

New Zealand Blokart Association Inc.



Notice of Race

2019 New Zealand Open Championship

24 – 27 October 2019

Venue: Manawatu Blokart Club's Facility at Sanson AND Ohakea Air Force Base, Manawatu

In the unlikely event of a national emergency Ohakea Air Force Base could become unavailable.

On such occasion racing will be transferred to the MBC Sanson track.

Wednesday 23 October at Sanson Hall

1300: Registration, weigh-in at Sanson Hall, scrutineering, and practice at MBC Sanson Track
1630: Facility closes
1800: Refreshments at the Rathole in Bulls (pay your own way)

Thursday 24 October at MBC Track, SH1 Sanson

0800 - 1030: Registration, weigh-in, scrutineering, and practice
1100: Welcome and briefing. Racing to start as soon as practicable after briefing
1730: No race will start after 1730
1800: NZBAI Annual General Meeting at Sanson Hall
1830: Refreshments at Sanson Hall **with cash bar**

Friday 25 October at MBC Track, SH1 Sanson

0900: Briefing. Racing to start as soon as practicable after briefing
1730: No race will start after 1730
1800: Refreshments at the Rathole in Bulls (pay your own way)

Saturday 26 October at Ohakea

0800: Gate opens at Pukenui Road at north eastern end of the base
0900: Briefing. Racing to start as soon as practicable after briefing
1730: No race will start after 1730.
1800: Refreshments at Ohakea terminal building **with cash bar**
2000: Gate closes

Sunday 27 October at Ohakea

0800: Gate opens at Pukenui Road at north eastern end of the base
0900: Briefing. Racing to start as soon as practicable after briefing
1545: No race will start after 1545.
1600: Emu Parade
1700: Gate closes
1830: Gather to be seated for 1900 Dinner and prize giving at Sanson Hall **with cash bar**

Venue and times may be changed during the course of the event at the discretion of the race committee.

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

Enter on the NZBAI website <http://bai.nz/> . Pay entry fee and dinner bookings to ASB account

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Early bird entries close on Tuesday 10 September 2019 at 1900hrs. Entries must be accompanied by entry fee:

Single class entry **\$95 Adult / \$65 Youth** (plus \$20 transponder hire if required).

Dual class entry \$135 Adult / \$90 Youth (plus \$20 for second transponder hire if required).

Standard entries close on Tuesday 15 October 2019 at 1900hrs. Entries must be accompanied by the entry fee:

Single class entry **\$120 Adult / \$90 Youth** (plus \$20 transponder hire if required).

Dual class entry \$160 Adult / \$120 Youth (plus \$20 for second transponder hire if required).

Late entries will be accepted until 2.00pm on Wednesday 23rd October.

Over and above the standard entry fee, the late entry fee will be an additional \$30 for single class, \$50 for dual class, irrespective of age. For dual competitors who have entered and paid for one class prior to the early bird or standard close of entries, the late entry fee will be \$15 over and above the difference in the paid entry fee and standard dual entry fee. Eg. an early bird youth would pay \$15 + \$55 = \$70 to upgrade to dual entry.

Lunches for competitors: Lunches for the four days can be ordered at time of early bird or standard registration at a cost of \$42 per person for 4 days only. Please advise any special menu requirements.

Lunches for visitors: Lunches for visitors can be ordered during early bird or standard registration at a cost of \$42 per person for 4 days only. Please advise any special menu requirements.

Event Dinner & Prize Giving: The dinner will be held in the Sanson Hall, commencing at 1830hrs. Cost for the dinner will be \$42.00 per person and can be ordered at time of early bird or standard registration. There will be a cash bar on site. Please advise any special menu requirements.

Lunches and dinners must be ordered and paid for online before **Tuesday 15 October 2019 at 1900hrs.**

Blokart on site storage Wednesday to 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 security. Neither the Manawatu Blokart Club, New Zealand Air Force, nor the NZ Blokart Association will be held liable for any loss, theft or damage.

Competitors will be responsible for moving their own blokarts from Sanson to Ohakea.

Classes/divisions:

There will be two classes of racing offered – Production and Performance.

There are four divisions offered in the Production and Performance classes. These are:

- Light weights (less than 70 kg)
- Middle weights (70 kg and up to 82.5 kg)
- Heavy weights (82.5 kg and up to 95 kg)
- Super weights (95 kg and over)

Competitors will be weighed in.

To improve the operational efficiency of events, small divisions within a class may be merged into a combined division to ensure there is a minimum of six entries in a division. Details of combining are 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.

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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, 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 and in the direction of the dial up.
- 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 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 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 summarizing 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.

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Attachment 1

Description of Combining Arrangements for the 2019 NZO

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.