

December 2021

Blokart News



New Zealand Blokart Association Inc (BAI)

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South Island Open

Day 1 was a slow start to racing with the wind not playing ball but finally came in enough to get racing underway just after mid-day.

Day 2 was a stutter to start with. In the end the wind arrived at 3pm and racing was underway quickly to make the most of the remaining of the day. Day 3 turned into a rip snorter of a day with strong winds. Started a little light but by race 3 most were down to 4m sails and a few races later over half the fleet were on 3m sails. Fantastic comp and thanks to all who supported it and the Canterbury Blokart Club for running the event.

Results:

Production Lights:

- 1st Justin Annan
- 2nd Mitchell Denton
- 3rd Logan Ayres

Production Heavyweights

- 1st Jonathan Wood
- 2nd Colin Harris
- 3rd Brett Fitzgerald

Performance Middleweights

- 1st Alex Morris
- 2nd Scott McIntosh
- 3rd Deb Davidson

Performance Heavyweights

- 1st Bob Jelley
- 2nd Michael Denton
- 3rd Terry Helm



Changes to IBRA Rules

Only minor changes are being made to the latest IBRA rules Edition 8, which will include a statement to reinforce that the rules are intended to be used in their entirety and without changes for all blokart events. Changes are only permitted when needed to address location specific safety concerns.

The penalty points for disqualification have been increased to differentiate from the penalties for lesser infringements, and the scoring approach

standardized for single day events, regattas and race series. Some minor changes have been made to the equipment rules, including; permitting the new BIL branded tires to be used tubeless, allowing the use of tire sealant to prevent punctures, and a new rule limiting the level deformation permitted in the blokart chassis where this could provide an advantage.

[IBRA Sailing Rules](#)

Pod owners

The Blokart polycarbonate windscreens feature a UV resistant coating on the top side that can be wiped off with solvents, often used by signwriters before applying graphics, which can lead to the Windscreen cracking

So please do not:
 -Clean your Windscreen with anything but mild soapy water
 -Leave the underside of your Windscreen exposed to the sun
Slider Pod Channels - The channels fitted to the Slider Pod Windscreens have the potential of delaminating if the windscreen is fitted upside down!



NZ Blokart Association Inc is the national organisation representing 6 Blokart clubs and their members in:

Christchurch

Nelson

Manawatu

Hawkes Bay

Bay of Plenty

Auckland

Upcoming Events – open to all NZBAI members:

- Waitangi Weekend 2022 - Manawatu Open, Sanson TBC
- 10-13 Feb 2022 ABC 90MB Trip
- 26-27 February 2022 - North Island Open, Napier
- 18-21 March 2022 - BBC Ohope
- 16-17 July 2022 - Blokart Masters, Ardmore
- 10-11 Sept 2022 ABC Club Champs
- October 2022 NZO/Blokart Worlds, Manawatu TBC

North Island Open 2022



The North Island Open is on over February 26th, 27th 2022 at Higgins Blokart Park in Napier with Blokart Hawkes Bay hosting the event. Entries can be made at: www.bai.nz



Expansions are planned at Ohakea next year that may prevent access to the apron area and hangers which may mean more tents and other infrastructure for the Worlds.

The plan is to make a final decision on the Worlds in Feb next year. Hopefully by this time quarantine free travel into NZ will have resumed?

World Events

There are a fair number of events occurring but these are all being limited to local entries only - no international travellers at any events.

Recent Events;

Spanish Open 30-31 October

Lithuanian Open 20-21 Nov

Upcoming Events;

NABSA Championships Mar 31 to Apr 7 2022 at Ivanpah

British Blokart Champs 10-11 Sept 2022 at Llanbedr

Club Round Up

Auckland Blokart Club

There has been very limited blokart activity in Auckland over the last 3 months, although we are now able to open Ardmore on weekends for <25 sailors. We hope to have our 90MB trip again in Feb 2022.

Bay Blokart Club

A successful social weekend was held at Ohope with 18 attending, including 15 blokarts and 3 guests from BHB and 2 social members from MBC. Wind was

gale-force on Thursday (one sailor), three had a go for 20 minutes on Friday, and 5-6 sailed intermittently during the 8 knot gusts on Saturday.

Blokart Hawkes Bay

We had a very successful Hawkes Bay Open in Napier over Labour Weekend with 36 entries racing in moderate northeasterlies. It was great to welcome 4 visitors from the Bay Blokart Club and 3 from the Manawatu Club. On Labour Day we ran our Endurance Classic. Each of the 9 teams

of 3 competitors had to complete as many laps as possible over 3 hours with weight tactics being paramount. 23 Corporate events booked for December!

Manawatu Blokart Club

Youth academy started on Saturday mornings (13 on opening day, 16 registered). 4 successful sessions with Levin School through YNZ (60 kids) in line with lessons on wind. Saturday and Wednesdays comps ticking along.

Photo competition

Last Newsletter photo was none other than Scott McIntosh inflating his new tubeless Blokart tyre using a portable air compressor.

This month you need to answer the following about the photo to the right: Who is the sailor in the photo? What city was he recently racing in? What was the event?



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with the correct answers. If yours are the first correct and you have also entered the North Island Open on February 26, 27 you will have first choice of a Blokart accessory in the lucky draw in Napier.

Have a good Christmas everyone and may your wind blow free!