



New Zealand Blokart Association Inc.

Notice of Race

**New Zealand Blokart Open Championship
Blokart Heaven, 2010**

Date :

4, 5, 6, 7 June 2010

Venue: Blokart Heaven, Papamoa

Entry fee: \$100, plus \$20 if you need to hire a transponder

All participants must be a current member of the NZBAI

Entries close Wednesday 2 June at 5 pm

Divisions:

- Light weight (50-65 kg)
- Middle weight (65 – 80 kg)
- Heavy weight (80-95 kg)
- Super Heavy weight (95+ kg)

Timing (may be changed during the competition at the discretion of the race committee)

Thursday, 3rd June

- 2 – 4.30 pm, registration, scrutineering and practice

Friday, 4th June

- 8.00 – 9.00 am, registration, scrutineering
- 9.30, welcome
- 9.45, briefing
- 10 – 5.00, racing
- 5.00, happy hour onsite

Saturday, 5th June

- 9.30 am, briefing
- 9.45 – 5.00, racing
- 7.30, Blokart 10th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, 6th June

- 9.30 am, briefing
- 9.45 – 5.00, racing
- 7.00, dinner

Monday, 7th June

- 9.30 am, briefing
- 9.45 – 2.30, racing

- 3.00, prize giving
- 3.30, finish

Format:

- 3 minute dial up, 5 minute race (may be changed at discretion of race committee)
- Course and start sequence will be outlined at the briefing and may be changed during the day
- Blokarts will be lined up in a grid ready to race prior to the 3 minute time
- Electronic timing will be used
- All blokarts will have a transponder located as per instructions.
- Minimum of 4 races for a series
- Maximum of 24 races
- Drop 1 race in every 8
- Protest fee: \$20

Equipment Rules

IBRA rules apply plus:

A blokart will have a numbered pullywhip flag which must be used during all racing. The flag will be supplied

A transponder must be carried as per instructions (to be outlined during scrutineering)

Any modification deemed unsafe by the race committee is to be rectified or removed

Sailing Rules:

IBRA rules apply as follows, E.17 has been added

- 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, 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, both blokarts must hold a steady course. 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.
- 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.
- 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 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 5 metres 5 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 overlapped on the outside shall give the inside blokart 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 E.4 ceases to apply until such time as both blokarts are outside the 5 metre zone
- E.13 When a faster blokart approaches a slower blokart within the 5 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. (the 5 metre zone may be modified by the race officer to suit course changes and wind conditions)
- E.14 The rules for starting a race will be defined by the race committee in the sailing instructions which is given to the race competitors prior to the race or series.
- 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 Blokarts sailing on the grass have no rights

Part F - Protests

F.1 A competitor wishing to protest another competitor shall so indicate the protest at the time of the incident, if possible, which then gives the other blokart an opportunity to take a penalty 360° turn.

F.2 If the allegedly offending competitor does not take a penalty 360° turn, the protesting competitor wishing to pursue the protest must lodge a form provided by the race committee (sample form is in Appendix 1). The form must be lodged no later than 1 hour after the race where the incident occurred.

F.3 The protesting competitor must pay any fee defined in the sailing instructions to the race officer when submitting the protest form.

F.4 The protestor shall indicate the rule alleged to be infringed in the allocated space on the protest form.

F.5 The race officer will notify the protested competitor of the protest, at which time the protested competitor may elect to withdraw from the race, (counted as a DNF in the scoring) ask for mediation as described in F6, or complete the remainder of the protest form in order to defend the action.

F.6 The protester and alleged offender, prior to a full protest committee, will go to a mediation meeting between themselves and the protest committee chairperson who will outline the rules, procedures and possible outcomes. At this time the protester may drop the protest, or the alleged offender may choose to pursue the actions specified in F6. During the same day a protest committee shall be formed by the race committee, but not sooner than 30 minutes after the protested competitor is notified.

F.7 The protest committee shall first hear the protesting competitor who has the opportunity to call one witness, and then the protested competitor shall be given the same opportunity. The protest committee shall discuss, make a decision, and inform both parties of their decision which is final.

F.8 A request for redress or a protest committee’s decision to consider redress shall be given to the race officer of the race involved, in writing, 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
- A blokart which a penalty has been imposed under rule E.1

Redress where granted shall be, but not limited to either:

1. average points for that race (averaged at the end of the series),
2. a time award, or
3. actual place that the blokart would have achieved had the incident not have occurred.

The points scored by other blokarts shall remain unaltered (i.e. there could be 2 x 4th places or similar)

Part G – Penalties

- G.1 A competitor who crosses the start line early must recross the start line. A competitor will not be considered to have started the race until the start line is crossed after the starting signal. The start line may be recrossed in any place, however, a blokart returning to the prestart side must keep clear of all other blokarts.
- G.2 A competitor will not be considered to have progressed in the race until the mark is rounded in the correct order in accordance with the racing course.
- G.3 A competitor who touches or allows his/her blokart to touch a course mark while rounding it must perform a 360° turn as soon as practical.
- G.4 A competitor may take a penalty and exonerate a breach of the sailing rules by executing a 360° turn as soon as practical after the incident, except of a breach of Rule G.1
- G.5 A competitor executing a 360° penalty of the above penalties has no right of way under the sailing rules and must give way to all other competitors.
- G.6 A protest committee may impose any penalty they deem fit. It may include but is not limited to: -
- a time penalty
 - penalty points
 - disqualification

Blokart sailing is a fun activity.