

IBRA Report to NZBAI AGM

15th August 2023



IBRA is the International Blokart Racing Association.

The IBRA committee is made of representatives from the 4 international blokart associations; NZ, Australia, Europe, and North America, as well as a representative from Blokart International Ltd. China also has a non-voting position on the committee.

The IBRA committee meets quarterly, and has three main functions;

1. To agree and approve a set of rules for international blokart racing
2. To co-ordinate and manage racing for the Blokart Worlds Championships
3. To provide a forum to discuss key topics of interest amongst the various associations

Committee comings and goings...

Barry Cole was re-elected as president of IBRA at the beginning of this year. Ross Chisholm from ABA was elected Secretary.

Ian Timperley resigned after many years representing NZBAI on the IBRA committee. Thanks to Ian for his contributions. Ian was replaced by Nathan Monk from BHB. John Nicholson remains as the other NZ IBRA delegate. Paul Beckett represents Blokart International Ltd on the committee.

The NABSA delegate Jim Nordhaus stood down in April and has been replaced on the committee by Dave Lussier. ABA rep Mick Ralph resigned from the committee in July 2023 but has replacement is yet to be announced by ABA.

IBRA Hot topics in the last year...

IBRA has been reviewing international helmet standards to ensure helmets being used at race events are fit for purpose.

IBRA will also start collating safety data from all the associations to better understand the cause of accidents during race events.

New dedicated blokart tracks are being built and regular international race events are being planned in China and at Bonaire in the Caribbean.

Rules Review

The IBRA rules were reviewed in the last 12 months, and the new Edition 9 is due to be released in October for use in racing from the start of next year. Very few submissions were received from Associations, so again, only minor changes and corrections to the rules will be made this time.

Blokart World Championships

Planning for the 2024 Blokart World Championships at Ivanpah in April next year is now well underway. The dates for racing have now been released. Entries are now open and the Notice of Race was issued earlier this month. Between 90 and 120 entries are expected.

A host for the 2026 Blokart Worlds is now being sought. Two European and an Australian location have expressed an interest in hosting this event. The winning host is expected to be announced at the Blokart World Champs in Ivanpah in April 2024.

Regards

Barry Cole – President of IBRA