



## **THE BEAST 2019 – Press Release 4** **(02/04/2019)**



The Beast Adventure Race takes place from 30<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019. It will be 48hrs + duration covering approximately 400km. The race will once again feature on the Adventure Racing European Series (ARES)

### **\*\* Change of Location \*\***

Due to difficulties in providing insurance cover in the Republic of Ireland, it was not viable to run the race as initially planned. The Beast Team have worked tirelessly on Plan B. The race will be run entirely in Northern Ireland. While it is very disappointing to move the race HQ from Sligo where we received a very warm welcome, it is also exciting in that we can use a race course we had been working on for a future year. Anyone who has ever visited the Causeway Coast and the mountains, rivers and lakes of Northern Ireland will understand that this race will not disappoint!

To facilitate the change of venue, we are extending the date for entries to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Entries will include the following:

1. 2 nights accommodation (Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> May and Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Jun) in Coleraine
2. Logistical support throughout the race
3. Airport transfers for overseas teams from Belfast or City of Derry Airports (Please contact us if you wish to fly through another airport)
4. Maps and race booklet
5. GPS live tracking and online support
6. Medical assistance
7. Post-race dinner at prize-giving function
8. Memories to last a life-time ☺

### **Important Information:**

1. The closing date for entry is extended to **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019**
2. Your emailed entry must be received by this date. You will then be invoiced and will have ten (10) banking days to complete payment
3. The Race HQ will be in the Coleraine Campus of the Ulster University
4. The race route will take place entirely in Northern Ireland. As such, you may have to put in place any arrangements as required due to Brexit
5. The events insurance does not cover personal injury. If this is of concern, we would recommend that you take out personal insurance to cover all eventualities
6. Nordisk Company/Yeti have been announced as general partners of the ARES. They will support all the ARES events including The Beast

### **Race Objectives:**

1. Challenge the best teams in Ireland and Europe across all disciplines of Adventure Racing
2. Provide an opportunity for less seasoned teams and newcomers to the sport to progress their Adventure Racing skills. This will be achieved with short course options on most stages.
3. Prepare teams to compete at the highest level internationally
4. Design race stages which carefully and responsibly show off some of the most beautiful and rugged scenery the island of Ireland has to offer
5. Provide online coverage for supporters and spectators worldwide to follow teams through the race, as well as experience what the landscape has to offer

*We understand it can be difficult to get teams together and that there are athletes out there who would like to give it a go. Please feel free to contact the Beast team ([info@thebeast.ie](mailto:info@thebeast.ie)) and we may be able to help fit you with the right team or point you in the right direction.*