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Dear High School Ski Coaches,

Below you will find a chart with the overall schedule of the MPA State Ski Championships for 2012. You will see that for Class A and Class C, there is a different schedule than our typical arrangement over the past several years.

Originally, Class A was scheduled to be held in Rangeley at Saddleback and the Rangeley Trails, but they informed us a few weeks ago that they would not be able to host the championships so we had to figure out an alternate plan. Fortunately, Black Mountain has agreed to hold the Class A championships for both Alpine and Nordic events. At the MPA Ski Committee, we looked at a number of possible schedules. Ultimately, the one below represents the best schedule given the constraints. Here were some of the factors we had to take into account:

- Mt. Abram could only host the Alpine events on the days we had previously negotiated (Tuesday and Wednesday)
- We wanted the Class A championships to be completed before the weekend.
- Black Mountain did not want to have two different classes in two different events on the same day.

In the end, we came up with a schedule that has the Nordic events on consecutive days instead of the usual rest day between the two events. This actually may help some teams to reduce their lodging costs for the event.

Thanks for your understanding and flexibility for this year. We are continuing to look at the format for the state championships in future years given the limited availability of Alpine ski areas for the February vacation week.

Feel free to be in touch if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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Date	Class A	Class B	Class C
Mon, Feb 20			<u>Nordic Classic</u> -- Black Mountain, 1:30 Girls, 3:00 Boys
Tue, Feb 21		<u>Alpine Giant Slalom</u> -Big Rock, 9:00 Girls, 10:45 Boys	<u>Alpine Giant Slalom</u> -Mt. Abram, 9:00 Girls, 10:45 Boys
		<u>Nordic Skate</u> -- Nordic Heritage, 3:00 Girls, 4:00 Boys	<u>Nordic Skate</u> --Black Mountain, 3:00 Girls, 4:00 Boys
Wed, Feb 22	<u>Nordic Classic</u> -- Black Mountain, 1:30 Girls, 3:00 Boys	<u>Alpine Slalom</u> , Big Rock, 9:30 Girls, 12:45 Boys	<u>Alpine Slalom</u> , Mt. Abram, 9:30 Girls, 12:45 Boys
Thu, Feb 23	<u>Alpine Giant Slalom</u> -Black Mountain, 9:00 Girls, 10:45 Boys	<u>Nordic Classic</u> -- Nordic Heritage, 9:00 Girls, 11:00 Boys	
	<u>Nordic Skate</u> --Black Mountain, 3:00 Girls, 4:00 Boys		
Fri, Feb 24	<u>Alpine Slalom</u> , Black Mountain, 9:30 Girls, 12:45 Boys		