

New Zealand Blokart Association Inc.

Notice of Race

2014 New Zealand Blokart Open Championship hosted by Canterbury Blokart Club

22 - 26 October 2014

Wednesday 22nd

1300: Gate open
1300 - 1600: Registration & weigh-in, scrutineering and practice

Thursday 23rd

0800: Gate open
0800 - 0900: Registration & weigh-in, and scrutineering
0930: Welcome & briefing. Racing to start as soon as possible after briefing
1645: No race will start after 1645
1730: Harvard Bar & Café happy-hour and the day's prize-giving

Friday 24th

0800: Gate open
0915: Briefing. Racing to start as soon as possible after briefing
1645: No race will start after 1645
1730: Harvard Bar & Café happy-hour and the day's prize-giving

Saturday 25th

0800: Gate open
0915: Briefing. Racing to start as soon as possible after briefing
1645: No race will start after 1645
1900: Dinner

Sunday 26th

0800: Gate open
0915: Briefing. Racing to start as soon as possible after briefing
1400: No race will start after 1400
1530 - 1600: Round-up and prize-giving at track

Venue: Air Force Museum of New Zealand, Wigram, Christchurch. Access to the venue is opposite 12 Harvard Avenue. Look for the Blokart flags at the entrance.

Entry fee: All participants must be a current member of the NZBAI, or any other IBRA affiliated association.

Early-bird entries close on 25 September 2014 at 1700hrs. Entries must be accompanied by the early-bird entry fee of:

Single class entry \$105 Adult / \$50 Youth (plus \$20 transponder hire if required)

Dual class entry \$190 Adult / \$80 Youth (plus \$20 for second transponder hire if required)

Note: Included in each single class entry fee is a track-fee of \$20. The track-fee is paid in full to the Air Force Museum of New Zealand. Sailors entering two classes are required to only pay a single track-fee.

Final (post early-bird) entries close on 10 October 2014 at 1700hrs. Entries must be accompanied by the full entry fee of:

Single Class entry \$125 Adult / \$70 Youth (plus \$20 transponder hire if required)

Dual Class entry \$210 Adult / \$100 Youth (plus \$20 for second transponder hire if required)

Meals: Lunches will be available on-site 23 - 26 October 2014.

Saturday, 25 October 2014 dinner - \$45.00 per head, other details to be advised.

Blokart storage:

Blokarts can be stored on-site in the marquee at owner's risk. There will be one person on-site each night.

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Classes/divisions:

There will be three classes of racing - Production, Performance and Cruiser.

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

- Light weight (up to 70 kg)
- Middle weight (70 kg and up to 80 kg)
- Heavy weight (80 kg and up to 90 kg)
- Super-heavy weight (90 kg and over)

However, in an effort to improve the operational and cost efficiency of events, NZBAI have decided to trial a system that may combine small divisions into a combined division for races and trophies. Details of how this trial arrangement will operate are provided in Attachment 1 hereto.

Cruiser-class, for non-competitive sailors, is a single division. That is, all weights will race together and either Production or Performance blokarts may be sailed. The race officers will give preference to running Cruiser class races separately from other classes. However, to improve race efficiency of the event it may be expedient to run Cruiser class with another or use a modified starting process. Cruiser class starts will be outlined in briefing.

All competitors will be weighed in only once. Trial or test weigh-ins are not permitted. During weigh-in, a maximum of long sleeved shirt with long trousers, minimum of short sleeve shirt and shorts, enclosed shoes must be worn. No jackets, jerseys, wet weather gear, hats, helmets or gloves to be worn during weigh-in.

Format:

- Each class will be run separately. Depending on the number of entrants some divisions within a class may be combined using a sliding scale (see above and Attachment 1). The purpose of the sliding scale is not to even out numbers but to ensure there is a minimum of six entries in a division. Results will be split out for each division that sails. See Attachment 1 for details on how this will work.
- A minimum of four rounds of racing must be completed by each class and division for a series to occur. There will be no maximum number of races for the series.
- Race drops: A sailor's worst race placing will be dropped after the eighth race, after 15 races second worst place, and after 21 races third worst place.
- Scoring: Low point system will be used. 1st = one point, 2nd = two points, 3rd = three points. Thereafter for each place add one point.
- Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each division sailed.
- Two minute dial-up, five to 12 minute races (may be changed at discretion of race committee).
- Sailing course and the start sequence will be explained at the briefing and may be changed during the day. Competitors will be advised of any changes to the sailing course or start sequence.
- Blokart sailors must be lined up in a grid ready to race prior to the two minute dial-up time.
- Blokarts may not generally change sails once on the grid and may not leave the grid until called to the start line. Any change of sails at this time is at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer or start/finish officials. Blokarts will sail directly to the start line from the grid for race count down, and must arrive and be stopped behind the start line as soon as possible.
- Electronic timing may be used by sailors and all Blokarts will have a transponder located as per instructions.
- Race officials will make the decision whether to start a race or not.
- The Principal Race Officer or start/finish officials may shorten or abandon a race after it has started.
- Protest fee: \$10 returned to protester if the protest is upheld.
- Marshalls will be positioned at course marks. All competitors will be rostered on to assist with marshalling.

Equipment & sailing rules:

Please refer to IBRA rules with NZBAI modifications, edition 3. This can be read on the NZBAI website at <http://www.bai.co.nz/blokart-sailing/rules/>.

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Attachment 1

Description of Trial Event Arrangements for the 2014 SIO & NZO

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

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

Class Entries <i>(no. 's per weight group)</i> L,M,H,SH	Most Equal Combinations By weight	Final Divisions that meet criteria - <i>minimum of six & closest weight grouping.</i> <i>(Divisions of six might be combined for races but will be split out for trophies).</i>
6,6,6,6	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>
1,2,0,1	Combined as one class of 4	One class of four competitors – ie there are less than 6 competitors in total. One trophy & race as one group.
2,4,3,3	6,6	L&M-H&SH combined as two divisions of the class. Two trophies & race as one group for race efficiency (ie results split out).
2,4,8,1	6,9	L&M-H&SH combined as two divisions of the class. Two trophies & race as one group.
2,3,8,1	5,8,1	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.
4,1,5,3	5,5,3	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.
6,2,5,8	6,7,8	6,7,8 as three divisions of the class. Three trophies, probably race as one group.
2,3,8,5	5,8,5	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 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 weigh-in at registration.