



2014 Australian Open blokart Championships

2014 World blokart Championships

Lake Walyungup, WA

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1. Welcome from the Australian Blokart Association

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all competitors to the 2014 National and World Championships at Lake Walyungup in Western Australia. This competition represents the culmination of a year of hard work by a dedicated team intent on making this the best possible event it could be.

This event would not have been possible without the efforts of the local blokart clubs in Australia, especially the Central Queensland Blokart Club, the Victorian Blokart Association, and the North East Windsports Club. A special mention must go to the Perth Blokart Club as the team on the ground and their tireless effort in arranging much of what we are about to enjoy. I would also like to thank Blokart International, the City of Rockingham, and the Department of Environment and Conservation for their efforts in bringing this event to life. Of course, I can't finish without giving a heartfelt thanks to our various sponsors for their valuable contributions.

Lake Walyungup was selected in order to provide a truly magnificent racing venue. At this time of year, it enjoys a visit by the famous *Fremantle Doctor*, a healthy sea breeze that virtually guarantees great racing every day. Situated at Rockingham, the lake is a nature reserve and has been made available for our use by the Department of Environment and Conservation.

If you are a visitor to WA, I would urge you to take a bit of time to visit some of the other sights in this beautiful state. To the north, you have the city of Perth itself. Situated on the Swan River, it offers all of the fun and excitement of a major city. For the wine buffs, to the south is the Margaret River wine region, arguably the best in Australia. If Mother Nature is your thing, WA has plenty to offer whether it is rugged coastlines, beautiful forests, or deserts that you are looking for.

Brian Campbell

President – Australian Blokart Association

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2. Welcome from blokart International

The team at blokart are pleased to be associated with the 2014 blokart world champs. Hosted by the ABA and home venue to the Perth Blokart Club

This is the fourth Bi-annual championship event and the second hosted in the south Pacific (Australasia)

With the GFC in Europe and the event being so close to Christmas has meant many of the international contingent from the Northern Hemisphere have unfortunately not been able to make the journey.

Never the less I am sure that the racing will be first class on the shifting surface of lake Walyungup and competition will be fair and exciting.

Blokart sailing is developing into the premier One-design land based sail sport, enjoying a strong following in the UK and Europe and is a growing movement within the United States.

In part the strong alignment with water based sailing events, rules and formats similar to AC 45 and AC 72 racing has helped raise the blokart profile. Courses sailed are very much aligned with performance "on-the-water" sailing and we hope that prevailing conditions and wind direction will allow the race committee to introduce Gate racing which was warmly received by competitors at The 2013 Spanish open following the Americas Cup.

Probably the key factor for the success of blokart sailing has been strength of the One design, its growing credibility internationally, and the spirit of fair-play between competitors, and the camaraderie of the Global Community on and off the Course.

Please take time to read the "Sailing Instructions" and "equipment rules" prior to the event. If in doubt about any facet of the sailing instructions opportunity will be given at the briefings to clarify interpretations of rules which will be with the Race committee. It would be helpful if you can print off a copy, though copies will be Posted on the Notice Board at event HQ

Don't forget to pack your goodwill, your patience toward the officials and organisers, and whatever you do don't forget to bring along your "Race-Face" and the "blokart grin"

Wishing you all safe travels to the venue and Best of luck with the competition

Looking forward to meeting you all.

Matt and Paul and the Team at Blokart

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3. Schedule

2014 Australian Open blokart Championships

Registration, Scrutineering, and Practice

Sat 18 Jan 2014

Weigh in for competitors competing in Australian Nationals only and also those competing in both events-Australian Nationals & World Championships

Registration – Lake Bed Marque

10:00 – 13:00

Scrutineering – Lake Bed Marque

10:00 – 14:00

Meet'n'Greet

The Cruising Yacht Club of Western Australia,
2 Val Street, Rockingham.

