

# Rules RAID NEUCHAVENTURE 2026

## Leg of the Europe Series ARWS

5-6 June 2026 at Coffrane / NE

By registering, all participants declare to have read and understood the race regulations before the start of the event.

### 1. Organisation

The RAID NEUCHAVENTURE is a multisport adventure race organised by the Association Neuchaventure.

### 2. Adventure Race

This adventure race includes the following disciplines: mountain bike, kayak, running, inline skating, rope activity/abseiling and surprise activities. The estimated length is 150km with about 5000m of climb. All members of a team will undertake the event **together**, in the **order indicated** through provided documentation and in **complete autonomy**.

The adventure race is an orienteering event (there is no course marking) with topographic maps provided and utilising regular paths and roads. The maps and a roadbook containing information on the order of disciplines and descriptions of the control posts will be provided by the organisation the day of the event. **The documents will need to be kept during the whole duration of the race.**

For safety reasons, a mandatory briefing will be provided before the race starts. Any possible adjustments will be communicated by the organisers during the briefing or, if needed, during the event. It may be needed to modify, add, or take out disciplines, or to neutralise certain sections.

When there are cut-off times indicated, these need to be respected during the whole duration of the event. In case of late arrival for a section, the organisers will direct the team either towards a different section or to the finish line.

The law needs to be respected on roads and paths, event participants will not have priority. It is also possible to meet others in the forest, please be careful. If there are barriers that need to be opened to pass, these need to be closed again at all times.

#### 2.1 Kayak

It is mandatory to wear the safety vests, which will be provided by the organisation. The organisation declines any responsibility in case of capsizing. Competitor safety is priority; however, a kayak must be brought safely back to port whenever possible. Competitors confirm they are able to swim at least 100m.

#### 2.2 Rope activity/abseiling

All teams need to follow the guidance given by the responsible teams that are guiding this activity.

#### 2.3 Surprise activities

Please follow the guidance by the organisers. All surprise activities, as well as transition zones will be indicated by squares on the map.

## 2.4 Inline skating

Allowed gear for these sections includes all types of non-motorised equipment with a wheel diameter that does not exceed 150mm. Poles are allowed.

## 3. Registrations

Registrations can be made online on [www.neuchaventure.ch](http://www.neuchaventure.ch)

There are two categories:

- **“ARWS” : mixed team of 4 (at least one man and at least one woman)**
  - **550 CHF between 1 December 2025 and 15 January 2026**
  - **650 CHF between 16 January 2026 and 31 May 2026**
- **“OPEN” : teams of 2**
  - **300 CHF between 1 December 2025 and 15 January 2026**
  - **350 CHF between 16 January 2026 and 31 May 2026**

The registration fee includes: maps, roadbook, bibs, souvenir, refreshments at arrival, meal on Saturday night, a camping spot close to departure/arrival area, course logistics, kayaks with paddle and safety vest, photos and videos of the event.

The number of runners is limited to **110**, and they will be distributed among the various teams. The organisation reserves the right to adjust the number of teams allowed. Registration is confirmed upon receipt of payment.

## 4. Participants

Each team designates a team captain and chooses a name. The captain will receive all communications about the adventure race.

Participants need to be 18 or older on the day of departure.

Every participant will be completely autonomous during the adventure race. No aid stations (neither drinks, nor food) are foreseen.

Every participant declares to respect the safety rules and other regulations regarding Raid Neuchaventure, as well as additional guidance given by the organisation.

Every participant declares to not have any health conditions which would stand in the way of participating in multisport adventure racing.

In case of cancellation by one participant, teams can nominate a replacement participant until bibs are handed out.

## 5. Insurance

Every participant is responsible for their own insurance. The organisation declines all responsibility in case of accident, material damage or theft. The different spots where mountain bikes and inline skates will be located are not specifically surveilled.

## 6. Timekeeping and Ranking

The passages of every team at the checkpoints will be confirmed utilising an electronic timekeeping device (card, dibber, sport-ident). It is your responsibility to properly confirm the checkpoints in the

order defined by the documentation. Even though the Sport-Ident system is widely considered as reliable, we will not accept any protests against posts not being validated. The loss of the electronic device will result in not being ranked, and an invoice of 80 CHF.

Special note for the order of checkpoints: in case of missing a checkpoint, it is possible to restart at the last sequence correctly validated and then continue the race. Badging at an additional checkpoint (e.g. from another race) will not have any consequences, as long as the order for the race chosen will continue to be respected.

Time penalties which may be handed out during the race will be validated by the timekeeping team. In case a cut-off is missed, the disciplines which are missed will have their posts counted as missed, and will thus result in a penalty.

The ranking will be made for two categories: ARWS and OPEN.

The results will be communicated during the award ceremony. It will also be published at [www.neuchaventure.ch](http://www.neuchaventure.ch) as soon as possible.

Any protest regarding the race will need to be made in writing within 30 minutes of the arrival of the team.

## 7. Drop out

Any team dropping out needs to immediately communicate their decision with the organisation utilising the security phone number indicated on the map or at a transition area.

## 8. Penalties

The causes for penalties (30-240 minutes) are:

- Missing checkpoint
- Team not being together during a control.
- Not respecting mandatory passages for main roads or forbidden zones (red cross or hatched).
- Not respecting the order of checkpoints as described in the documentation.
- Not respecting guidance given by the organisation.
- Missing mandatory gear.
- Exceeding the cut off time of a section.
- Section/activity skipped.

## 9. Disqualification

Reasons for disqualification:

- Not respecting safety rules, guidance by the organisation or volunteers.
- Using means of transport not foreseen in the documentation.
- Littering.
- Not respecting the environment more generally.
- Causing damage to public and private property (crossing through private property, gardens). It is strictly forbidden to pass through fields. Stay within the forest or on the paths and close all gates and barriers behind you.
- Any external aid and changing gear with external assistance during the race.
- Use of GPS-powered devices and cartography (watch, smartphone, etc.)
- Losing the timekeeping device.

## 10. Gear

Every participant is solely responsible for their equipment, including safety equipment. Towing gear is allowed.

The mandatory gear list is included in the annex "RNA ARWS GEAR".

## 11. ARWS Rules and Regulations

The specific rules of the ARWS are included in an annex, in English only. By accepting the present document, all teams also accept the ARWS rules.

## 12. Aid and assistance

- All external aid or assistance is forbidden during the race.
- Mutual aid between competing teams is allowed.
- Mutual aid is mandatory in case of an accident, the security phone number is included in the roadbook.

## 13. Cancellation and reimbursement

Reimbursement of the registration fee will only be undertaken when a medical certificate is presented that details the date and nature of the accident/illness, no later than one week before the start of the event (charging a processing fee is possible).

## 14. Image rights

In accordance with legal provisions and the sports code, sports federations and organisers of sporting events (any individual or private legal entity) own the rights to use the images of the sporting events or competitions they organise.

By accepting the rules at the time of registration, the participant agrees that promotional videos and/or photographs depicting them in the context of the event may be published by the organiser and its partners online, on social media, or in print.

Committee of RNA 2026

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