



New Zealand **Masters Games** Whanganui 2019

Notice of Race

Dates: 2nd & 3rd February 2019

Venue: Ohakea Air Force Base, Manawatu.

Times: Venue and Times may be changed during the competition at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Dates:

Saturday 2nd Feb 2019 – Ohakea Airbase

0830 – 0900 entry onto airbase
0900 – 0930 Registration & set up
0930 – Briefing, followed by 1st race
1730 – finish racing – no race to start after 1715
1730 – 1800 leave base

Sunday 3rd Feb 2019 - Ohakea Airbase

0830 – 0900 entry onto airbase & set up
0915 – Briefing, followed by 1st race
1530 – finish racing – no race to start after 1515
1630 – Medal ceremony
1700 – Emu parade
1730 – 1800 Leave base

Entries:

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

Entries close at 6pm, Tuesday 29th January 2019. Late entries can-not be accepted because of the access rule to Ohakea.

All participants must be a current member of the NZBAI, or another IBRA affiliated association.

Entry fee: \$60.00 (Includes lunch both days) Plus Games fee \$65 if paid by 31st October 2018 after that \$95.00

Classes/Divisions

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

The minimum age for entrants is 35 years, as at 31st January, 2019

Production & Performance classes will be offered in five year age groups (ie 35 and up to 40, 40 and up to 45, 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.

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.

Format and Rules:

Racing will be in accordance with the IBRA Rule Book Edition 6 (Published September 2017). This can be read on the NZ Blokart Association website at <https://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.

The duration of races may be for a set time or for a set number of laps.

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, dial-up instructions, and start sequence will be explained at the briefing and may be changed during the day.

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 attached on the front of the foot bar at all times during racing.

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 60 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.

k) Protest fee: \$10 returned to protester if the protest or redress 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.

n) 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.

Updated Rules for Event:

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 may 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.

Protests

- 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.

Other Stuff:

Manawatu Blokart Club will be hosting a dinner on Saturday evening to which all Masters Games participants and partners are invited.

Dinner will be at the "Rat Hole" in Bulls. Numbers for the dinner will be taken at Registration. Payment will be by participants direct to the restaurant.