Phone 08 9527 5468

19:00 Start

Race Day 1

Sun 19 Jan 2014

Briefing – Lake Bed Marquee

08:30

Racing

09:00 – 18:00

Race Day 2

Mon 20 Jan 2014

Briefing – Lake Bed Marque

08:30

Racing

09:00 – 18:00

Race Day 3

Tue 21 Jan 2014

Briefing – Lake Bed Marque

08:30

Racing

09:00 – 18:00

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Registration, Scrutineering, and Practice

Wed 22 Jan 2014

Weigh in for competitors competing in World Championship only

Registration – Lake Bed Marque

12:00 – 13:00

Scrutineering – Lake Bed Marque

12:00 – 13:30

Meet'n'Greet (Nationals Presentation)

The Cruising Yacht Club of Western Australia,
2 Val Street, Rockingham.

Phone 08 9527 5468

19:00 Start

Race Day 1

Thu 23 Jan 2014

Briefing – Lake Bed Marquee

08:30

Racing

09:00 – 18:00

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Race Day 2 Briefing – Lake Bed Marquee Racing	Fri 24 Jan 2014 08:30 09:00 – 18:00
Race Day 3 Briefing – Lake Bed Marquee Racing	Sat 25 Jan 2014 08:30 09:00 – 18:00
Race Day 4 Briefing – Lake Bed Marquee Racing	Sun 26 Jan 2014 08:30 09:00 – 18:00
Race Day 5 Briefing – Lake Bed Marquee Racing	Mon 27 Jan 2014 08:30 09:00 – 15:00
Presentation and Final Dinner Golden Ponds, 355 Mundijong Road, Baldivis, WA Phone 08 9524 1911	18:00 Start

4. Sailing Instructions

4.1 These Sailing Instructions SUPERSEED the notice of race

4.2 Racing Rules and Procedures

All racing will be conducted under the International blokart Racing Association (IBRA) rules (edition 4) with the following modifications and additions:

The IBRA Rules can be downloaded via the event website:

<http://blokartworlds.com/sailing/rules/>

4.2a Following scrutineering, competitors will be issued with an identifier indicating that the blokart conforms to the rules. This identifier is to be fixed to the blokart chassis or sail in a visible area as directed by the scrutineers.

4.2b Competitors will also be issued with race numbers. These are to be placed over the pulley whip.

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4.2c Logos or decorations that are considered by the scrutineers to be offensive must be removed.

4.2d Competitors are not to enter the racing area, unless they are a registered competitor for the race, unless they are directed to do so by a race official or in an emergency. This does not preclude training during designated practice periods.

4.2e No competitor or spectator shall approach the timing areas unless directed by a race official. Any questions or concerns must be raised with the Principle Race Officer.

4.2f All competitors and spectators must remain clear of the starting booth and must allow the race timing operators a clear view of the start line at all times.

4.2g When not racing, blokarts must be secured in the pit area, preferably lying on their sides.

4.2h The Principle Race Officer may penalise a competitor not obeying these rules with a disqualification for the previous or next race at the Principle Race Officer's discretion.

4.3 Starting Procedures

The Starting sequence is as follows:

Two (2) or Three (3) minute warning signal (sound with verbal count in).

The use of a 2 or 3 minute dial up will be at the discretion of the Principle Race Officer on the day.

One (1) minute attention signal (sound and raised green flag)

Thirty (30) second prep signal (sound and horizontal green flag)

Zero (0) second start signal (sound and horizontal green flag removed)

All sounds signals are for courtesy only, in the case of a sound signal failure verbal instruction and flags will prevail. The failure of a sound or signal will not automatically abort the race.

In the event of a competitor being on the course side of the start line prior to the start signal (ie. A jumped start), a red flag will be raised. The red flag will remain displayed until all competitors classed as on course side have returned.

On course side competitors will be judged solely by the electronic timing systems.

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4.3 (continued)

Competitors will not be identified verbally or otherwise and it is the competitor's sole responsibility to return to the course side in accordance with rule G1 should they feel that they were on course side at the starting signal. A competitor must start correctly before proceed to the first mark. Failure to do so will result in an OCS score.

