

Draft Selection Policy–For Immediate Release

Junior World Adventure Racing Championships 2026 – New Zealand Teams

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the process and criteria for the selection of New Zealand representative teams for the **Junior World Adventure Racing Championships 2026**, to be held in Quebec, Canada, in July 2026.

This policy aims to ensure a fair, transparent and merit-based selection process that supports athlete development and represents New Zealand to an appropriate international standard.

Event Overview

- **Event:** Junior World Adventure Racing Championships
- **Governing Body:** Adventure Racing World Series (ARWS) in conjunction with the International Adventure Racing Association (IARA)
- **Location:** Quebec, Canada
- **Dates:** July 23-26, 2026
- **Team Format:** Teams of two athletes
- **Categories:**
 - Under 18 (generally ages 15–18 at the time of the event)
 - Under 25 (generally ages 19–25 at the time of the event)
- **Team Composition:** Teams may be single-gendered or mixed

A selection committee has been approved by the IARA and will consist of individuals within NZ's adventure racing scene that are either:

- Experienced adventure racing officials
- Coaches or technical advisors
- Athlete development representatives

The committee's decision will be final.

Selection Timeline

- **EOIs Open:** [Feb 1]
- **EOIs Close:** [Feb 8]
- **Shortlisting and Interviews (if required):** [Feb 9]
- **Final Selections Announced:** [Feb 13]

Financial Responsibilities

Selected athletes will need to be willing to fund or fundraise for applicable costs, including:

- Event entry fees (currently **CAD \$250 per team**)
- All travel costs to and from Canada
- Travel insurance, accommodation (where not provided), meals and personal equipment

- Any additional costs associated with preparation and participation

Selection does not imply financial support, although letters of endorsement will be available. Some fundraising support and/or direct financial assistance *may* be available, but applicants should be prepared to cover costs as needed.

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