2015 Council PA Requests Down

<u>U12 to U10</u>

Daniel (Trey) Jones Henry Hartford	SS6 SS6		(U12 to U10) U12 to U10	MVC MVC
Ryan O'Meara (2004)	MSST		(U12 to U10)	SVC
U14 to U12 Noah Anderson Tyler Erdman Mathis Loring George Gibson Chandler Monson Samantha Owen Olivia Papanier Lydia Tinnerello	SS6 QUE OKE OKE Pico Pico Pico Pico		(U14 to U12) (14 to 12) (U14 to U12) (U14 to U12) (U14 to U12) (U14 to U12) (U14 to U12) (U14 to U12) (U14 to U12)	MVC MVC MVC MVC MVC MVC MVC
Julia Mcnamara (2002) Wilson Evans (2002)) MSST MSST		(U14 toU12) (U14 to U12)	SVC SVC
Jack Lorenze 2000 Logan Jurnak 2000	Coch Jay Peak BMA SNSC SWSC SWSC SWSC MSST Pico Pico	(U16 to (U16 to (U16 to (U16 to (U16 to (U16 to (U16 to (U16 to	o U14) o U14) o U14) o U14) o U14) o U14) o U14) to U14) to U14) to U14)	NVC NVC NVC NVC NVC NVC SVC MVC
Ellen Harnsberger 1998 GMVS Max Lauren 1998 Jay Peak		(U18 to U16) (U18 to U16)		NVC NVC
Macie Evans (1998) MSST		(U18 to U16)		SVC
<u>SKI UPS</u> <u>U10 ski up to U12</u> SVC				
1. Lance Hollinshe	ead (2005)	SWSC	(10 to 12)	SVC
1. Josh Rosenber	g (2005)	OKE	(10 to 12)	MVC
<u>U12 to U14</u> SVC				
1. Chloe Lathrop	(2003)	SMS	(12 to U14)	SVC

Currently in the U16 Rules: Petitioning Athletes Skiing Down

For an athlete to be considered for skiing **DOWN or Up** an age class at the state level they must first be approved by their council. A request in writing must be submitted to the VARA Executive Director by the council chair no later than December 29, 2014. The VARA JDC Committee will review the request and respond to the council chair no later than Jan 1, 2015.

If an athlete is approved they will follow council and VARA rules for that age class. Petitioning Athlete (PA) may qualify for states in the age class in which they are competing. The following conditions apply:

- 1. PA will be considered and treated as any other participant in that age class.
- 2. PA may ski in the state championships but will not advance to a USSA post season event.
- 3. PA will be seeded at states according to their council placement.
- 4. PA will be presented with award if so earned.
- 5. PA will be purged from results for selections to post season USSA Championship events.
- 6. PA will compete in only one VT state championship series.

The field size for states will not exceed 5 athletes to accommodate council PA requests.

<u>Petition to "Ski Up" at VARA States</u>: If an athlete wishes to race up for the entire competitive season and to compete in the next age class championships, petitions must be made to VARA (to ski up within VARA) and to the Eastern Regional Director (to qualify to U14 Eastern Championships) See Ski Up Form

Skiing up an age group at the VARA Championships first needs to be approved at the council level and then approved by the VARA Children's Development Committee and USSA based on the exceptional athlete criteria of someone who is unlikely to have the desired level of peer competition within their own age classification. The fact that the petitioning athlete met the criteria to petition does not ensure the acceptance by the committee or USSA; it only allows the right to petition. The committee will decide within 2 weeks of the petition.