4.4 Flag signals to be used are:

- Green Flag:** Displayed to show time remaining to the start
vertical = one (1) minute remaining,
horizontal = thirty (30) seconds remaining,
removed at start.
- Red Flag:** Displayed when a competitor(s) are on course side and removed once all on course side competitors have started correctly.
- Black Flag:** Race abandoned
- Orange Flag:** Race Shortened
- Chequered Flag:** Displayed at the end of the race timed period, when displayed competitors are to continue racing until they have crossed the timing loop at which time they are considered to have finished the race, regardless of the number of laps they have completed.

4.5 IBRA Rule Modifications

- 4.5a IBRA rule E.15 is modified to say:
No sailor shall exit their blokart during a race unless directed to do so, or to render assistance to a competitor due to safety, or to right their overturned blokart, or to effect a temporary repair to their blokart, or to remove their damaged blokart from the course, provided that it is safe to do so. Attention is drawn to IBRA rule E.16 when re-entering the race after effecting a repair, ie: a competitor may not push start.
- 4.5b Alter Rule 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 RAF in the scoring) ask for mediation as described in F.6, or complete the remainder of the protest form in order to defend the action.
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4.6 CATEGORIES, DIVISIONS, MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT

4.6.1 Categories

The two categories will be sailed at the 2014 Australian National and World blokart Championships are Production and Performance. Both Categories will be sailed in accordance with the IBRA rules for equipment (Part B).

4.6.2 Divisions

Each category will be spilt in to four weight divisions:-

Light Weights: under 70kg

Middle Weights: 70kg and up to 82.5kg

Heavy Weights: 82.5kg and up to 95kg

Super Heavy Weights: 95kg and over

Sailors are to present to registration in normal clothing. The minimum clothing to be worn at weigh in is a tee shirt and shorts or skirt along with normal enclosed shoes. The maximum clothing to be worn is a long sleeve shirt, trousers. No items may be carried in pockets. Jackets, wet weather clothing, helmets, gloves and weight belts are not to be worn.

Weights will be measured in Kilograms to a tolerance of 0.1kg

4.7 ADVERTISING

Sponsorship arrangements may require competitors to carry advertising on their blokart pod or sails. Information on the size and location of the advertising will be provided as soon as it is available.

4.8 SERIES FORMAT, COURSES & SCORING

4.8.1 Series Format

The series will consist of a minimum of six (6) races. No maximum number of races will be set, however no race shall start before 9am or after 6pm except on the final race day, when no races shall be started after 3pm.

Racing will take place in a timed format after which time competitors are to continue sailing the course until such time as they have crossed the finish line. The timing systems results will be sorted on number of laps (high to low) followed by time taken (low to high) to give a position on line (POL). The competitor who has completed the most laps in the least time will be declared the winner of that race.

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A competitor is not deemed to have started his first lap until he crosses the start line on or after the start siren. A competitor who is on the course side (OCS) when the start siren sounds and does not recross the start line before rounding the first mark will be scored OCS.

Races may not be run in full complete rounds of class and division, and the order of races is at the discretion of the Race Committee only.

4.8.2 Courses

Race durations will be determined to give a target of between three (3) and five (5) laps for the leaders during the time period.

Courses, where possible will include a windward leg of significant length to provide tactical racing. The course orientation, length and shape is at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

4.8.3 Scoring

A low point score system will be used for scoring the series based on the scratch position as follows, 1st place = 1pt, 2nd place = 2pts, 3rd place = 3pts and so on.

Ties will be broken by count back of the number of 1st places, with the sailor with the highest number of 1st places being awarded the higher place, if the tie remains, a count back of the number of 2nd places will take place, if the tie is still not broken a count back of the number of 3rd places, 4th places and so on will take place until the tie is resolved. If after exhausting all count backs the tie remains unresolved the competitors will receive the same placing. Dropped races are not counted when counting back for the purpose of breaking a tie.

