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To: Member Federations

19th International U18 Mountain Running Cup

Dear Friends,

Enclosed, you will find the Team Manual, Preliminary entry form (PEF) and Final entry form (FEF) for the 19th International U18 Mountain Running Cup. The attached forms are word documents to allow you to fill them by computer.

You can find basic information on the [WMRA web site](#) or [Event web site](#).

Deadlines:

- Preliminary entry /PEF/: 20 April 2026
- Final entry /FEF/: 8 June 2026

As in previous years, in 2026 the WMRA will provide travel grants for the participating teams in 2026; the amount will be confirmed after the PEF deadline. It will be awarded only to the teams that will send the FEF on time and who are members of the WMRA. The host country does not get any travel grant.

For 2027 onwards the WMRA Council has decided to focus its financial contribution on supporting the LOC to ensure it is able to provide all necessary services and opportunities to teams and will not be providing travel grants to individual teams.

WMRA International U18 Mountain Running Cup is the sole off-road event for young athletes wearing the national team vest. It is meant to offer the opportunity to showcase the world the beauty of mountain running and its exciting competitiveness.

Quoting the LOC Director's words: "*we are beyond thrilled to be able to show you the beauty of our unique location, where mountain and sea meet, where a kind of sport magic happens and champions are born*". It is worth remembering that Nadia Battocletti, now 10'000m Olympic medalist, won her first international title in WMRA Youth Cup - Gagliano del Capo 2017, here lies some magic, too.

Member federations are invited to send their teams to the event. Federations that submit their applications will receive invoices to pay the 2026 WMRA membership fee.

With this letter all the member federations are also invited to send us their applications, should they have an interest in hosting the International U18 Mountain Running Cup 2027.

For the above-mentioned event, we are expecting your "Letter of interest" until 31 March 2026 and your "Applications" until 31 May 2026.

Best Regards,

Tito Tiberti