

New Zealand Blokart Association Inc.



2015 Masters Games Blokart Event Notice of Race

Dates:

Friday 6th Feb - Travel

7 pm Casual dinner – The Rat Hole, Bulls

Saturday 7th Feb – Ohakea Airbase

8.30 – 9.00 entry onto airbase

9.00 – 9.30 set up

9.00 – 9.30 Registration

9.45 – Briefing, followed by 1st race

5.00 – finish racing – no race to start after 4:45

5.30 - leave base

Sunday 8th Feb - Ohakea Airbase

8.30 – 9.00 entry onto airbase

9.00 – 9.30 set up

9.30 – briefing followed by 1st race

2.00 – finish racing – no race to start after 1:45

2.45 – Medal ceremony

3:15 – Emu parade

4.00 – Leave base

Entries:

Enter online at <http://www.nzmg.com>.

Entries close at 6pm, 4th February 2015.

All participants must be a current member of the NZBAI.

Entry fee: \$40 (plus \$10 transponder hire as necessary)

Classes/Divisions

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

The minimum age for entrants is 35 years, as at 7th February, 2015.

Production and Performance classes will be offered in five year age groups (ie 35-39, 40-44, 45-49 etc.)

However, in an effort to improve the operational and cost efficiency of the event, divisions containing **less than six entrants** will be combined with adjacent divisions into an amalgamated division for races and trophies. Details of how this arrangement will operate are provided in Attachment 1 hereto.

The minimum number of sailors for any division to be run will be six.

Cruiser-class, for non-competitive sailors, is a single division. That is, all ages will race together and either Production or Performance Blokarts may be sailed. It is recommended that Cruiser-class races will not be run concurrently with any other class. In the case of low entry numbers and for race efficiency Cruiser may be combined with another division.

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Format

- Divisions may run together for efficiency.
- Minimum of four rounds to count for a series.
- Low points scoring to be used.
- After eight races a competitor can drop their worst performance, 15 races two worst performances, 21 races three worst performances.
- There will be Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals for each division
- The race course will be notified at the briefing but may be a mixture of short and long races and may be changed during the day.
- Electronic timing may be used and all blokarts must have a transponder.
- The start sequence will be outlined at the briefing. Anyone over at the start must return to the pre-start side by sailing around the end of the starting line and recross the start line in the direction of the race and on the tack notified in briefing without interfering with any other blokart.
- Two races may be run concurrently, starting at different times.
- Race officers will make the decision whether to start a race or not.
- The race officer or start/finish officials may shorten or abandon a race after it has started.

Equipment and 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/>.
- Wheel balancing weights must be glued or siliconed onto wheel.
- Seat clamps must be taped in place.
- Pulley whip numbers will be supplied and must be used.
- Competitors may apply to the race committee with any exceptions.
- Trial blokart International equipment may be allowed on request.
- There is no inside overlap room for start marks at the start. Normal overlap room as per NZBAI rules is given after the start.

Protests (changed from IBRA rules)

- A competitor shall inform the other party they are to protest if possible.
- If a protest proceeds (no penalty taken) then the race officer/s will receive a written submission on a protest form from the protesting competitor along with a fee of \$10 within 20 minutes of the race finishing. The \$10 fee will be refunded if the protest is abandoned or upheld. A conference will follow with both parties but if no easy remedy is obtained then the protested competitor will respond in writing and a decision will be made by the end of each day by the race officer/s or a senior sailor after consultation with both competitors. No other comments will be taken into account unless asked for.

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Attachment 1

Description of Division Combining Arrangements

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 age group)</i> eg A, B, C, D	Most Equal Combinations By age	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	A&B-C&D 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	A&B-C&D combined as two divisions of the class. Two trophies & race as one group.
4,2,5,3	6,8	A&B-C&D combined as two divisions of the class. Two trophies & 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.
2,4,8,6	6,8,6	6,8,6 as three divisions of the class. Three trophies, probably race as one group.

(A = 35-40, B = 40-45, C = 45-50, D = 50-55, etc.)

Remember, these are random examples. Note also 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 registration.