

# New Zealand Blokart Association Inc.



## Notice of Race

### 2020 New Zealand Open Championship

20-23 February 2020

**Venue:** Wigram, Hornby Christchurch

**Host Club:** Canterbury Blokart Club

#### Wednesday 19 February

1300: Registration, weigh-in and scrutineering  
1400: Track available for Practice  
1700: Facility closes  
1730: Refreshments: - Venue to be confirmed

#### Thursday 20 February

0800: Gates Open  
0800 - 0930: Registration, weigh-in, scrutineering, and practice  
1000: Welcome and briefing. Racing to start as soon as practicable after briefing  
1700: No race will start after 1700  
1830: Refreshments: - Venue to be confirmed

#### Friday 21 February

0800: Gates Open - Practice  
0830: Briefing. Racing to start as soon as practicable after briefing  
1700: No race will start after 1700  
1830: Refreshments: - Venue to be confirmed

#### Saturday 22 February

0800: Gates Open - Practice  
0830: Briefing. Racing to start as soon as practicable after briefing  
1700: No race will start after 1700  
1830: Refreshments: - Venue to be confirmed

#### Sunday 23 February

0800: Gates Open - Practice  
0830: Briefing. Racing to start as soon as practicable after briefing  
1600: No race will start after 1700  
1830: Dinner Venue Open  
1900: Dinner and Prize Giving

**Entry:** All participants must be a current member of the NZBAI, or another IBRA affiliated association.  
Enter on the NZBAI website [www.bai.nz](http://www.bai.nz) and pay:

- Entry fee and optional dinner cost to NZBAI - ASB account 12-3217-0043726-00

**Early Bird entries close on Wednesday 18 January at 1900.**

**Entries with payment received by this date will go into a draw to win 50% of their entry fee back.**

Entries must be accompanied by the entry fee:

Single class entry \$95 Adult / \$60 Youth (plus \$20 transponder hire if required).

Dual class entry \$120 Adult / \$85 Youth (plus \$20 for second transponder hire if required).

**Late entries will be accepted until 1900 Wednesday 19 February. The late entry fee will be additional \$25 adult and \$15 youth.** For competitors who have entered and paid for one class prior to the first close of entries, the late entry fee for an additional class will be half the additional late entry fee.

**Meals:** **Lunches:** Lunches will not be provided at the track. Food is available from local shops.

**Dinner:** The optional prize giving dinner will be held at the Wigram Community Centre. Cost is \$45.00 per head. BYO drinks. See above for payment details.

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**Practice:** The track is available for practice on Wednesday afternoon from 1400 after registration and a safety brief. There is no track free for practice.

## **Blokart on site storage Wednesday to Sunday nights:**

At their own risk, entrants may leave Blokarts and gear on site which will be in the marquee. Somebody may be on site to provide a limited form of security. Neither the Canterbury Blokart Club, The Air Force Museum, nor the NZ Blokart Association will be held liable for any loss, theft or damage.

## **Classes/divisions:**

There will be two classes of racing offered – Production and Performance.

There are four divisions offered in the Performance classes. These are:

- Light weights (less than 70 kg)
- Middle weights (70 kg and up to 82.5 kg)
- Heavy weights (82.5 kg and up to 95 kg)
- Super weights (95 kg and over)

The number of divisions for Production will be dictated by the number of entrants utilizing the details at attachment 1

Competitors will be weighed in.

## **Concurrent Races:**

Preference will be given to run each class and division separately, but the race committee may require classes and/or divisions to be sailed concurrently with the results being split out by class and division.

## **Format and Rules:**

Racing will be in accordance with the IBRA Rule Book Edition 7 (Published October 2019). This can be read on the NZ Blokart Association website at <https://www.bai.co.nz/blokart-sailing/rules/>. The Rules are to be read in conjunction with the Sailing Instructions which notify changes to the Rules. If applicable, other changes will be advised during a briefing. The duration of races may be for a set time or for a set number of laps.

