



Notice of Race
New Zealand Blokart Association Inc.
2020 North Island Open Championship
Higgins Blokart Park, Napier
7th and 8th November 2020

Venue and on-site facilities: The site is located off Shed Road near the intersection of the expressway and Prebensen Drive in Napier. On site camping is available to caravans and camper vans with a self-containment certificate from Friday afternoon.

Friday 6th November

- The track will be open 2:30 – 7:00pm for Registration, weigh in, scrutineering and practice.
- Refreshments and BBQ at the track. \$5 donation for that on the day.

Saturday 7th November

- 8.00 am to 9:30am Registration, weigh in, scrutineering and practice.
- 9:30 am Welcome & briefing (compulsory attendance)
- Race start as soon as practicable after briefing
- No race will start after 4:30pm
- 7:00pm Dinner and prize giving at Napier RSA or similar venue. Pay at the door. Approx \$35/head.

Sunday 8th November

- 8.30 am set up
- 9.00 am briefing (compulsory attendance)
- Race start as soon as practicable after briefing
- No race will start after 3:30pm
- Prize giving at the track as soon as possible after racing is completed

Entry:

Participants must be a member of the NZBAI or other IBRA affiliated association. Enter on the NZBAI website www.bai.nz and pay the entry fee and transponder hire costs to NZBAI.

ASB account 12-3217-0043726-000

Entries Close on Wednesday 4th November 2020 at 1900 hrs. Entries must be accompanied by the entry fee:

Entry fee \$65 adult / \$30 youth (plus \$10 transponder hire if required.)

Late entries will be accepted until 6pm Friday 6th November. The late entry fee will be an additional \$25 adult and \$10 youth.

Meals:

Catering: Food will NOT be available at the track. Please bring your own.

Dinner: The optional dinner on Saturday night will be at the Napier RSA or similar venue. Cost will be approximately \$35 each. Children \$20. Pay at the door.

Practice: The track will be open from midday Friday 6th November for practice after registration and scrutineering.

Storage: Blokarts can be left on site overnight at the owner's risk. Campers will be on site and will close the gate after dark, but their presence provides only a limited form of security. Neither Blokart Hawkes Bay nor the NZBAI will be 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 2nd November 2020, 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 7 (Published October 2019, effective from 1st January 2020.). 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 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 blokarts 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 2020 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.](#)