

2021 Peppi Town Slalom

When: Friday, January 22nd, 2021

DJ starts at 4pm

National Anthem 4:45pm

Race Start 5:00pm

Where: Hickory Hills

Race will be held on Swede and Waterfall.

What: Fifth Annual Hans "Peppi" Teichner Town Slalom.

Boy and girls slalom race between Traverse City Central, Traverse City West, and Great North Alpine (Co-Op Traverse City St. Francis, Elk Rapids, Central Lake & Grand Traverse Academy.)

What Else: Admission is free.

- Both Varsity and Junior varsity teams will participate in the event and admission and parking for spectators is free. The event will consist of two separate runs of slalom, combining the times for each run to determine the team and individual winners. Varsity boys and girls team champions will have the school names engraved on a beautiful trophy that is permanently displayed in the Hickory Hills lodge. Individual awards will go to the top three boys and girls.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the awards ceremony will not place after the race. In addition, and in accordance State and MHSAA COVID-19 guidelines, volunteers are required to wear masks and all attendees are encouraged to wear masks and practice social distancing. Please do not gather in close proximity in groups larger than 25 people.

- **Together, the three proud and storied programs boast an incredible 36 state team championships and 39 individual state champions.**
- **Traverse City Central Boys:** TC Central Boys teams have captured 19 team state championships and have been runners up 10 times. The Trojan boys most recent state championship came in 2011. The Trojans have been runners up in five of the past seven years.

- **Traverse City Central Girls:** The Trojan Girls team finished third in the Division 1 state championships in 2020. The Lady Trojans have won 11 team state championships and have been runners up 20 times. The girls team last won the state championship in 2013 and have been runners up in three of the past five years.

The Trojan girls **return one All-State performer from 2020:** Elle Craven (Junior) in both Slalom and Giant Slalom.

- **Traverse City West Boys:** The Titan boys team finished fourth in the Division 1 state championship in 2020. The boys teams have never captured a state championship but have been runners up three times (2000, 2006, 2019.)

The Titan boys return two All-State Performer from 2020: Aiden Lewandowski (Junior) in both Slalom and Giant Slalom and Luke Wiersma (sophomore) in slalom.

- **Traverse City West Girls:** The Lady Titans have captured three team state championships, most recently in 2015.
- **Great North Alpine:** The Boys team finished third in the 2020 state championship after capturing their first state championship in 2019 (after finishing as the runners up each of the previous three years.) Traverse City St. Francis boys were also runners up in 2011 and 2003.

- **Great North Alpine Girls:** The Girls team has captured two state championships, most recently in 2016, and the St. Francis Girls were runners up once in 2004.

The GNA girls return one All-State performer from 2020: Liesl Stellin (junior) in Giant Slalom.

- **Trojan Coach Amy Kudary:** Amy is returning for her third year as the Varsity coach for the Trojans. Amy was a member of the 1989 Trojans Girls state championship team.
- **Titan Coach Ed Johnson:** Ed started his coaching career at St. Francis High School and has been coaching ski racing for over 30 years. Ed has won two team state championships, both with the Lady Titans.
- **Great North Alpine Coach Ben Ferris:** Ben was a member of three State Championship teams as a Trojan skier under coach Jerry Stanek. Ben has coached four state championship teams; the Trojan Girls in 2005, the Trojan Boys in 2008, the Great North Alpine Girls in 2016, and the Great North Alpine Boys in 2019.