6PM]** on **[the 2rd Saturday after Thanksgiving]**;
 - e. Notice of these dates, times, and the athletes that qualify for advance registration will be published on the PARA website with the link to the camp registration under a new heading called: "Speed Camps".
 - f. The U12 & U14 Age Chairs shall provide the Speed Committee with the list of athletes that qualify for the camp and a list of those that qualify for pre-registration by the Spring Meeting each year.
 - i. For the coming season, the Age Chairs will provide it to the Speed Committee by June 1st for review and the Executive Committee shall approve the final list no later than June 15th.
 - g. The process for clubs to bid to host these camps and the review and selection process is outlined in the Speed Camp funding proposal.
- 3) In the event that any Speed Camp sponsored with PARA funds does not reach its minimum number of athlete registrations by two weeks before the event, the Camp Organizers are permitted to open the general registration to athletes from outside of PARA. In that case, Camp organizers shall notify the Speed Committee and the Executive Committee that registration opened to athletes outside of PARA.
- 4) The Speed Committee shall make every effort to follow this guidance when implementing speed projects for the 2023-24 season. In the event that circumstances arise such that the Speed Committee believes a different course of action is in the best interest of PARA (its athletes or the organization), prior review and approval by the Executive Committee is required.