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## Johansson Yamaha Junior Enduro Team



Focused on youth rider development, the Johansson Yamaha Junior Enduro Team will be Yamaha's official representative in the Enduro Junior category of the 2017 FIM Enduro World Championship. Managed by former WEC competitor Joakim Johansson, the Swedish-based team will warmly welcoming the return of Mikael Persson who back in 2015 secured the FIM Youth Cup title aboard the team's enduro modified YZ125 machine.

Fighting for the podium in the 125cc class in each and every round of the series during the past two years, the Johansson Yamaha Junior Enduro Team will be upping their game for the 2017 season, launching their assault in the Enduro Junior class with the latest version of the WR250F four-stroke machine. With Persson as their sole rider for 2017, the Johansson Yamaha Junior Enduro Team's goal will be to lead Yamaha and the WR250F to top honours in the under 23 class of the FIM Enduro World Championship.



WR 250F



## Mikael Persson

Securing the 2015 FIM Youth Cup title aboard Yamaha's YZ125, Mikael Persson is one of Europe's most promising young talents. For 2017 the Swede will lead the efforts of the Johansson Yamaha Junior Enduro Team racing a WR250F in the Enduro Junior class.

Securing four individual Swedish enduro titles Persson made his debut on the world scene in 2012 racing two rounds of the FIM Enduro World Championship. It wasn't until 2015 that the 21-year-old Swede decided to focus on the world enduro series. Despite skipping the first round of the 2015 FIM Enduro World Championship in Chile, Persson went on to secure eight victories during the season on his Yamaha YZ125. The young Swede never missed the podium in all races he competed in and was crowned FIM Youth Cup World Champion.

Taking the bold decision to jump straight into the senior ranks Persson contested the highly competitive Enduro 1 class of the 2016 FIM Enduro World Championship. Making the most out of a challenging season, the young Swede wrapped up the year with four top six results. Racing his WR250F machine in the Enduro 1 class of the 2016 ISDE in Spain, Persson played a key role in helping Sweden's Junior Trophy Team claim a deserved class victory.

Switching to the Enduro Junior category for 2017, the 22-year-old will be battling for top class honours aboard Johansson Yamaha Junior Enduro Team's WR250F machine.

### PERSONAL PROFILE

**Date of birth:** 28-03-1995  
**Place of birth:** Karlskoga, Sweden  
**Nationality:** Swedish  
**Height:** 176cm  
**Weight:** 72kg  
**Marital state:** Single  
**Hobbies:** Crossfit, MTB, Jet-Ski

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

**2016:** 9th Enduro1 FIM Enduro World Championship,  
1st ISDE Junior World Trophy Team  
**2015:** 1st WEC FIM Youth Cup  
**2014:** 12th WEC FIM Youth Cup  
**2012:** 1st Swedish Enduro Championship  
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