



Auckland Blokart Club Inc.

Notice of Race

2010 Post Xmas Twilight Series

Dates:

21 Jan, Thursday – 6 pm briefing and immediate race start
28 Jan, Thursday – 6 pm briefing and immediate race start
11 Feb, Thursday – 6 pm briefing and immediate race start
18 Feb, Thursday – 6 pm briefing and immediate race start
4 March, Thursday – 6 pm briefing and immediate race start

Cost: \$20 for the series, or \$5 per race

Format:

- Two Divisions, under 85kg, 85 kg and over
- Each division will have their own start.
- A 2 minute start sequence will be used (with sound signals at 2min, 1min, and start)
- No race shall be started unless there is approx. 5 knots of wind or more for a sustained period (at the discretion of the Race Officer)
- Electronic timing will be used, karts must have a transponder (can be hired at \$5 per night)
- Minimum of 6 races for a series
- After 8 races a competitor can drop their worst performance, 15 races two drop, 21 races 3 drops

Course

Will be outlined at the briefing

Start:

All competitors must be stationary by the start area prior to the 2 minute signal

- There will be a warning signal for:
 - 2 minute
 - 1 minute
 - Start
- If a blokart is over at the start then they must return behind the line without interfering with any other blokart before they are deemed to have started
- Direction for dial up will be announced at briefing

Equipment Rules:

IBRA rules apply plus:

1. A blokart must have a clearly visible race number of 200 mm minimum size placed on the port hand side of the sail above the middle batten. Black sails must have a clearly visible number on both sides.
2. Any modification deemed unsafe by the club safety officer/race officer is to be rectified or removed. Weight cannot be added to the blokart in any way.
3. Safety equipment including closed shoes, helmets and seat belts must be used.

Sailing Rules (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, 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 should sail a steady course.

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 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 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. (the 20 metre zone may be modified by the sailing instructions to suit specific venue requirements)

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.

Penalty

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

Protest (changed from IBRA rules)

If there is a protest then the race officer/s will make a decision based on submissions of each competitor at the end of each day. No other comments will be taken into account unless asked for.