New Zealand Blokart Association Inc.

Sailing Instructions

2017 New Zealand Open Championship

12 – 15 October 2017

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

Format and Rules:

Racing will be in accordance with the the Notice of Race and 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/.

Changes to the rules are noted in these Sailing Instructions and, if applicable, others will be advised during a briefing.

a) Dial-up will be 2 minutes, and races may be run for a specified length of time with a minimum of 5 minutes, or for a specified number of laps. Both race methods (timed or laps) may be changed at the discretion of the race committee.

b) The "zone" (see Appendix A of IBRA Rules) is 10 metres or as advised at a briefing. The zone may be extended or reduced depending on wind strength.

c) The grass is an obstruction unless redefined at a briefing. The grass has an overlap zone of 3 metres.

E.8   Upwind / Downwind – IBRA Rule E.8 is reworded to the following:

- Upwind and downwind legs will be notified at a briefing and may be changed throughout the series. Sailors will be notified of changes by way of a briefing which may be held at the start area.

- Blokarts heading downwind must give way to blokarts heading upwind.

- When blokarts are approaching from opposite directions, the blokart heading upwind must make full and predictable tacks from one edge of the grass to other edge of the grass.

- The blokart heading downwind must take to the grass when necessary to avoid a collision.

- Under no circumstances is the upwind kart to turn onto the grass.

E.9   Marks and Obstructions Overlapped – IBRA Rule E.9 is reworded to the following:

 When blokarts with the wind coming from the same side and overlapped enter the zone;

• An outside blokart shall keep clear of an inside blokart

• An inside blokart shall sail their proper course around the mark or obstruction.

• If the overlap is broken or the blokarts are required to tack or gybe inside the zone, the blokart that was on the outside shall continue to keep clear of the blokart that was on the inside.

• After passing the mark or obstruction this rule ceases to apply, however, the blokart that becomes the right of way blokart must give the other room to keep clear under rule E.6.

- When blokarts have the wind coming from the opposite sides, rule E.1 applies, even if the blokart required to keep clear must miss the mark to do so.

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E.17a   Start Cones and Line – Attention is drawn to this rule for starting:

- Start cones have no overlap zone and Rules E.9 and E.10 do not apply for the start sequence.

- The start line is used as a timing gate each lap, and at the finish.

- The cones are considered an obstruction and E.9, E.10 and E.11 do apply during racing.

E.17a   in addition to the IBRA Rule:

- The start line/timing loop cannot be crossed in the opposite direction to the race start during the start or during the race.

- If competitors are OCS they can return around the far start cone (from the timing trailer) without interfering with any other competitor. They have no rights until they have started.

E.17e   Start Sequence – IBRA Rule E.17e is reworded to the following:

The start sequence shall be as follows

• 5 second countdown to the Two (2) minute – preparatory signal – orange flag raised until the start sequence begins

• One (1) minute – green flag raised vertical

• Thirty (30) seconds – Green flag held horizontally

• Zero (0) – race start, green flag dropped

- Sound signals take precedence over flag signals and / or verbal countdowns and/or any other visual signals, which are for assistance only and the failure of such systems will not be cause for redress.

- If the sound system fails, then the flags will be used

E.17f   Other Race signals – IBRA Rule E.17f is reworded to the following:

• Black flag – race abandoned or general recall

• Orange flag – race shortened

- Chequered flag – race finish

- There is no individual recall nor a flag for it