

Nathan Fa'avae

Nathan's life is a nexus of adventure,
he is the consummate adventure professional.

Nathan is 48 years old. He lives in Tasman Bay, near Nelson with his wife Jodie and their 3-children. He is half Samoan.

Adventure has been the theme in his life since developing a passion for the outdoors and adventure sport when he was a young teenager.

He started running marathons at 16-years old and competed in his first endurance triathlon when he was 17. His first competitive sport was mountain biking where he raced extensively from 1990-1996, as a Cross-country racer he won the NZ Junior Title, South Island Championships, was in the NZ Team for 5-years; qualifying for the Olympics in 1996 (*but didn't compete*), in that time he competed in Australia, Asia and North America.

From Mountain Biking he switched to Multisport getting two podium placings (2nd & 3rd) in the Speights Coast to Coast.

In 1999 he won the Southern Traverse Adventure Race and that launched him into a career in the sport.

Nathan has been a semi professional and full time professional athlete for 18 years. During that time he has represented New Zealand at 4 different sports, attending 15 World Championships. He has captained the New Zealand Adventure Racing team to 6 World Championship victories. He has competed in 28-countries.

Perhaps what makes his sporting career quite extraordinary is he has battled with a Heart Condition 'Atrial Fibrillation' throughout his adult life. He has had three corrective surgeries to manage the condition.

He spends a significant amount of time in the wilderness with his children doing adventures.

Most recently, Nathan led his team to victory on the Amazon Prime show "Eco Challenge: The World's Toughest Race", hosted by Bear Grylls.

For more information, please visit his website - <https://nathanfaavae.nz>