

2017 TEAMNH EHSC REPORT  
Where: NHNCA Membership Meeting  
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Event Recap: Please refer to the NHNCA website for further details related to the weekend and the performance of the team.

Challenges:

- Declines: 23 skiers who qualified to participate at Easterns declined to pursue other interests. This, combined with the later qualification race dates made team selection/confirmation a challenge.
- Racing Schedule and Weather: The compression of the NH High School Racing Season, along with the weather, resulted in a relatively high level of stress among athletes, parents, and coaches.
- TeamNH Jacket Order Snafu: The late date of the qualification races plus communication breakdown with VoMax resulted in jackets not being available for the events.
- Shelter and Road Restrictions: Our athletes love the bus ride and it provides a great focal point over the course of the weekend. This year the bus also served as home-base for TeamNH at the venue. One potential concern that did not materialize into a problem was the load limits on the roads leading to the venue. In fact, the bus was overweight. This is something it is recommended that future trip leaders confirm early in the trip preparation process.

High Points:

- TeamNH Selection Process Policy: The newly adopted team selection policy provided clear guidance as to how to fill the team for Easterns
- Rallying to Find TeamNH Jackets: Coaches, athletes, and parents from across the state assembled a sufficient number of jackets from current and former TeamNH skiers to outfit ALL participants at U16 and EHSC weekends
- Outstanding student-athletes: All skiers who attended were thrilled to represent NH at Easterns
- Fabulous coaching staff: – Head Coach-Kathy Maddock, Boys Coaches-Pat Casey, Sam Evans-Brown; Girls Coaches-Hillary McNamee, Lindsey Masterson; Wax Coaches – Nat Lucy, Steve Vosburgh, Nina Gravituk, Joe Holland, Kevin Lee; Food Coordinators-Teresa and Don Kretchmer
- Performance: Team finished second overall for first time since 2007
- Venue: Folks at Mountain Top Resort did an exceptional job across the board to provide excellent skiing and support of the event.
- Jackets: Our skiers demonstrated great pride upon receiving their TeamNH jackets

Final Thoughts:

- NHNCA supported team with \$971.15. When combined with the support for U16 team, the total is below the budgeted amount of \$3000
- Nearly all athletes slept in their own beds, which they greatly appreciated. This was accomplished at a lodging cost about 25% below last year (Mountain Top Resort, with two athletes per bed).
- Transition Plan
- Recommendation to formalize reimbursement for coaches travel and food