

New Zealand Blokart Association Inc.



Notice of Race

2016 South Island Open Championship

29 – 30 October 2016

Venue: Canterbury Blokart Club's facility at Wigram, Christchurch

Friday 28 October

1300: Registration, weigh-in, scrutineering, and practice
1700: Facility closes
1630: Refreshments at the Harvard Bar

Saturday 29 October

0800 - 0930: Registration, weigh-in, scrutineering, and practice
0930: Welcome and briefing. Racing to start as soon as practicable after briefing
1630: No race will start after 1630
1900: Dinner at venue to be advised

Sunday 30 October

0900: Briefing. Racing to start as soon as practicable after briefing
1430: No race will start after 1430
1530: (or earlier if practicable) - 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 Tuesday 25 October 2016 at 1900hrs. Entries must be accompanied by the entry fee:

Single class entry \$65 Adult / \$30 Youth (plus \$10 transponder hire if required).

Dual class entry \$110 Adult / \$50 Youth (plus \$10 for second transponder hire if required).

Note: Included in each single class entry fee is a track fee of \$10.00 which is on-paid in full to the Air Force Museum. Sailors entering two classes are required to pay only a single track fee.

Late entries will be accepted until 8.30am Saturday 29 October. The late entry fee will be additional \$50 adult single class, \$100 adult dual class, \$20 youth single class, and \$40 youth dual class.

Meals:

Food and drinks will be available on-site.

Blokart on site storage, Friday and Saturday nights: At their own risk, entrants may leave blokarts and gear on site which may be in a tent or in the open. Someone will be on site to provide a limited form of security. Neither the Canterbury Blokart Club, Air Force Museum, nor the NZ Blokart Association will be held liable for any loss, theft or damage.

Classes/Divisions:

There will be three classes of racing offered – Production, Performance and Cruiser. Note that entrants in Cruiser class sail as one division regardless of weight and permitted enhancements to blokarts.

Up to four divisions will be offered in each of Production and Performance classes and the number of divisions will be determined by the race committee after the total number of entrants is known. The

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number of entrants in each division will be determined, after weigh-in has been completed, in accordance with the guidelines provided in Attachment 1.

The race committee has discretion to adjust numbers in each division to ensure weight ranges within a division are as equitable as possible.

Where there are fewer than six entrants in Cruiser class at close off date, entrants will be offered the opportunity to either move to another class or have their entry fees refunded.

A table summarising the mechanism to achieve division splits is provided in Attachment 1.

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 5 Amendment 1 (Published February 2016). This can be read on the NZBAI website at <http://www.bai.co.nz/blokart-sailing/rules/>. Sailing instructions and briefing instructions may override these rules.

- 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 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.
- 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 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.
- h) 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.
- i) 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 results have been posted to advise a race officer in writing of any observed discrepancy. A Results Discrepancy Advice form will be available.
- j) Protest fee: \$10 returned to protester if the protest is upheld
- k) Protest panels will be made up of race officers and experienced sailors as needed
- l) Competitors may be called upon to do marshalling duty. A schedule will be advised prior to marshals being required.

Cups and Trophies

- a) A cup will be awarded to first place-getters, and trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each class/division sailed subject to the number of entrants in each class and division.
- b) A table summarising 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.

Updated rules for event

Sailing Instructions which will change some rules contained in the IBRA Rule Book Edition 5 Amendment 1 (Published February 2016) will be issued approximately two weeks before the event. These changes and any updates at the briefing will take precedence over previous rules.

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Attachment 1

Arrangements for Division Splits and Prizes to Be Allocated When Low Entrant Numbers

Modified Flexible Weight Band (MFWB)

The key of the MFWB system is to retain flexibility and use common sense, applying 'guidelines' rather than 'fixed criteria'.

1. Total entrants are divided by the number of divisions to allocate names in each division – with all divisions within a class having fairly similar numbers.
2. *However*, the race committee has discretion to make adjustments to ensure there are no gross variations at the margins – (ie adjust the entrants at the margins to make weight ranges within as equitable as possible), and to reduce the number of divisions within a class for race efficiency.

The following same guidelines shall apply for both Performance and Production Classes:

No of Entrants in Class	Weight Spread < 20kg (heaviest to lightest)	Weight Spread >20kg (heaviest to lightest)
1 – 2	1 Division – 1 st only	1 Division – 1 st only
3 – 5	1 Division – 1 st & 2 nd	2 Divisions (run concurrently) – 1 st in each
6 – 11	1 Division – 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd	2 Divisions (run concurrently) – 1 st & 2 nd in each only
12 or more	1 Division to max. manageable field size for course and then split as required up to max. 4 divisions & minimum 6 in each division – 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd in each division	Minimum 2 Divisions and then split as required up to max. 4 divisions & minimum 6 in each – 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd in each division

Cruiser Class

Cruiser Class will be run at the North Island and South Island Opens subject to the minimum number of entrants as noted above under "Classes / Divisions".