

New Zealand Blokart Association Inc.



Notice of Race

2015 New Zealand Open Championship 10th Anniversary Event

17 – 20 September 2015

This is the tenth anniversary of the first New Zealand Open which was held in 2005 at Blokart Heaven

Venue: Blokart Heaven
Parton Road, Papamoa, Tauranga

Thursday 17 September

0800 - 1100: Registration, weigh-in, scrutineering, and practice
1130: Welcome and briefing. Racing will start as soon as practicable after briefing
1730: No race will start after 1730
1800: Barbeque and refreshments in the kiosk

Friday 18 September

0900: Briefing. Racing will start as soon as practicable after briefing
1730: No race will start after 1730
1800: Barbeque and refreshments in the kiosk

Saturday 19 September

0900: Briefing. Racing will start as soon as practicable after briefing
1730: No race will start after 1730
1900: Formal dinner, spot prizes, blooper awards at a venue to be determined

Sunday 20 September

0900: Briefing. Racing will start as soon as practicable after briefing
1400: No race will start after 1400
1500: Prize-giving at the track

Entry: All participants must be a current member of the NZBAI, or another IBRA affiliated association.
Enter on the NZBAI website www.bai.co.nz . Pay entry fee and dinner bookings to ASB account 12-3217-0043726-00 .

Entries close on Monday 14 September 2015 at 1700 hrs. Entries must be accompanied by the entry fee:

Single class entry \$90 Adult / \$40 Youth (plus \$20 transponder hire if required).

Dual class entry \$170 Adult / \$70 Youth (plus \$20 for each transponder hire if required).

Note: Entries in dual classes must have a separate transponder for each class.

Note: Track fees are included in the entry fee. T-shirts may be ordered and paid separately

Meals: Lunches will be available on-site.

Saturday 19 September formal dinner details to be advised.

Practice: The track will be available during the week before the event for practice. No track fee.

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Classes/divisions:

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

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 82.5 kg)
- Heavy weight (82.5 kg and up to 95 kg)
- Super-heavy weight (95 kg and over)

Competitors will be weighed in accordance with IBRA Rule A.5

To improve the operational efficiency of events, small divisions within a class may be merged into a combined division to ensure there is a minimum of six entries in a division. Details of combining are provided in Attachment 1.

Preference will be given to run each class separately, but the Principal Race Officer may require divisions and/or classes to be sailed concurrently with the results being split out by division and class. Applies to classes with 8 or fewer competitors.

Format and Rules:

- Racing will be in accordance with the **IBRA Rule Book Edition 5 (Published July 2015)**. This can be read on the NZBAI website at <http://www.bai.co.nz/blokart-sailing/rules/> and on the blokart Worlds website: <http://blokartworlds.com/ibra/>. This is to provide experience for those attending international events in 2016.
- 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.
- The sailing course and 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. Competitors must attend each briefing and no competitor may sail on the race track unless they have been briefed.
- Electronic timing may be used by sailors and all Blokarts will have a transponder located as per instructions.
- Pulley-whip flags will be allocated to each kart and they must be located on the blokart per instructions. Failure to properly display the pulley-whip flag while racing will result in disqualification.
- Competitors must wear enclosed footwear and gloves while the blokart is in motion.
- Race officials will make the decision whether to start a race or not.
- The Principal Race Officer or race officials may shorten or abandon a race after it has started.
- 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 Principal Race Officer or race officials, sail or equipment changes may be permitted.
- Dial-up will be 2 minutes, and races will run for a minimum of 5 minutes (may be changed at discretion of race committee).
- 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.
- Protest fee: \$10 returned to protester if the protest is upheld.
- Marshalls may be positioned at course marks. Competitors may be rostered on to assist with marshalling.
- A cup will be awarded to the first place-getter, and trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each class/division sailed.
- 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 30 minutes after provisional

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results have been posted to advise a race officer in writing of any observed discrepancy. A Results Discrepancy Advice form will be available.

Attachment 1

Description of Combining Arrangements for the 2015 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:

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 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 weigh-in at registration.