



# NOTICE OF RACE

Revision 1.2

## 2020 Blokart World Championships & 2020 Manawatu Blokart Open

19-27 October 2020  
Manawatu, New Zealand

Organised by the Manawatu Blokart Club [MBC], The NZ Blokart Association [NZBAI],  
The International Blokart Racing Association [IBRA] and Blokart® International Ltd [BIL]

## 1. Event Summary

This Notice of Race confirms the timing and format for the Blokart World Championships, and Manawatu Open pre-event to be staged at Sanson, Manawatu, New Zealand in October 2020.

Racing will be conducted under the International Blokart Racing Association rules [Edition 7](#) published in October 2019. Attention is drawn to rule changes concerning a Code of Conduct and a Drug and Alcohol Policy added into the latest edition of the rules.

Venue/event specific amendments may be made in the Sailing Instructions which will be issued by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

## 2. Event Timing

<b>2020 Manawatu Open</b>			
Registration & scrutineering	Monday	19 October 2020	10am to 4pm
Race Day 1 - Sanson	Tuesday	20 October 2020	9am to 6pm
Race Day 2 - Sanson	Wednesday	21 October 2020	9am to 6pm
<b>2020 World Championships</b>			
Registration & scrutineering	Thursday	22 October 2020	10am to 4pm
Manawatu Open Awards Dinner & Blokart Worlds Welcome	Thursday	22 October 2020	Time & venue TBA
Race Day 1 – Sanson	Friday	23 October 2020	9am to 6pm
Race Day 2 – Ohakea	Saturday	24 October 2020	9am to 6pm
Race Day 3 – Ohakea	Sunday	25 October 2020	9am to 6pm
Race Day 4 - Ohakea	Monday	26 October 2020	9am to 6pm
Race Day 5 – Sanson	Tuesday	27 October 2020	9am to 3pm
Blokart Worlds Awards Dinner	Tuesday	27 October 2020	Time & venue TBA

The Sanson venue will be made available for practice. Official practice times are;

- 16-18 October
- On Registration Days
- On Race Days prior to the pre-race briefing

No race shall start before 9am. Racing may be extended beyond the scheduled end time at the discretion of the race committee, except on Race Day 5 of the 2020 Blokart World Championships, when no race shall be started after 3pm.

### 3. Venues

Racing will be hosted at 2 venues as follows;

#### Venue 1: Manawatu Blokart Club – Sanson Track, Manawatu, New Zealand

The Sanson track has 20,000 square metres of sealed asphalt, and offers action packed short course sailing, with a lap length of around 0.75kms. The track was purpose built for blokart racing by the Manawatu Blokart Club between 2015-2017, and several major national NZ events have already been staged there.

[Google Maps Link](#)



#### Venue 2: Ohakea Air Force Base, Manawatu, New Zealand

The Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) have granted permission for Ohakea Air Force Base to be used as a sailing venue for three days during the Blokart World Championships.

Ohakea is New Zealand's largest active Air Force base. No photographs, video, or images of any kind are permitted to be taken at RNZAF Ohakea, and no media comments of any kind regarding any observations or activity at RNZAF Ohakea shall be published.

This venue is only 5km from the Manawatu Club's Sanson track and has been used by the NZBAI to stage a number of major events over the last 10 years. The venue offers the use of the Air Force runways with up to 2.5km of smooth sealed circuits.

In the unlikely event of an emergency, or due to other unforeseen operational requirements, the Ohakea Air Force Base could become unavailable for periods of time during the event. On such occasions racing may be transferred back to the MBC Sanson Track.

[Google Maps Link](#)



## 4. Eligibility, Entries and Fees

### 4.1. Competitor Eligibility

All competitors must be members of an IBRA recognised body through either direct memberships or through a member club. The NZ Blokart Association ([www.bai.co.nz](http://www.bai.co.nz)) will make available direct membership for those competitors who are not members of another recognised body.

Currently the IBRA recognised bodies are:

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

Competitors should have previous experience competing in Blokart® Racing at a national or international level.

