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# RACEBOOK WHITEWATERKAYAK

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# WHITEWATERKAYAK COURSE 2021

**Leisach, Sportplatz**

## ***RIVER DRAVA***

- 7m free fall
- regatta course until slalom (approx. 1340m)
- slalom (approx. 185m): 12 goals
- regatta course (approx. 230m)
- upstream zone 1 (approx. 70m)
- regatta course (approx. 950m)
- upstream zone 2 (approx. 100m)
- regatta course until the intersection of the rivers Drava and Isel

## ***ISEL***

- upstream (approx. 220m)
- turn orographically to the left, across the rapid and embark
- cross through the rapid with 6 gates
- turn orographically to the right, across the rapid and embark
- upriver till Pegel with direction gates (approx. 550m)
- Mandatory 360 Degree Eskimo Roll
- sprint with the whole equipment via Europaplatz to the finish on the main square

**Lienz, Main Square**

- Finish

### **Standard boats**

Length: max. 3,80m

Weight: min. 15 kg

Width: min 55cm (measure point: entry hatch)

Material: allowed are boats made of PE and PPE; not allowed are boats made of kevlar, carbon, laminate etc.

Registration: only boats, that are available for everybody from 1st of June 2021 at the latest or boats that were available earlier at specialist traders. No prototypes that are only available for some athletes! No keel resembling that of a whitewater-downriverboat (such as the perception wavehopper shown below)



### **Questions**

If there are any questions according to the boat please send a photo at [info@dolomitenmann.com](mailto:info@dolomitenmann.com).

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### **Procedure**

- Wait (without boat and paddle, but otherwise completely equipped) for the mountainbikers at the football pitch in Leisach
- Run into the river drava (DO NOT JUMP: Extremely low water level) - run through the river to the other bank. Run alongside the power station canal to the boat storage location (approx. 150 m) by the substation
- Get into the boat on the ramp above the canal
- TIP START: 7m freefall (compulsory)
- Route: see course
- At 15:30 all kayakers whose mountain bikers have not reached the finish in Leisach will be started.
- All kayakers who have not passed the Katerakt at Tirolerbrücke until 16:10 will be taken out of the race.

### **Attention**

Sprint: the boat needs to be dragged along the ground from where the blue carpet leading to the finishing line starts!

LIFEGUARDS are posted at all important points. The record for the event is around 35 minutes. Average kayakers need around 15-30 minutes longer.

Gates must be navigated in the correct direction with the whole head and one part of the boat. All gates in the Isel Waterfall must be navigated according to the rules, otherwise disqualification may result. All upstream zones need to be navigated from low to high (simply follow the numbers). Mistakes at gates, indicated by red signals and whistles from the referee, require the gate to be approached and passed again (carry the boat back and embark again).

All upstream sections are navigable by paddling from one eddy to the next eddy. After three unsuccessful attempts to get from one eddy to the next, portage from the eddy is allowed, although only from one eddy to the next one. This is possible on the river Drava and the river Isel (except the katarakt gates 23-29). All gates must be navigated in numerical order. Red gates are upstream gates (to be navigated against the flow of the river) and green gates are downstream gates (to be navigated with the flow of the river). The gates are designed so that average kayakers can get through the course without major difficulties. Not all gates have two posts. Where there is just one post hanging, the gate must always be navigated to the side that the number is attached to. Light contact with a post will not result in a penalty! Penalties will, however, be awarded for clearly holding onto a post with a hand or deliberately knocking a post away. The principal of the imagined perpendicular line (cross-piece) to the line attaching the posts is valid. Kayakers need to stay within that. Should an athlete break a paddle while on the course, a replacement can be supplied (by his own support staff). It is not allowed to exchange the boat during the competition.

The spray skirts must be closed each time. Help from others of any kind is forbidden, and breaking this rule will result in disqualification! There are checkpoints! Every kayaker must have a life jacket that fulfils ICF regulations!! Also compulsory are a helmet and suitable footwear (competing barefoot is forbidden due to the injury risk in running). Any outside help of any kind is strictly forbidden!

### ***Difficulty rating***

max.: WW 4

### ***Boat inspection***

All boats must be checked by the race leadership before the event and approved for the start (length, width and weight). A BOAT CHECK IS ESSENTIAL BEFORE STARTING!!! Boats can be taken to the inspection point from 08:00 - 08:30 (pros) and 08:30-09:30 (amateurs) on race day. Only after passing the inspection can boats be left in the starting area. No boat storage overnight!!!

### ***Tip***

Always try to gain eye contact with the referees (wearing high-visibility jackets), to be sure that you have successfully cleared a gate.

Training for the event is done at every participant's own risk. The course is only open for inspection!

Only one person at a time can dive into the river. The first to close the spraydeck on the ramp gets priority for the tilt start.

### ***Covid19 - policies:***

If you feel sick, please call the local ambulance and avoid contact to your teammates, other portsmen or the event location. Please try to maintain social distancing to your teammates and all other athletes. Before the takeover and after crossing the finish line every athlete must wear a face mask for safety reasons.