

# New Zealand Blokart Association Inc.



## Notice of Race

### 2021 South Island Open Championship & Mixed Draw Event

15-17 October 2021

**Venue:** Wigram, Hornby Christchurch

**Host Club:** Canterbury Blokart Club

#### Thursday 14 October

1300: Registration, weigh-in and scrutineering  
1400: Track available for Practice  
1700: Facility closes  
1730: Refreshments: - Harvard Bar

#### Friday 15 October – SIO

0800: Gates Open  
0800 - 0930: Registration, weigh-in, scrutineering, and practice  
0930: Welcome and briefing. Racing to start as soon as practicable after briefing  
1700: No race will start after 1700  
1745: Refreshments: - Harvard Bar

#### Saturday 16 October - SIO

0800: Gates Open  
0900: Briefing. Racing to start as soon as practicable after briefing  
1700: No race will start after 1700  
1745: Refreshments: - Harvard Bar

#### Sunday 17 October – SIO or Mixed Draw Event

0800: Gates Open  
0900: Briefing. Racing to start as soon as practicable after briefing  
1500: No race will start after 1500  
1745: Dinner and Prize Giving – Hornby Working Mens Club

**Entry:** All participants must be a current member of the NZBAI, or another IBRA affiliated association. Enter on the NZBAI website [www.bai.nz](http://www.bai.nz) and pay:

- Entry fee and optional dinner cost to NZBAI - ASB account **12-3217-0043726-00**

#### **Early Bird entries close on Wednesday 6 October at 1900.**

Entries must be accompanied by the entry fee:  
Single class entry \$65 Adult / \$35 Youth (plus \$15 transponder hire if required).

**Late entries will be accepted until Wednesday 13 October at 1900. The late entry fee will be additional \$20 adult and \$10 youth**

**Meals:** **Lunches:** Lunches will not be provided at the track. Food is available from local shops.  
**Sunday Evening Dinner:** The optional prize giving dinner will be held at the Hornby Working Mens Club. Cost is \$44.00 per head. Full bar facilities. See above for payment details.

**Practice:** The track is available for practice on Thursday afternoon from 1400 after registration and a safety brief. There is no track fee for practice.

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## Blokart on site storage Thursday to Sunday nights:

At their own risk, entrants may leave Blokarts and gear in the onsite marquee. One person will be staying on site in a caravan/camper to provide a limited form of security. Neither the Canterbury Blokart Club, The Air Force Museum, nor the NZ Blokart Association will be held liable for any loss, theft or damage.

## Classes/divisions for South Island Open

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 six entrants in Cruiser class at 1900 hours on 13 October, 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 for South Island Open and the Mixed Draw Event:

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 [www.bai.co.nz/blokart-sailing/rules](http://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) *If fewer than six rounds of racing have been completed by the finish of sailing on the Saturday, the South Island Open will continue throughout the Sunday. Otherwise, the South Island Open will conclude on the Saturday and the Mixed Draw Event will be run on the Sunday.*
- c) 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.
- d) Competitors will be advised of any changes to the sailing course or start sequence in a briefing.
- e) Electronic timing may be used by sailors and all blokarts will have a transponder located as per instructions.
- f) 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.
- g) Race officials will make the decision whether to start a race or not.
- h) 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).
- i) 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.
- j) 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.
- k) 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.
- l) Protest fee: \$10 returned to protester if the protest is upheld.
- m) Protest panels will be made up of race officers and experienced sailors as needed.
- n) Competitors may be called upon to do marshalling duty. A schedule will be advised prior to marshals being required.

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## **Additional Format and Rules for Mixed Draw Event:**

1. All competitors in a class will race against each other in randomly drawn heats, regardless of competitors' weights.
2. At least two rounds of heats must be completed for a series to occur.
3. The race committee may require classes to be sailed concurrently with the results being split out by class.
4. In case of a draw the competitor with the most first places will be the overall winner. If there is still a draw, the number of second places will be counted and so forth.
5. This is a novelty event designed to enable racing against those from other weight divisions. Have fun.

## **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.

**The new Blokart International tubeless tyres for all NZBAI racing and events are permitted. NOTE this tubeless tyre option is NOT for any existing or older stock tyres, or tyres not branded “Blokart”.**

## **Cups and Medals**

- a) A cup will be awarded to first place-getters, and medals will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 medals 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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## Arrangements for Division Splits and Prizes 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.

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

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

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.