

Notice of Race

2023 Manawatu Open

4th & 5th February 2023

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

Entry Fee: \$50.00 Adults \$30.00 Youth (Under 19 as at 1 Apr 2022. Minimum age 12 at first day of event)
All participants must be a current member of the NZBAI
Enter at www.manawatublokartclub.nz
Pay entry fee to TSB account **15-3977-0010775-00**
Entries close on Wednesday 1st February 2023 at 1700hrs.
Entries must be accompanied by the entry fee.
Late entries will be accepted until 1700hrs on Friday 3rd^h February 2023..
The late entry fee will be additional \$25.00 adult and \$10.00 youth

Friday 3rd February 2023

1300: Registration, weigh-in and scrutineering
1400: Track available for Practice
1700: Facility closes

Saturday 4th February 2023

0800: Gates 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
1800: BBQ at the Track (BYO Drinks)

Sunday 5th February 2023

0800: Gates Open - Practice
0830: Briefing. Racing to start as soon as practicable after briefing
1500 No race will start after 1500
1530 Prize Giving will be held at the track as soon as practicable after conclusion of racing

Classes/divisions:

There will be two classes of racing offered –Performance and Production

There are six divisions offered.

- Performance - Light weights (less than 70 kg)
- Performance - Middle weights (70 kg and up to 82.5 kg)
- Performance - Heavy weights (82.5 kg and up to 95 kg)
- Performance - Super weights (95 kg and over)
- Performance Cruiser (This Division is for Blokart Sailors with less than two year's competitive racing experience and have not had a podium finish at a National Event or a previous Manawatu Open event)
- Production - One division unless numbers entering justify splitting divisions

Competitors will be weighed in.

To improve the operational efficiency of events, divisions within a class may be tweaked at the organiser's discretion.

Recognition will be given to Youth sailors based on their weighted results across the various divisions.

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 field on your entry form

Concurrent Races:

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

Meals:**LUNCHES:**

Please note Lunches are not included in your entry fee this year.
Lunches may be ordered, at a cost of \$26.00 for the two days, on your event entry form and payment to be made along with your entry fee.

DINNERS:

BBQ Dinner on the Saturday evening is included in your entry fee.
Additional dinners may be ordered at a cost of \$20.00 on your entry form and payment to be made along with your entry fee.

Format and Rules:

Racing will be in accordance with the IBRA Rule Book Edition 8 (Published October 2021). This can be read on the IBRA website at <https://blokartworlds.com/ibra-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: \$5 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.