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# WHITEWATERKAYAK ROUTE 2023

Leisach, Sports Field

## DRAVA

- 7-meter jump
- Regatta (approx. 700 meters)
- Upstream passage 1 (approx. 70 meters)
- Regatta until the slalom
- Slalom (approx. 185 meters): 14 gates
- Regatta (approx. 1000 meters)
- Upstream passage 2 (approx. 100 meters)
- Regatta until the confluence of Drava-Isel (approx. 1200 meters)

## 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: maximum 3.80 meters

Weight: minimum 15 kilograms

Width: minimum 55 cm (measured at the entry hatch)

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

Approval: Only boats that are available to the general public in specialized stores by July 1, 2022, or boat types that were previously commercially available.

No prototypes that are only available to a selected group of athletes! No keel in the sense of a whitewater kayak (such as the Perception Wavehopper).



### **Questions**

For any questions about the boat, you can also send a meaningful photo to [info@dolomitenmann.com](mailto:info@dolomitenmann.com).

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### **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 check-points! Every kayaker must have a life jacket that fulfills 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.