### 4.2. Entries and Fees

Entry to the 2020 Blokart World Championships will open by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 and close on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Please enter online at [www.blokartworlds.com](http://www.blokartworlds.com)

Entry cost will depend on timing of entry as follows;

<b>Entry Type</b>	<b>Opens</b>	<b>Closes (At Midnight UTC)</b>	<b>Entry Fees – 2020 Manawatu Open</b>	<b>Entry Fees - 2020 Blokart Worlds</b>
Early Entry	By 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2020	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2020	NZD80.00	NZD290.00
Standard Entry	1 <sup>st</sup> August 2020	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2020	NZD90.00	NZD310.00
Late Entry	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2020	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	NZD100.00	NZD340.00

The entry fee for the 2020 blokart World Championships is **INCLUSIVE** of;

- An Event T-shirt
- Manawatu Open Awards and Worlds Welcome Dinner (for the competitor only)
- Blokart Worlds Awards Dinner (for the competitor only)
- Track access fees for racing and official practice times

but **EXCLUSIVE** of;

- Blokart equipment, consumables and spares
- Other event apparel
- Transponder hire fees
- Dinner costs for partners and supporters
- Transport and accommodation costs
- All beverages and any additional food including lunches

#### 4.2.1. Transponder Hire Fee

Electronic timing system is included as part of the entry fees. However, each competitor must have a MyLaps (AMB) ChipX compatible transponder per kart.

Transponders can be hired for NZD20 per event. A NZD150 refundable cash deposit will be required at registration.

When entering please fill in your transponder number or else enter “Hire” and purchase a transponder hire as part of your order.



#### 4.2.2. Payment

Please enter online at [www.blokartworlds.com](http://www.blokartworlds.com). Entry fee and dinner bookings to be paid by bank transfer to Blokart International's NZ bank account;

Account: 12-3194-0009487-00

Swift Code: ASBBNZ2A

Client Code: 40056140A

Bank Address: ASB Tauranga, 518 Cameron Road, Tauranga

Use “2020 Worlds” and first initial and surname as the reference

Secure credit card payment will also be available from the website but will be subject to a 3-4% surcharge.

#### 4.2.3. Refunds

Paid entries will be refunded in full up until the end of standard entries on 31<sup>st</sup> August.

90% of entry fee will be refunded on entries cancelled after 31<sup>st</sup> August.

No refund will be given for entries cancelled after 30<sup>th</sup> September, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

#### 4.2.4. Protest Fee

The Protest Fee is NZD20 (cash only at time of protest).

The Protest Fee is refundable if the protest is upheld, or if the protested competitor withdraws, as outlined in the IBRA rules.

### 4.3. Dinners

Two dinners are included for competitors who have entered the Blokart Worlds.

1. Worlds Welcome / Manawatu Open Awards Dinner
2. Blokart World Championship Awards Dinner

Please purchase extra dinner tickets if you wish a partner to attend either dinners or if you are only attending the Manawatu Open.

To assist with catering please place any meal orders by the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020. They will be available to purchase from the shop after entries have opened.

### 4.4. Merchandise

A range of clothing and other event merchandise will be available for purchase. It can be pre-ordered from the shop up until the end of August 2020 for collection during the event.

A limited amount of merchandise may be made available for sale during the event.

### 4.5. Blokart Parts and Chassis Hire

A full range of blokart spare parts and consumables will be available for purchase at the event.

While tyre wear is dependent on many factors, accelerated tyre wear is to be expected at both venues. It is possible that each competitor could wear out 3-5 sets of tyres during practice and racing over both events. Tyres will be made available for purchase during the event.

A limited number of blokart rolling chassis will be available for hire. Further details including costs will be advised later this year. Priority will be given to overseas competitors on a first-come basis.



## 5. Classes, Divisions, Categories & Prizes

### 5.1. Classes

The two classes that will be sailed at the 2020 Blokart World Championships are Production and Performance.

Both classes will be sailed in accordance with the IBRA rules edition 7 - subject to the modifications to those rules also mentioned in this notice of race, or in the sailing instructions.

Competitors must choose a class and will not be permitted to make a dual entry into both classes.

### 5.2. Divisions

Competitors are to present for weigh-in on the registration days for each event. Those racing in both the Manawatu Open and the World Championships will be weighed on **BOTH** registration days.

The divisions are as per IBRA rule A.4:

- 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

Competitors will be weighed in accordance with IBRA rule A.5

There is no minimum number of entries required for a division, however divisions may be combined for racing with results split out to ensure efficient race scheduling.

