



Notice of Race

2019 North Island Open Championship

15/16 June 2019

Venue:

Auckland Blokart Club's Facility at Corsair Lane, Ardmore Airport, Auckland Host Club: Auckland Blokart Club.

Please Note – Dogs are not allowed at Ardmore Airport. Neither in the Race area or in the Motor Home camping area.

Friday 14 June 1300: Registration, weigh-in, scrutineering, and practice 1630: Facility closes 1700: Refreshments & BBQ at the track.

Saturday 15 June 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

1700: Refreshments at the track – BYO alcohol (licensing regulations)

1800: Dinner Venue to be confirmed.

Sunday 16 June

0900: Briefing. Racing to start as soon as practicable after briefing

1530: No race will start after 1530

1630: (or earlier) 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 and pay Entry fee and optional dinner cost to NZBAI - ASB account 12-3217-0043726-00

Entries close on Thursday 13 June 2019 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 \$105 Adult / \$65 Youth (plus \$10 for second transponder hire if required). Late entries will be accepted until 6 pm Friday 14 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. For competitors who have entered and paid for one class prior to the first close of entries, the late entry fee for an additional class will be half the additional late entry fee.

Meals:

Lunches: Food will be available at the track.

Dinner: The optional dinner will be a buffet spit roast dinner at the track on the Saturday night. BYO drinks. Cost is \$40 per head. \$20 for children 5-12yrs, under 5yrs free. See above for payment details.

Practice:

The track is available for practice on Friday afternoon after registration and after receiving a safety briefing. The venue is an active airport and strict controls exist.

Storage:

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. Somebody may be on site to provide a limited form of security. Neither the Auckland Blokart Club, Ardmore Airport, 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 (unless there is a significant number of entrants) 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 four entrants in Cruiser class at 1900 hours on 10 May 2019, 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 6 (Published September 2017, effective from 1st January 2018.). 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.

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.

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.

Attachment 1

Description of Combining Arrangements for the 2019 NIO

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.](#)