

Mother Nature has not been kind to Pennsylvania skiing this season. Yesterday WPRC announced that they would not be able to host the u14 championships scheduled for next weekend, February 25-26. Today I am able to announce that the Elk Mountain Ski Club (EMSC), with the support of Elk Mountain Ski Resort will be the host of this season's u14 championships February 25-26. We are very appreciative to WPRC for their coordination.

We will be retaining the 3 run/day program with SL on Saturday and GS on Sunday. Registration link on adminskiracing.com should be live during the day tomorrow. Below you will find a copy of the race announcement. Some of the major takeaways are as follows.

- All visiting coaches MUST register online through admin ski racing to receive a complimentary coach's lift ticket. There will be no exceptions to this.

- The first coaches meeting will be in person Saturday at 820am outside the Elk racing headquarters just uphill from the lodge.

-Athletes will not need to individually check in to register. Bib and ticket packets for athletes will be available for team captains to pick up starting at 730am Saturday morning. Athletes will be given a 2-day ticket which must be used for all lift rides.

Looking forward to a great weekend!

Race Announcement:

PARA U14 State Championships @ Elk Mountain Ski Resort

Saturday, February 25th (Slalom)

Sunday, February 26th (Giant Slalom)

U14 Derby Families:

Do to unfortunate and unexpected weather conditions it was necessary to move the PARA U14 State Championships from Seven Springs to Elk Mountain. Working with our Seven Springs and PARA colleagues we will host a successful championship race weekend but...

It is paramount that every athlete, coach and parent treats Elk Mountain facilities and lodge with respect. There have been recent cases of vandalism during race weekends and Elk Mountain management will take serious and swift justice. Let's all do our part and have a great race. If you see something, say something.

We need support from all clubs, please volunteer and help us on Saturday and Sunday.

Registration:

- This event is invite only based on results from PARA U14 regional races.
- If you qualify and are unable to attend, please notify your Regional PARA Chair so that they can fill your spot. Online registration only.

Every athlete and parent(s) acknowledges the following as part of their race registration at Elk Mountain:

- Each athlete must have a lift ticket – keep it on your body at all times. Replacement lift tickets are available at full price.
- Obey and acknowledge “Slow skiing zones” designated by orange signs.
- Treat Elk Mountain employees with respect.
- Clean up after yourselves while at Elk Mountain, cafeteria, bathrooms, and in the race venue.
- Elk Mountain management reserves the right to ban athletes from racing and/or skiing at Elk Mountain if these guidelines are violated.
- Adhere to all USSS Athlete Code of Conduct guidelines.

Volunteers:

- **Saturday (Slalom) volunteer sign-up link:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b49a8ad23a1fd0-para#/>

- **Sunday (GS) volunteer sign-up link:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b49a8ad23a1fd0-para1#/>

Lift Tickets & Bibs:

- Racer lift tickets are included with registration.
- Racer lift tickets and bibs will be delivered to athletes via Team Captains.
- Elk Mountain Ski Club will not be offering parent lift tickets.
- No tickets or refunds will be processed on race day.
- All visiting coaches must register online via admin ski racing to receive complimentary coaches lift ticket. There will be no exceptions to this.

Arrival:

- Parking is available in the lower parking lot.
- The Elk Wagon is available for transportation to the lodge.
- Team Captains will check-in at the lodge table closest to the restaurant and receive bibs/lift tickets for their respective teams.

Schedule of Events:

First Run

7:30am-8:15am: Team Captain Check-in, coach ticket/bib pickup at first table outside restaurant in main lodge

8:20am: Coaches Meeting (outside Race Building)

8:30am – 9:15am: Lifts Open & Course Inspection

9:20am - Forerunners

9:30am - Race Start

Second Run

Immediately after the completion of 1st run (no reset)

Third Run

- Inspection 45 minutes after completion of second run
- Forerunners 45 minutes after inspection opens

AWARDS

- Awards Ceremony will be held on Sunday outside the children’s village

COVID-19

All athletes, officials, volunteers, and other participants are required to follow all federal, state, local, and Elk Mountain COVID-19 guidelines.