Depending on numbers, some divisions may be split into two or more heats. More details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

### 5.3. Prizes

Prizes and/or trophies and/or medals may be awarded by the Manawatu Blokart Club for the Manawatu Open

Prizes and/or trophies and/or medals for the World Championships will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in each division

### 5.4. Entry Amendments

For any amendments to entry details (e.g. changes to Class or Division) please email [rego@blokartworlds.com](mailto:rego@blokartworlds.com) with the updated details prior to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

## **6. Rules & Sailing Instructions**

### **6.1. Racing Rules**

Racing will be conducted under the International Blokart Racing Association rules [Edition 7](#). It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that they have read and understood the rules contained in this edition.

Attention is drawn to the Code of Conduct and Drug and Alcohol Policy added into the latest edition of the rules. This provides greater definition on what is considered unacceptable behaviour in our sport.

Venue/event specific rule changes may be made in the Sailing Instructions.

### **6.2. Advertising Requirements**

Graphics of any sort, be they for advertising or general decorative display, may be placed on the sail, provided that they do not cover the blokart logos. The portion of the sail below the boom is to be reserved for the event logo and/or an event sponsors logo. Advertising or logos must not be of a type that could be considered offensive or immoral as outlined in IBRA rule B.5.10. If in doubt seek permission from the event organizers. Graphics need not be of BIL supply.

### **6.3. Sailing Instructions**

The Sailing Instructions will be issued by posting on to the event website, by 30 September 2020 and will contain relevant information needed for racing including any updated versions of the above notices, and local rule modifications.

In the event of conflict between the Sailing Instructions and this document, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.



## 7. Series Format, Courses and Scoring

### 7.1. Series Format

The 2020 Manawatu Open will consist of a minimum of three (3) complete rounds of races.

The 2020 Blokart World Championships regatta series will consist of a minimum of six (6) complete rounds of races.

No maximum number of races will be set.

Racing will take place either in a timed format or based on a certain number of laps. The final format will be confirmed in the sailing instructions.

Races are expected to last from five to fifteen minutes in duration.

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

### 7.2. Courses

The courses will range in length. Courses, where possible will include a windward leg of significant length to provide tactical racing. The courses will be described in the sailing instructions or at the race briefing, and their orientation and length is at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

### 7.3. Scoring

The IBRA rules Part H scoring will apply. For the purpose of clarity, scoring using rule H.4 will not apply as the event is a regatta.

A competitor is considered entered when they have paid the entry fee and completed registration & scrutineering in accordance with these instructions.

After race six (6), a competitor's worst single race result may be dropped (omitted) from the final series tally. Additional drops can be taken after each subsequent block of eight (8) races.

i.e. After 6 races	1 <sup>st</sup> Drop
After 14 races	2 <sup>nd</sup> Drop
After 22 races	3 <sup>rd</sup> Drop
After 30 races	4 <sup>th</sup> Drop etc

Dropped (omitted) race results may come from any race and are not limited to the block of 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 completed.*

### 7.4. Scrutineering

Blokarts will be scrutineered before racing commences. Additional or random scrutineering may take place during the event.

## 8. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

### 8.1. 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 event organizers, committee, and any person associated with the event harmless and release them from any and all liability in connection with my participation in the 2020 Blokart World Championships and 2020 Manawatu Open. 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 (or on behalf of a participant less than eighteen (18) years old, the parent / guardian) 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.

## 9. INSURANCE

### 9.1. 3rd Party Property Insurance

The event organisers will have insurance to cover liability for third party property damage during official races and practice times. Note: This does not cover negligent behaviour from competitors, or sailing either outside of the official race area or outside the official racing and practice times.

Competitors sailing negligently (e.g. disobeying race briefings and instructions) or outside of the official race area and official sailing times sail at their **OWN RISK**.

### 9.2. Personal Insurance

The Event does not carry personal insurance for any competitors.

NZ and overseas competitors are generally covered for personal injury under the government “no-fault” Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) system.

**ACC** provides comprehensive, no-fault insurance **cover** for you if you're injured. **ACC covers** your injuries, but it doesn't provide **cover** for illness, property loss or disrupted air travel.

We highly recommend that you, as a competitor or spectator, consider your own personal property and medical insurance needs. **WE RECOMMEND** that you check your policy before travelling to and competing in the event.