



## 2011 North Island Open Blokart Championships Notice of Race

### Dates

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June    Travel  
7 pm Casual dinner – The Rat Hole, Bulls

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June - Ohakea Airbase  
8.30 – 9.00 entry onto airbase, set up  
9.10 – briefing  
9.20 – racing  
4.45 – finish racing  
5.00 – 5.15, leave base

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Ohakea Airbase  
8.30 – 9.00 entry onto airbase  
9.10 – briefing  
9.20 – racing  
4.30 – finish racing  
4.45 – 5.00, leave base  
7.00 – dinner and prize giving

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Ohakea Airbase  
9.00 – Entry  
9.15 – casual sailing  
10.00 – Long race  
2.30 – finish sailing  
3.00 – leave base

Entry online [NIOpenEntryForm](#) or go to BAI website  
Entry fee: \$40 (plus \$10 transponder hire as necessary)  
Students: \$30 (plus \$10 transponder hire as necessary)

### Divisions (depending on entries weight limits may be adjusted)

Lightweight division, under 80 kg

Middleweight, 80 – 90 kg

Heavyweight division, over 90 kg

C Division, non racers (those who don't normally compete on a regular basis)

### Format

- 26 races
- Minimum of 4 races to count for a series
- Low points scoring.
- After 8 races a competitor can drop their worst performance, 15 races 2 worst performances, 21 races 3 worst performances, 26 races 4 worst performances
- There will be winners of each race category
- The race course will be notified at the briefing but will be a mixture of short and long races
- The race course may be changed during the day
- Electronic timing will be used

- The start sequence will be outlined at the briefing. Anyone over at the start must recross the start line without interfering with any other blokart
- 2 races may be run concurrently
- An average of approx. 5 knts of breeze is needed to start a race (race officers decision)
- The race officer or start/finish official may abandon a race after it has started if the wind drops away to where racing is unfair

#### **Equipment rules**

- IBRA rules apply – see NZ BAI website
- Wheel balancing weights must be glued or siliconed in
- Pulley whip numbers will be supplied
- Competitors may apply to Race Organiser with any exceptions
- Trial blokart International equipment may be allowed
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#### **Sailing rules ( modified from IBRA)**

E.1 A competitor shall compete in compliance with recognized principles of sportsmanship and fair play. A competitor may be penalized under this rule only if it is clearly established that these principles have been violated.

E.2 By participating in a race conducted under the IBRA rules, each competitor agrees:

- to be governed by these rules;
- to accept the penalties imposed and other action taken under the rules;
- with respect to such determination, not to resort to any court or other tribunal not provided for in the rules;

E.3 Each competitor is responsible for his/her own decision to participate or continue to participate in any event.

E.4 When blokarts are on opposite tacks on the same leg of the course, give way to your right.

E.5 Rule E.12 takes precedent over Rule E.4

E.6 When blokarts are on the same tack and overlapped, a windward blokart shall keep clear of a leeward blokart. Blokarts are considered overlapped when they are on the same tack and any part of the front wheel of the aft blokart is level with or further forward than any part of the forward blokarts rear wheel. Blokarts cannot make sudden changes of course to force another sailor to windward.

E.7 When blokarts are on the same tack and not overlapped, a blokart clear behind shall keep clear of a blokart that is clear ahead. Blokarts should sail a steady course.

E.8 After a blokart passes head to wind, it shall keep clear of other blokarts until it is on its new proper course. If two blokarts are tacking at the same time, the blokart on the left shall keep clear of the blokart on the right.

E.9 A blokart shall avoid contact with another blokart if reasonably possible. However -

- a right of way blokart need not act to avoid contact until it is clear that the other blokart is not keeping clear;
- a right of way blokart shall not be penalized under this rule unless there is contact that causes damage or injury;

E.10 When a blokart acquires right of way, it shall initially give the other blokart room to keep clear, unless it acquires right of way because of the other's actions

E.11 When a right of way blokart changes course, it shall give the other room to keep clear

E.12 When blokarts are about to pass a mark or obstruction a blokart that has an inside overlap at a zone 20 metres (or other distance as specified by the race committee) surrounding the mark or obstruction, may hail "room" and pass the mark or obstruction in a sportsman like manner taking no

more room that is necessary to pass the mark or obstruction safely. Any blokart/s overlapped on the outside shall give the inside blokart/s room to do so. After passing the mark or obstruction this rule ceases to apply, however, the right of way blokart must give the other room to keep clear. When this rule is in effect rule E.4 (give way to the right) does not apply until such time as both blokarts are outside the 20 metre zone

E.13 When a faster blokart approaches a slower blokart within the 20 metre zone surrounding a mark or obstruction it shall pass only on the outside, if in doing so the blokart establishes an inside overlap for the next mark or obstruction it shall be entitled to room to pass the obstruction as per rule E.12. (or other distance as specified by the race committee)

E.14 The process for starting a race will be outlined by the race committee in the briefing prior to the race or series. Start marks have a 3 metre overlap zone.

E.15 No sailor shall exit their blokart during a race unless directed to do so or to render assistance to a competitor due to safety.

E.16 Blokarts must be propelled only by the setting and trimming of its sail or by the sailor using their hands against the rear tyres. Sailors must not touch the ground with any part of their body in order to propel their blokart.

E.17 A blokart sailing on a downwind leg (as defined at the briefing) shall keep clear of a blokart sailing on an upwind leg.

E.18 The grass and the white line where the runway has lights is an obstruction (except where specified) and has a 3 metre overlap zone.

#### Penalty

If a competitor infringes, including touching a mark, then they should complete a 360 degree turn without interfering with any other competitor (other than over at the start where they should return to the correct side). If no penalty turn is completed then the sailor may be protested by another competitor or disqualified by the Race Officer.

#### **Protest (changed from IBRA rules)**

If there is a protest then the race officer/s will receive a written submission from the protesting competitor along with a fee of \$10. A conference will follow but if no easy remedy is obtained then the protested competitor will respond in writing and a decision will be made at the end of each day by the race officer/s. No other comments will be taken into account unless asked for.

#### **Redress**

The Race Officer/s can also make decisions on redress as needed. The decision to consider a written request for redress shall be based on a claim or possibility that a blokart's finishing place in a race has through no fault of their own been made significantly worse by:

- An improper action or omission of the race committee
- Physical damage because of the action of a blokart that was breaking a rule of part E
- Giving help to another competitor
- An illegal action performed by another blokart
- A blokart upon which a penalty has been imposed under rule E.1