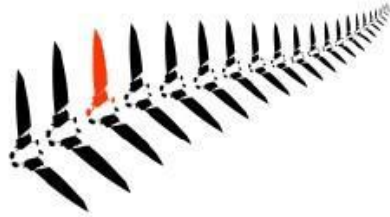


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## 2021 New Zealand Blokart North Island Open Notice of Race

**Dates:** 10th - 11th July 2021

**Venue:** Manawatu Blokart Club at Sanson Domain, SH1, Sanson, Manawatu

**Times:** Times may be changed during the competition at the discretion of the Race Committee

### Friday 9th July – Sanson Track

1300 – 1600 Registration and set up. Practice may be available.

### Saturday 10th July – Sanson Track

0800 – 0930 Registration and set up

0930 – Briefing, followed by the first race

1630 – No race to start after 1630 unless the PRO announces an extension.

Casual dinner as soon as practicable at the Rangitikei Hotel (better known as the Rathole)

### Sunday 11th July – Sanson Track

0900 – Briefing, followed by the first race

1530 – No race to start after 1530

Medal ceremony to follow as soon as practicable following completion of racing

### Entry:

- Participants must be a current member of the NZBAI, or another IBRA affiliated association
- Entry fee \$65.00 for adults and \$20.00 for youth (under 19 years old at 1 April 2021)
- \$20.00 transponder fee if required
- Enter online at [www.bai.nz](http://www.bai.nz) and pay the entry fee to NZBAI – ASB account 12-3217-0043726-000
- Entries close at 7pm, Wednesday 7th July 2021. Late entries will not be accepted.
- Participants must be at least 12 years of age

### Lunch:

Lunches may be pre-ordered via the NZBAI website prior to 7pm, Wednesday 7th July 2021. The cost is \$11.50 per day and must be paid to NZBAI the time the order is placed.

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## 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 Weight Based 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 7th July 2021, 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.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.

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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.

### **Medals and Cups**

a) Medals 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. Cups will be awarded to first-place winners at prize-giving but will be retained by the committee.

b) A table summarising the allocation of medals is provided in Attachment 1.

c) The race committee will have the winners' names engraved on the cups.

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## Attachment 1

### Arrangements for Division Splits and Medals to Be Allocated When Low Entrant Numbers

#### Modified Flexible Weight Band (MFWB)

The key of the MFWB system is to retain flexibility and use common sense, applying 'guidelines' rather than 'fixed criteria'.

1. Total entrants are divided by the number of divisions to allocate names in each division – with all divisions within a class having fairly similar numbers.
2. However, the race committee has discretion to make adjustments to ensure there are no gross variations at the margins – (ie adjust the entrants at the margins to make weight ranges within as equitable as possible), and to reduce the number of divisions within a class for race efficiency.
3. Consideration will also given to the safe capacity of the track and will take into account the advice of the Host club

The following same guidelines shall apply for both Performance and Production Classes:

<u>No of Entrants in Class</u>	<u>Weight Spread &lt; 20kg (heaviest to lightest) Medals Awarded</u>	<u>Weight Spread &gt;20kg (heaviest to lightest) Medals Awarded</u>
<u>1 – 2</u>	<u>1 Division – 1<sup>st</sup> only</u>	<u>1 Division – 1<sup>st</sup> only</u>
<u>3 – 5</u>	<u>1 Division – 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2nd</u>	<u>2 Divisions (run concurrently) – 1<sup>st</sup> in each</u>
<u>6 – 11</u>	<u>1 Division – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3rd</u>	<u>2 Divisions (run concurrently) – 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> in each only</u>
<u>12 or more</u>	<u>1 Division to maximum manageable field size for course and then split as required up to max. 4 divisions &amp; minimum 6 in each division – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> in each division</u>	<u>Minimum 2 Divisions and then split as required up to max. 4 divisions &amp; minimum 6 in each – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> in each division</u>