

Notice of Race

2025 Manawatu Open

8th & 9th March 2025

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

Entry Fee: \$60 .00 Adults \$35 Youth (Under 19 as at 1 Apr 2025)
All participants must be a current member of the NZBAI
Enter at www.manawatublokartclub.nz
Pay entry fee to Kiwi Bank account **38-9025-0703301-00**
Entries close on Sunday 23rd February 2025 at 1800hrs.
Entries must be accompanied by the entry fee.
Entry fee includes 1 BBQ meal.
Late entries will be accepted until 1200hrs on Thursday 6th March 2025.
The late entry fee will be additional \$25.00.

Friday 7th March 2025

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

Saturday 8th March 2025

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
1830: BBQ at the track

Sunday 9th March 2025

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 immediately after conclusion of racing

Classes/divisions:

There will be one class of racing offered –Performance.

There are six 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 heavy weights (95 kg and over)
- Cruisers – Youth (Under 19 at the 1st April 2025)
- Cruiser – Adult (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)

Competitors will be weighed in.

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

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 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 provided for this event.

Event Dinner:

Saturday 8th March 1830hrs. BBQ Held at the Club Grounds. Registration includes one BBQ meal.
Extra BBQ meals cost \$25.00 per person to be ordered and paid for with entry fee.

Format and Rules:

Racing will be in accordance with the IBRA Rule Book Edition 9 (Published October 2023). 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 protestor 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.