

Notice of Race

2020 Manawatu Open

17th & 18th October 2020

Venue: Manawatu Blokart Club Track, Sanson Domain, SH1, SANSON.

Entry Fee: \$65.00 Adults \$40.00 Youth (Under 19 as at 1 Apr 2020)
Entry fee includes lunch on both days.
All participants must be a current member of the NZBAI.
Enter at www.manawatublokartclub.co.nz
Pay entry fee to TSB account **15-3977-0010775-00**.
Entries close on Wednesday 14th October 2020 at 1700hrs.
Entries must be accompanied by the entry fee.
Late entries will be accepted until 1700 Friday 16th October 2020. The late entry fee will be additional \$25 adult and \$15 youth

Friday 16th October

1300: Registration, weigh-in and scrutineering.
1400: Track available for Practice.
1700: Facility closes.
1800: Refreshments: "Rat Hole" Bulls.

Saturday 17th October

0800: Facilities Open.
0800-0900: Registration, weigh-in, scrutineering, and practice.
0900: Welcome and briefing. Racing to start as soon as practicable after briefing.
1700: No race will start after 1700.
1830: Event Optional Dinner at the "Rat Hole" Bulls.

Sunday 18th October

0800: Facilities Open – Practice.
0830: Briefing. Racing to start as soon as practicable after briefing.
1700: No race will start after 1700.
1730 Presentation of Place Getters Medals & Prizes.

Classes/divisions:

There will be one class of racing offered –Performance.

There are five divisions offered in the Performance classes. These are:

- Light weights (less than 70 kg)
- Middle weights (70 kg and up to 82.5 kg)
- Heavy weights (82.5 kg and up to 95 kg)
- Super weights (95 kg and over)
- Cruisers (Cruiser Division is for Blokart Sailors with less than one year's sailing experience and/or no competitive racing experience)

Competitors will be weighed in.

To improve the operational efficiency of events, small divisions within a class may be merged into a combined division to ensure there is a minimum of six entries in a division. Details of combining are provided in Attachment 1.

Race Scoring:

Scoring will be electronic and all competitors are required to have a transponder. If you need to hire a transponder then put "Hire" in the transponder number column on your entry form.

Concurrent Races:

Preference will be given to run each class and division separately, however, the race committee may require divisions to be sailed concurrently with the results being split out by division.

Meals:

- **Lunches:** Please note Lunches on both days are included with your entry.
Lunch will include a roll, cake, fruit and drink.
Also tea, coffee, cans available all day for gold coin.
Additional lunches may be ordered at a cost of \$11 each.
Please email the club at manawatublokartclub@gmail.com with your order.
Payment direct to the clubs account as detailed above under Entry Fee.
- **Dinner:** Dinner: The optional dinner will be held at the "Rate Hole" on the Saturday night.
Payment direct at the Rat Hole.

Format and Rules:

Racing will be in accordance with the IBRA Rule Book Edition 7 (Published October 2019). This can be read on the NZ Blokart Association website at <https://www.bai.co.nz/blokart-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.

The duration of races may be for a set time or for a set number of laps.

- a) A minimum of three rounds of racing must be completed by each division for a series to occur. There will be no maximum number of rounds or races for the series.
- b) The sailing course, race duration, and start sequence will be explained at the briefing and may be changed during the day. A dial up direction will be advised during the briefing. Competitors must start on the tack specified during briefing and in the direction of the dial up.
- c) Competitors must wear enclosed footwear and gloves and helmet while the blokart is in motion
- d) Competitors will be advised of any changes to the sailing course or start sequence in a briefing.
- e) Prior to each division's first race all karts in that division will go over the timing loop when requested to check transponders.
- f) 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 is upheld.
- l) Protest panels will be made up of race officers and experienced sailors as needed.
- m) Competitors may be called upon to do marshalling duty. A schedule will be advised prior to marshals being required.

Attachment 1:

Description of Combining Arrangements for the 2020 Manawatu Open

The following procedures shall be adopted for establishing Divisions within Classes (applies to Performance and Production only):

- There shall be no minimum numbers for a Class, but a minimum of six in a Division.
- When combining divisions, adjacent divisions shall be combined that produce the smallest total.
- Repeat procedure (2) above, until minimum numbers are reached in the remaining divisions or the entire class is combined in a single division.
- Examples of how it may operate are provided below:

Class Entries <i>(no.'s per weight group)</i> L,M,H,SH	Most Equal Combinations By weight	Final Divisions that meet criteria - <i>minimum of six & closest weight grouping.</i> <i>(Divisions of six might be combined for races but will be split out for trophies).</i>
6,6,6,6	Not combined, meets minimum requirements	One class, four divisions, four trophies <i>(probably race as two groups for efficiency or one group if the track is large enough).</i>
1,2,0,1	Combined as one class of 4	One class of four competitors – ie there are less than 6 competitors in total. One trophy & race as one group.
2,4,3,3	6,6	L&M-H&SH combined as two divisions of the class. Two trophies & race as one group for race efficiency (ie results split out).
2,4,8,1	6,9	L&M-H&SH combined as two divisions of the class. Two trophies & race as one group.
2,3,8,1	5,8,1	No adjoining groups of 6 <i>(ie if you take the Heavies as 8, other divisions are left with less than 6)</i> , so only option is to combine all into one class/division of 14 competitors. One trophy & race as one group.
4,1,5,3	5,5,3	No adjoining groups of 6, so only option is to combine all into one class/division of 13 competitors. One trophy & race as one group.
6,2,5,8	6,7,8	6,7,8 as three divisions of the class. Three trophies, probably race as one group.
2,3,8,5	5,8,5	No adjoining groups of 6, so only option is to combine all into one class/division of 18 competitors. One trophy & race as one group.

(L = Lightweight, M = Middleweight, H = Heavyweight, SH = Super Heavyweight)

Remember, these are random examples and the last example is possibly an extreme case.

Note that some final divisions and classes may be raced together for operational efficiency with the results split out.

The calculation of Divisions to be run in each of the Classes will be determined by the Race Committee following entrant weigh-in at registration.