



## 2022 New Zealand Blokart North Island Open Notice of Race

**Dates:** 26th - 27th February 2022

**Venue:** Blokart Hawkes Bay, Higgins Blokart Park, Napier

**Covid-19:** This event is being managed by the hosts and race committee in accordance with Government regulations and MOH guidelines.

We anticipate this to be under Traffic Light ORANGE so we are proceeding accordingly and ask for the forbearance of competitors and other attendees who will need to accept and comply with these conditions which will include;

- full covid immunisation and official proof thereof for all eligible attendants at Higgins Park
- other hygiene precautions
- IF LAST MINUTE CHANGE TO RED possible limitation to 100 attendants including competitors, their essential assistants and organisers at the Higgins Park venue.
- limits on numbers attending the social events
- signing in with the tracer application or manual record

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

### Friday 25th February

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

### Saturday 26th February

- 8:00 am to 9:00 am Registration, weigh in, scrutineering and practice
- 9:30 am Welcome & Briefing (compulsory attendance by all pilots)
- Race start as soon as practicable after briefing
- No race will start after 5:00 pm
- 7:00 pm Formal Dinner at The Filter Room (or somewhere similar)

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### **Sunday 27th February**

- 9:00 am Briefing (compulsory attendance by all pilots)
- Race start as soon as practicable after briefing
- No race will start after 3:00 pm
- Prize Giving at the track as soon as practicably possible

### **Entry:**

- Participants must be a current member of the NZBAI, or another IBRA affiliated association
- Entry fee \$70 for adults and \$30 for youth (under 19 years old at 1 April 2022)
- \$10.00 transponder fee if required
- Enter online at [www.bai.nz](http://www.bai.nz) and pay the entry fee, lunch and other charges to NZBAI – ASB account 12-3217-0043726-000
- Entries close at 7:00 pm, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022. Late entries will not be accepted.
- Participants must be at least 12 years of age
- Participants must accept any conditions imposed due to Covid - 19 (see above)

### **Meals:**

Pre-ordered lunches, tea, coffee, and bottled water will be available at the track. Please bring some gold coins for the beverages.

The Open Formal Dinner on Saturday night will be at The Filter Room or similar venue.

### **Practice:**

The track will be open from 2pm – 5pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February for practice, registration and scrutineering.

### **Storage:**

Blokarts may 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 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 7pm on 21st February 2022, entrants will be offered the opportunity to either move to another class or withdraw from the event and have their entry fees refunded.

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A table summarising the mechanism to achieve division splits is provided in Attachment 1.

Dual entries (i.e. sailing in both performance and production classes) are not permitted.

### **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 IBRA Rule Book Edition 8 (Published October 2021), effective from 1st January 2022). This can be read on the International Blokart Association website at

[IBRA 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.

- a) The duration of races may be for a set time or for a set number of laps. There will be no maximum number of rounds or races for the series.
- b) A minimum of three rounds of racing must be completed by each class and division for a series to occur.
- c) The sailing course, race duration, dial-up instructions, and start sequence will be explained at the briefing and may be changed during the day.
- d) Competitors will be advised of any changes to the sailing course or start sequence in a briefing.
- e) 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.
- f) 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.
- g) 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.

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m) Competitors may be called upon to do marshalling duty. A schedule will be advised prior to marshalls 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.

**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'.

Total number of entrants is divided by the number of divisions to allocate numbers in each division, with all divisions within a class having fairly similar numbers.

*However*, the race committee has discretion to make adjustments to ensure there are no gross variations at the margins – (i.e. 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.

Consideration will also be given to the safe capacity of the track and will take into account the advice of the host club.

**Medals:**

The following same guidelines shall apply for each class:

| <b>No of Entrants in Class</b> | <b>Weight Spread &lt; 20kg<br/>(heaviest to lightest)<br/>Medals Awarded</b>  | <b>Weight Spread &gt;20kg<br/>(heaviest to lightest)<br/>Medals Awarded</b>   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>1 – 2</b>                   | <b>1 Division – 1<sup>st</sup> only</b>   | <b>1 Division – 1<sup>st</sup> only</b>   |
| <b>3 – 5</b>                   | <b>1 Division – 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup></b>   | <b>2 Divisions (run concurrently) – 1<sup>st</sup> in each</b>  |
| <b>6 – 11</b>                  | <b>1 Division – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup></b>   | <b>2 Divisions (run concurrently) – 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> in each only</b>  |
| <b>12 or more</b>              | <b>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<br/>– 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> in each division</b> | <b>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</b> |