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### WESTERN STATES JUNIOR RACING LEAGUE

Temecula, CA, 1.8.2021 – Team Big Bear, in conjunction with Vail Lake, are excited to announce the 2021 Western States Junior Mountain Bike Racing League (WSJRL.) Our goal is simple, provide Cross-country racing opportunities for those of you who would have been racing in the NICA High School League and for Juniors of all ages to get started in mountain bike racing. The WSJRL is a separate race series than the Junior racing of the California Mountain Bike Series, but takes place in conjunction with, offering multiple Junior race options within the 3 Vail Lake events.

“We will never replace NICA, that is not our intention. We will however, provide a professional event, with categories similar to NICA and race opportunities for all levels of racer abilities.” – Tom Spiegel, Director.

WSJRL #1 – Saturday, Feb 27, 2021

WSJRL #2 – Saturday, Mar 13, 2021

WSJRL #3 – Saturday, Mar 20, 2021

The WSJRL will also feature a Team Competition and individual Series titles. We invite Juniors of all abilities to come out and have a fun ride or a fun and competitive race experience solo or with a team. Visit [teambigbear.com/wsirl](http://teambigbear.com/wsirl) for complete Team and Series details.

The Western States Junior Racing League will be sanctioned by USA Cycling and race under the rules set forth in the USA Cycling rule book, unless otherwise stated. In 2021, USA Cycling licenses for Juniors will not be required. WSJRL will follow the COVID guidelines outlined by USA Cycling for executing as safe an event as possible.

Please join us in this inaugural year of WSJRL. We are excited to continue the momentum of junior racing in the Western States and provide a fun and safe racing environment for all juniors to participate in the year ahead! And, don't forget to book your Vail Lake campsite – they fill up quick! Please reference the Junior Racing League when making your reservation. We look forward to seeing you there!

The WSJRL Team