

# Adaptive Mixed World Elite Sprint Championship 2026

## Selection Plan and Process Outline

**Adaptive Mixed Coach:** Roni Nuku

### INTENT PROCESS:

Anyone who meets the Eligibility Criteria may submit their intents.

Paddlers wishing to submit intents and be considered for the trialing squad and ultimately the team should complete the [Intent form](#) no later than **31 April 2025**.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

To be considered for Adaptive Mixed team paddlers must:

- Be classified by the IVF or eligible to be classified
- The Para Team must meet the IVF Rules and Classification requirements.
- For the V6 there must be 2 Females in the crew and the team cannot exceed a total classification number of **18** (18 is determined by the sum of the VL1, VL1a, VL2, VL3, VL4 classified paddlers)
- For the V12 there must be 4 Females in the crew and the team cannot exceed a total classification number of **36** (36 is determined by the sum of the VL1, VL1a, VL2, VL3, VL4 classified paddlers)
- More information regarding classification can be found here:  
<http://www.ivfiv.org/para-vaa.html>
- Be a current affiliated Waka Ama New Zealand member
- Be New Zealand Citizen or have resided in New Zealand for 6 months or longer at the time of the event
- Be at least **16** in the year of competition
- Be endorsed by their club, Waka Ama NZ will email club to check endorsement.
- Be committed to the process and attend all required trainings
- Communicate with the Coaching/Management in a timely fashion
- Meet all financial obligations
- Be the best you can be and train for performance
- Adhere to the Waka Ama New Zealand Code of Conduct  
<https://www.wakaama.co.nz/pages/read/1004720>
- Link to Intentions form  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdM1UzapywNLTbMzIxPDqB0dvby3lI39\\_q8gYEy2RryaF481Q/viewform?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdM1UzapywNLTbMzIxPDqB0dvby3lI39_q8gYEy2RryaF481Q/viewform?usp=sharing)

### SELECTION CRITERIA:

Due to the nature of Para-racing, paddler selections will be responsive to the Whaikaha community.

The foundation selection criteria are;

- Commitment
- Attitude
- Ability to work as a team
- Coachability
- Communication Skills
- Classification

## TIME FRAMES AND KEY DATES

### Trials

Wātaka	Aronga	Wāhi
March 2025	Intents Open	
31 April 2025	Intents Close (Please note: the coach has the discretion of bringing paddlers into the trialing squad after the close off date)	
March - 31 April 2025	Building Block #1 *	
1 May - 31 July 2025	Building Block #2 *	
TBC	Trial #1	TBC
August 2025	<b>Team Named</b>	
<p>★ Building Block = training plan that athletes are to complete - on and off the water. Monitoring will assess advancements in specific areas. This is to determine resilience, determination and communication skills. All essential areas for selection.</p>		

**Please note:** During the Pre-Selection phase, any accommodation, travel and kai should be co-ordinated directly by individuals. Post selection this will be done via management. Training camp locations may change once selection is confirmed.

### Camps for selected Paddlers

Wātaka	Aronga	Wāhi
September 2025	Camp #1	Napier
October 2025	Camp #2	Napier
11-17 January 2026	Club and Adaptive racing at National Sprints for all selected athletes. Most athletes racing V1.	
18 January 2026	Camp #3	Karāpiro
March 2026	Camp #4	Napier
April 2026	Camp #5	Napier
May 2026	Camp #6	Napier
30 May - 1 June 2026 (Kings Birthday weekend)	Camp #7 - Combined Camp	Karāpiro
July 2026	Camp #8	Napier
August 2026	IVF Va'a World Elite Sprint Championships	Singapore

**COSTS:**

In an effort to provide you with as much financial information as possible we have attached below a best estimate breakdown of the cost per paddler.

**PER PADDLER COSTINGS FOR IVF WORLD SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP 2026**

		Per Paddler (NZ Dollars)
Return airfare to Singapore (Ex Auckland)		\$
Accommodation at event <i>Based on 7 nights</i>		\$
Food at event		\$500
Transport at event		\$
Travel Insurance ( <i>Estimate awaiting group quote</i> )		\$300
Total		\$
Waka Ama NZ Contribution per paddler		-\$1000
<b>Total Estimated cost per paddler</b>		<b>\$</b>
<i>Entry fee per paddler</i>	<i>Covered by Waka Ama</i>	<i>\$150 US (\$300NZ approx.)</i>

**Note: There may be additional costs for training camps.**

**Please Note:**

- Airfares will be booked by Waka Ama New Zealand
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- Airfares are all ex-Auckland (paddlers will need to arrange connecting flights or transport to and from Auckland)
- Paddlers who withdraw from the team after airfares have been confirmed will not receive a refund for the airfare cost.
- Payments can be made by credit card.

The Waka Ama NZ Performance Advisory Committee along with the CEO of WANZ will oversee this campaign including selections and planning.