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Three race divisions: Kayak (under 9'6"), Raft (R2) and Stand-Up Paddleboard (SUP)

Overall Points

You are competing for points and awards at each race and the top overall male/female point scorers in each category at the end of the series will also receive cash/prizes. Points are accrued each week based on your finish position. The lowest scoring race for individuals will be dropped from the final point total.

1st – 50 points

2nd – 45 points

3rd – 40 points

4th – 35 points

5th – 30 points

6th – 25 points

7th – 20 points

8th – 15 points

9th – 10 points

10th – 5 points

Participation – 5 points

Tie Breaker

In the case of a tie, the highest average points per event will be used to break the tie. For example, if one paddler has 100 points and has participated in five races (20 points per race average) and another paddler has 100 points but has participated in four races (25 points per race average) the paddler with the highest average will be declared the winner. If two paddlers have the same number of points and the same average, a head-to-head tie breaker will be used to declare the winner (whoever won the most head-to-head races). If each paddler is still tied then the LAST race in the season in which BOTH paddlers participated will be used to decide the head-to-head tie breaker. If two paddlers are tied and did not complete head to head against each other, then the paddler who finished the latest race in the calendar will be the winner.

Rules

All SUP competitors must be equipped with a **quick-release safety leash** to participate. **Bib numbers must be placed on the back** of the competitor prior to entering the water. A **fifteen-second penalty** will be assessed for the first feature missed. Competitors will be **disqualified** after missing two or more features. Competitors must

remain in/on vessel at the time each feature is completed. **All competitors** must be present at the pre-race safety talk to participate. Unless otherwise stated above, The Vail Whitewater Race Series follows all International Rafting Federation rules.