



2014 Australian Open blokart Championships

2014 World blokart Championships

Lake Walyungup, WA

Australia

Notice Of Race



1 SCHEDULE

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| Entries Open | |
| Late Entry Fee Starts | Thu 17 Oct 2013 |
| All entries close | Tue 17 Dec 2013 |

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| Registration, Scrutineering, and Practice | Sat 18 Jan 2014 |
| Meet'n'Greet | Sat 18 Jan 2014 |
| Race Day 1 | Sun 19 Jan 2014 |
| Race Day 2 | Mon 20 Jan 2014 |
| Race Day 3 | Tue 21 Jan 2014 |
| Presentation (Worlds Meet'n'Greet) | Wed 22 Jan 2014 |

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| Registration, Scrutineering, and Practice | Wed 22 Jan 2014 |
| Meet'n'Greet (Nationals Presentation) | Wed 22 Jan 2014 |
| Race Day 1 | Thu 23 Jan 2014 |
| Race Day 2 | Fri 24 Jan 2014 |
| Race Day 3 | Sat 25 Jan 2014 |
| Race Day 4 | Sun 26 Jan 2014 |
| Race Day 5 | Mon 27 Jan 2014 |
| Presentation and Final Dinner | Mon 27 Jan 2014 |

2 VENUE

Lake Walyungup is situated at Rockingham, about 25 minutes south of Perth. It has been used for land sailing for over 30 years.

Rockingham is a city with a population of about 100,000. You will find all of the services you are likely to require in Rockingham.

Lake Walyungup is an environmentally sensitive area. Please respect the lake and the surrounding vegetation.

In January, Lake Walyungup gets a daily visit from 'the doctor'. The "Fremantle Doctor" is the name given to the breeze that comes in regularly every afternoon, virtually guaranteeing good sailing conditions on each day. As is often the case, there is a price to be

paid for this great sailing weather. January is hot. It is also dry. All competitors and spectators will need to stay cool, well hydrated, and protected from the sun. Your entry fee will include access to ample marquees to provide shade from the sun. When you are out and about, remember to “slip, slop, slap”. For those coming from overseas, this means “slip on a shirt, slop on some sunscreen, and slap on a hat.” The Australian sun in summer has a real sting and a bad case of sunburn will really ruin your enjoyment.

Smoking is permitted in the designated smoking areas only. Heat, wind, and tinder dry vegetation create a severe fire risk. Ensure all cigarettes are properly extinguished and disposed of in the ashtrays provided.

3 COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY

All competitors must be members of an IBRA recognised body through either direct memberships or through a member club. The Perth Blokart Club will make available direct membership at a nominal cost for those competitors who are not members of another recognised body.

Currently the IBRA recognised bodies are:

- **ABA:** Australian blokart Association
- **NABSA:** North American blokart Sailing Association
- **EBA:** European blokart Association
- **JBA:** Japan blokart Association
- **NZBAI:** New Zealand blokart Association Inc.

4 ENTRIES AND FEES

Entry to the 2014 World blokart Championships and the 2014 Australian Open blokart Championships will open ... and close 17 December 2013. A late entry fee will apply after 17 October 2013.

All prices are in Australian Dollars.

The following entry fees apply:

2014 Australian Open blokart Championships: \$80

2014 World blokart Championships: \$250

Discounted fee for both competitions : \$295

Dinner: \$60 per head

Protest Fee: \$20

Transponder Rental : \$20

We use the AMB Pro Chip transponders, so if you have one, you can bring it with you and avoid the need to rent one¹. If you fail to return your rented transponder after the event, you will be charged \$150 to cover the cost incurred to the rental company.

Entry fees include the following:-

- Meet'n'Greet sessions
- Marquee rental

The entry fees do not include any meals (including the Presentation Dinner), accommodation, transport or other social events.

5 RULES

5.1 RACING RULES AND PROCEDURES

All racing will be conducted under the International blokart Racing Association (IBRA) rules.

5.1a 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.

5.1b Competitors will also be issued with race numbers. These are to be placed over the pulley whip.

5.1c Logos or decorations that are considered by the scrutineers to be offensive must be removed.

5.1d Competitors are not to enter the racing area unless they are a registered competitor for the race unless directed to do so by a race official or in an emergency. This does not preclude training during designated practice periods.

5.1e 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.

¹ You must provide your transponder number on the Entry Form. Your transponder will be verified at registration. If your transponder cannot be verified as working at registration, you will be required to hire one for the standard fee.

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5.1f 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.

5.1g When not racing, blokarts must be secured in the pit area, preferably lying on their sides.

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.

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. 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.

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.

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.

The Notice of Race may be superseded by the Sailing Instructions when issue.

6 CATEGORIES, DIVISIONS, MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT

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).

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

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.

8 SERIES FORMAT, COURSES & SCORING

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 competitor 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.

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 Principle Race Officer only.

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 Principle Race Officer.

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 of the twenty two (22) races.

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 protested party (except DNF, DNS, DSQ, OCS) will be decremented

All breaches of the above rules shall be referred to the scrutinising committee or protest committee for ruling.

9 PRIZES

9.1 DIVISIONAL PRIZES

1st, 2nd and 3rd places for each division shall be awarded a trophy. Other place getters and/or spot prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the event organisers.

10 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

10.1 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.

10.2 INSURANCE

10.2.1 PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

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

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.

10.2.2 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.

11 FURTHER INFORMATION

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.

11.2 CONTACTS

For further event information please contact Brian Campbell by email to australianblokartassociation@gmail.com.

For clarifications or questions on the racing format, the IBRA rules, or this Notice of Race, please contact the race committee using the contacts found on the event website.