

New Zealand Blokart Association Inc.



Notice of Race

2017 North Island Open Championship

3 – 4 June 2017

Venue: Sanson Domain, SH1, Sanson, Manawatu

Friday 2 June

1300: Registration, weigh-in, scrutineering, and practice

1700: Facility closes

1700: Refreshments at the track

Saturday 3 June

0800 - 0900: 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

Sunday 3 June

0900: 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 3 June

1030: Sailing at Sanson – MBC club sailing

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 optional dinner bookings to ASB account

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Entries close on Tuesday 30 May 2017 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 \$120 Adult / \$50 Youth (plus \$10 for second transponder hire if required).

Late entries will be accepted until 8.30am Saturday 3 June. The late entry fee will be additional \$25 adult single class, \$50 adult dual class, \$10 youth single class, and \$20 youth dual class.

Meals: Food and drinks will be available on-site. Lunch will be available on the Saturday and Sunday for those who pre-pay \$20 with their registration. Please prepay by depositing the amount into the NZBAI bank account.

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 may be on site to provide a limited form of surveillance. Neither the Manawatu Blokart Club nor the NZ Blokart Association will be held liable for any loss, theft or damage.

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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 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 1900 hours on 2 June 2017, entrants will be offered the opportunity to either move to another class or withdraw from the event and 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/>. 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.

- 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.
- 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 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.

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- 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.

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

The IBRA Rule Book Edition 5 Amendment 1 (Published February 2016) will be used subject to the Sailing Instructions and the following changes and any updates at the briefing which will take precedence over previous rules.

A.5 Weigh-in – IBRA Rule A.5 is reworded to the following:

- Competitors will be weighed before this event.
- They shall present for weigh-in wearing a minimum of a tee shirt and shorts, and a maximum of long pants and a long sleeve shirt.
- No competitor shall wear shoes, helmets, gloves, jackets or wet weather clothing for weigh-in. Competitors shall not carry additional weights in or on their clothing.
- No additional weight shall be added to the competitor's weight to allow for a standard set of safety equipment (shoes, gloves etc). ie competitor's weight (no shoes, helmet or wet weather gear) = weigh-in weight.
- Competitors will weigh in only once.

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 will 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.

F.2 Penalties - IBRA Rule F.2 is reworded to the following:

- The penalty for a competitor who does not follow Part B, C or E of these rules (excluding E.16 and E.17d) shall be disqualification (DSQ) by the protest committee following a protest by another competitor. These DSQ may be dropped.

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- F.2 (b) Race officers may disqualify a competitor for breaches of the Part C and Rules E.14, E.15, E.17b, & E.17 c, without hearing. This disqualification may be dropped in determining final scores in accordance with Format and Rules paragraph (l) above.
- Competitors who believe the race officers have made an error in their action may request redress.
- F.2 (c) Scrutineers can disqualify competitors for a breach of Part B.

G.8 Redress – IBRA Rule G.8 is reworded to the following:

- A request for redress shall be made on the redress request form and must be lodged within one hour of the race for which redress is requested, or 30 minutes after the posting of that race's results, whichever is later. A request for redress may be because a competitors finishing place in a race has through no fault of their own been made significantly worse by
 - An improper action or omission of the race officers
 - being disadvantaged by the action of a competitor that was breaking a rule of part E
 - Giving help to another competitor
 - See IBRA Appendix F for the form. Forms are to be lodged with the race officers or other nominated person in the sailing instructions or at a briefing.
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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 & 2nd	2 Divisions (run concurrently) – 1 st in each
6 – 11	1 Division – 1 st , 2 nd & 3rd	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