After race eight (8), a competitor's worst single race result may be dropped (omitted) from the final series tally. A second worst race result may be dropped (omitted) from the final series tally after race fifteen (15) and a third dropped after race twenty two (22). Dropped (omitted) race results may come from any race and are not limited to the block races in which the drop was granted. i.e. after twenty two (22) races, three (3) drops are allocated, these may come from any race.

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4.8.3 (continued)

Did Not Finish (DNF), Did Not Start (DNS), and Disqualification (DSQ) will be scored as follows:-

1. DNF = Nr competitors in the division + 1
2. DNS = Nr competitors in the division + 1
3. DSQ = Nr competitors in the division + 1
4. OCS = Nr competitors in the division + 1
5. RAF = Nr competitors in the division + 1, competitors with scores higher than the competitor scored RAF, will be decremented accordingly.

4.9 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

4.9.1 Liability

All competitors as a condition of entry must accept the following waiver.

WAIVER: In consideration for the right to participate in this event, I hereby hold the Department of Environment and Conservation, the City of Rockingham, the Australian blokart Association, the Perth blokart Club and the event organisers, committee, and any person associated with the event harmless and release them from any and all liability in connection with my participation in the 2014 Australian Open blokart Championships and/or the 2014 World blokart Championships. I further agree that the event may use without restriction any photograph, films or tapes in which I may appear for any purpose whatsoever.

Please note: By agreeing on behalf of a participant less than eighteen (18) years old, the parent / guardian also expressly agrees to the above. In agreeing to this waiver I am stating; I have read it and understand it.

All competitors will be asked to accept these terms when entering and again during registration.

4.10 INSURANCE

4.10.1 Public Liability Insurance

The ABA as the organising committee carries Public Liability Insurance for all competitors during official races and practice times.

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4.10.1 (Continued)

Note: This does not include the day's leading up to the events first official practice day on 18 January 2014, nor does it include any sailing on race days either outside of the official race area or outside the official racing and practice times.

Any sailing outside of the official race area and official sailing times is undertaken at your OWN RISK and separate Public Liability Insurance is recommended by the ABA.

4.10.2 Personal Insurance

The ABA does not carry personal insurance for any competitors. The ABA highly recommends that you, as a competitor or spectator, organise your own personal property and medical insurance where appropriate.

Australian competitors are covered by Medicare and any personal medical insurance they may have. The Australian government has reciprocal arrangements in place with many countries that may entitle some international competitors and their families to free or subsidised medical care, however please check with your own government to verify whether separate cover is required. Also, check <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/medicare/reciprocal-health-care-agreements/health-care-for-visitors-to-australia> for further details.

4.11 FURTHER INFORMATION

4.11.1 Website

The 2014 World blokart Championships and 2014 Australian Open blokart Championships event website is: <http://blokartworlds.com/>

This website will carry event information, social function information, notices to competitors and results during the event.

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5. Venue Rules / Regs / Etc

Lake Walyungup is a designated Regional Park and as such, is an environmentally sensitive area. Special approval for our use of the lake has been granted provided we all comply with a number of simple conditions:

1. Fire precautions.

The vegetation is tinder dry, and the weather is anticipated to be hot and windy. A small spark could easily ignite a bushfire.

- No lighting fires.
- Smoking is only permitted in the designated smoking marquee. All cigarette butts must be extinguished properly.
- If you see a fire, no matter how small, report it to an official immediately.

2. Stakes and pegs are not to be used.

While we have a few exemptions for the event where there is no alternative, we are not permitted to drive anything into the ground. It goes without saying that digging is not permitted either.

3. Leave the vegetation alone.

As the environment is very sensitive it is important that the vegetation in the area be left untouched to ensure it is there for generations to come.

4. No alcohol is to be consumed within the park area.

There are no exemptions to this rule and a zero tolerance approach will be taken as it will threaten our ability to use the venue in the future.

As with any environmentally sensitive area, we must leave the site as we found it. The lake has been used for many years for land sailing as the local clubs have taken care of the site.

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