

Grand Traverse Frequently Asked Questions:

If you are a participant please **read the racer manual** which covers most FAQs. You can access the racer manuals on our [website](#) under the event that you are registered for.

- **Are there refunds?** No. Race registration is used to pay contractors and support organizations like Crested Butte Nordic, Crested Butte Avalanche Center, Crested Butte Search and Rescue, Gunnison Valley O.H.V Alliance of Trailriders, and Western Search and Rescue.
- **Can I transfer my entry to another person?** No. We understand that life happens and things come up that could impact your ability to race with us. We highly recommend purchasing the racer protection which refunds your registration in the event of job loss, COVID, injury, etc. Learn more about racer protection [here](#).
- **Do you offer deferments?** No. Most of the costs for the events happen up front.
- **Do you have a mandatory gear list?** Yes. Please visit the website. The run requires a waterproof windshield with hood, hat or buff, gloves, and a CORSAR card or current CO hunting or fishing license. The bike requires the same gear as the run and a bike helmet. Every athlete should exercise their own backcountry sense as to what supplementary gear they may wish to pack.
- **Do I have to get the CORSAR card?** Yes. A [Colorado Outdoor Search and Rescue Card](#) (or a current Colorado hunting/fishing license) is required to participate in any Grand Traverse race. You will have to show proof of purchase at bib pick-up. Do this ahead of time and save yourself the headache. This \$5 supports Colorado Search and Rescue and offers great protection in the unlikely case of a backcountry rescue.
- **How do the ski team registrations work?** One partner will complete the initial registration and create a team name and password (which will need to be shared with their partner), and the second partner will have until December 14th to complete their half of the registration. Incomplete teams after December 14th will forfeit their entry. If one partner is injured or cannot race, an individual may register a new teammate between December 15th and March 9th. The new teammate must register and pay a 1/2 ski team entry.
- **Do you have a waitlist for the GT races?** We will operate a traditional waitlist. As numbers allow, the Race Director will waitlist members in the order they registered. The last day we will pull teams from the waitlist is two weeks before the race itself.
- **Do you hold spots for elite racers?** Yes. The Grand Traverse will allocate up to 5 competitive entries per gender in the Trail Run and Mountain Bike events to create a competitive field in each event. Athletes must submit the Summer Grand Traverse Elite Entry Application by Friday, August 15th at 5 p.m. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis (submit your application early). Entries are at the sole discretion of the Race Director, and athletes will be notified of all decisions by Tuesday, August 19th at 5 p.m.
- **Will the course be marked?** Yes, but we do expect our racers to have a good understanding of the route because portions of the course will be done in the dark, and trail markings are hard to see. You can access course maps and descriptions on our website and in the racer manual.
- **What kind of aid will be provided?** Please see the racer manuals for full descriptions of aid locations and details.
- **Do you have live tracking?** Yes. The tracking software fee is built into your registration costs. If you are linking a personal device, there is no additional fee, if you are renting, the cost is \$45. Instructions will be shared in advance on how to link or rent a device from MAPProgress.
- **Are the cut-offs strictly enforced?** Yes. Each of the three races has different cut-off times and locations. Please see the racer manuals for more details.

- **Do you offer shuttles?** Yes. Shuttles will be available for purchase during registration. The following shuttles are offered (registration cost varies on the contractor providing the service):
 - GT Ski- Aspen → CB
 - GT Run- Aspen → CB
 - Dual Sport Bike Transport - CB→ Aspen
 - GT Bike- CB→ Aspen