- a) A minimum of three rounds of racing must be completed by each class and division for a series to occur. There will be no maximum number of rounds or races for the series.
- b) The sailing course, race duration, and start sequence will be explained at the briefing and may be changed during the day. A dial up direction will be advised during the briefing. Competitors must start on the tack specified during briefing and in the direction of the dial up.
- c) Competitors will be advised of any changes to the sailing course or start sequence in a briefing.
- d) Electronic timing may be used by sailors and all blokarts will have a transponder located as per instructions.
- e) Prior to each division or class's first race all karts in that division or class will go over the timing loop when requested to check transponders.
- f) Race officials will make the decision whether to start a race or not.
- g) The race officials may shorten or abandon a race after it has started (including abandoning the race after the designated time for the race has passed).
- h) Sails and equipment must not be changed once in the designated pre-start area and blokarts may not leave it until called to the start line. At the discretion of the race officials, sail or equipment changes may be permitted for safety or other reasons.
- i) Race drops: A sailor's worst race placing will be dropped after the eighth race; the second worst placing dropped after 15 races; and the third worst place dropped after 21 races.
- j) Provisional results will be posted as quickly as possible after each race and the posting time will be noted on the results sheet. Competitors have 60 minutes after provisional results have been posted to advise a race officer in writing of any observed discrepancy. A Results Discrepancy Advice form will be available.
- k) Protest fee: \$10 returned to protester if the protest is upheld.
- l) Protest panels will be made up of race officers and experienced sailors as needed.
- m) Competitors may be called upon to do marshalling duty. A schedule will be advised prior to marshals being required.

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## **Updated Rules for Event**

- B.5.7 Race Numbers – IBRA Rule B.5.7 is reworded to the following:
- Competitors will be supplied a race number at registration which must be fitted to their pulley whip at all times during racing. Failure to properly display the race number, while racing, in accordance with instructions may result in disqualification.
- C.3 Safety Equipment – IBRA Rule C.3 is reworded to the following:
- Competitors must wear helmets, enclosed footwear, and gloves while the blokart is in motion.
- C.6 Briefing – IBRA Rule C.6 is reworded to the following:
- Briefing will be held prior to commencement of racing each day and further briefings may be carried out at a central point for all competitors or in the start area with each racing group advised immediately prior to their race.
  - Competitors must attend each briefing and no competitor may sail on the race track unless they have received the most recent briefing prior to their race.

## **Cups and Trophies**

- a) A cup will be awarded to first place-getters, and trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in each class/division sailed subject to the number of entrants in each class and division.
- b) A table summarizing the allocation of cups and trophies is provided in Attachment 1.
- c) Cups will be presented at prize-giving but will be retained by the race committee.
- d) The race committee will have the winners' names engraved on the cups.
- e) Those awarded trophies may keep them.

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## Attachment 1

### Description of Combining Arrangements for the 2020 NZO

The following procedures shall be adopted for establishing Divisions within Classes (applies to Performance and Production only):

- There shall be no minimum numbers for a Class, but a minimum of six in a Division.
- When combining divisions, adjacent divisions shall be combined that produce the smallest total.
- Repeat procedure (2) above, until minimum numbers are reached in the remaining divisions or the entire class is combined in a single division.
- Examples of how it may operate are provided below:

<b>Class Entries</b> (no. 's per weight group) <b>L,M,H,SH</b>	<b>Most Equal Combinations</b> <b>By weight</b>	<b>Final Divisions that meet criteria - <i>minimum of six &amp; closest weight grouping.</i></b> (Divisions of six might be combined for races but will be split out for trophies).
<b>6,6,6,6</b>	Not combined, meets minimum requirements	One class, four divisions, four trophies ( <i>probably race as two groups for efficiency or one group if the track is large enough</i> ).
<b>1,2,0,1</b>	Combined as one class of <b>4</b>	One class of four competitors – ie there are less than 6 competitors in total. One trophy & race as one group.
<b>2,4,3,3</b>	<b>6,6</b>	L&M-H&SH combined as two divisions of the class. Two trophies & race as one group for race efficiency (ie results split out).
<b>2,4,8,1</b>	<b>6,9</b>	L&M-H&SH combined as two divisions of the class. Two trophies & race as one group.
<b>2,3,8,1</b>	<b>5,8,1</b>	No adjoining groups of 6 ( <i>ie if you take the Heavies as 8, other divisions are left with less than 6</i> ), so only option is to combine all into one class/division of 14 competitors. One trophy & race as one group.
<b>4,1,5,3</b>	<b>5,5,3</b>	No adjoining groups of 6, so only option is to combine all into one class/division of 13 competitors. One trophy & race as one group.
<b>6,2,5,8</b>	<b>6,7,8</b>	6,7,8 as three divisions of the class. Three trophies, probably race as one group.
<b>2,3,8,5</b>	<b>5,8,5</b>	No adjoining groups of 6, so only option is to combine all into one class/division of 18 competitors. One trophy & race as one group.

(L = Lightweight, M = Middleweight, H = Heavyweight, SH = Super Heavyweight)

Remember, these are random examples and the last example is possibly an extreme case.

Note that some final divisions and classes may be raced together for operational efficiency with the results split out.

The calculation of Divisions to be run in each of the Classes will be determined by the Race Committee following entrant weight in at registration.