

IVF Va’a World Distance 2025 – Brazil

Aotearoa NZ National Age Group W6 Team and National V1 Selection Process

National team and V1 representation in age divisions will be determined at the 2025 Long Distance Nationals – held in April 2025 in Te Whanganui-a-Tara, Wellington:

J16	Women	Men
Master 40	Women	Men
Master 50	Women	Men
Master 60	Women	Men
Master 70	Women	Men
Master 75	Women	Men
Master 80	Women	Men

(One entry per country)

Note: J19 and Premier V1 selections will also take place at Long Distance Nationals.

The winning club team/ V1 will win the entry as the New Zealand Representative for that age division and travel to compete at the IVF World Distance Champions in Brazil – 13 -22 August 2025

Age Division V6 teams and V1 paddlers are self-funded.

Waka Ama New Zealand will:

- Provide national age division teams with a racing uniform
- Letter for the team acknowledging each paddler is a national age group representation
- Have an Area Co-ordination Team that will manage onsite racing logistics and any IVF management tasks or protests
- Will facilitate a combined training camp for all teams representing New Zealand at the World Championship. (Costs will be outlined in advance of camp and attendance is compulsory for all competing in Brazil)

Policy:

Club teams trying to qualify must submit an intent form by 1 April 2025. Intent fee/Entry fee is due along with intent form. \$300 per paddler \$1800 per team.

V1 paddlers do not have to submit intents.

Teams need to have registered their 6 paddlers names by intent close on 1 April 2025.

If on 1 April 2025 there is only 1 intent for an Age division, then that club team will qualify as the National representative team.

W6 Club teams trying to qualify for age group spots must compete at the Long Distance Nationals in a Moana Nui – Mahi Mahi W6. This is to ensure that qualification is done on as level a field as possible.

Should the winning team or V1 Paddler decline the position it will be offered to the next place team until the spot is filled.

Once selected for winning the 2025 Long Distance Nationals the Team and their Club will acknowledge that they are representing New Zealand and will agree to adhere to the Waka Ama New Zealand Code of Conduct and Travel code of conduct.

The winning club teams may change no more than two (2) paddlers from their teams unless those changes are discussed, justified and agreed to with the Performance Advisory Committee who will include for this purpose the National Premier Distance Coach of the relevant gender.

Should more than 2 paddlers withdraw from a team, then the team will be withdrawn and the next place team at the 2025 Long Distance Nationals will be offered the spot.

Age Division teams are self-funded.

Clubs/teams must consult with Waka Ama New Zealand before submitting any funding or sponsorship applications or requests. Funding and sponsorship must not clash with any national sponsorships, and it must not contain Alcohol or tobacco advertising.

New Zealand Age Division teams must wear a national racing uniform provided by Waka Ama New Zealand.

Paddlers cannot paddle in more than one age category unless the difference is in W6 and V1, i.e the paddler is in a W6 Master 40 team but wins the spot to be the V1 Master 50 representative.

Premier paddlers cannot race in W6 Age category events at the World Championships.

Timeline

December 2024	Outline of Process to be communicated to the membership via email and website pānui W6 Age division intents open
January 2025	Long Distance Nationals Entries open
March 2025	Entries close for 2025 Long Distance Nationals
1 April 2025	W6 Age division intents close. Paddlers of teams must be named
April 2025	Waka Ama Long Distance Nationals - Whanganui a Tara Wellington
29 April 2025	National Age Division teams are announced after Long Distance Nationals
1 May 2025	Club must confirm they are taking up their position
10 May 2025	IVF Roster Closes Clubs must contact Waka Ama New Zealand to discuss any potential changes to the paddlers in the team (Max 2 changes) or to include a reserve paddler prior to this date.
TBC July 2025	Compulsory combined camp in Auckland for all teams representing Aotearoa NZ
13 - 21 August 2025 (includes reserve day)	4th IVF Va'a World Distance Championships - Brazil