



2017 Australian Open Blokart Championships

NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Body: SABC

Venue: Kingston S.E.

Date: 25th to 28th January 2017

1. SCHEDULE

Schedule	Time	Date
Registration, Scrutineering	8.30 – 10.30	25 th January
Competitors Briefing	11-00 – 11.30	25 th January
Race Day 1	12.30 – 5.30	25 th January
Race Day 2	9.30 – 5.30	26 th January
Race Day 3	9.30 – 5.30	27 th January
Race Day 4	9.30 – 5.00	28 th January
Presentation	8.30	28 th January

2. VENUE

The sailing area is a dry clay based lake bed 11km north of Kingston S.E. in South Australia. It is 2.5 to 3hrs drive from Adelaide

3. COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY

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

4. ENTRIES AND FEES

Entry to the Australian Open Blokart Championships is now open and closes on 22nd December 2016.

A late entry fee will apply after 22nd December 2016

All prices are in Australian Dollars.

Competition entry fee includes: Saturday Night Meal at Kingston Football Club and Transponder hire

Entry Fee paid before 22-12-2016	ABA/IBRA member	\$120
	Non-ABA member	\$150

Entry Fee paid after 22-12-2016	ABA/IBRA member	\$140
	Non-ABA member	\$170
DUAL ENTRY	ABA/IBRA member	\$170
	Non-ABA member	\$200
Protest Fee		\$20
	TOTAL =	

Competitors must use the supplied transponders, no personal transponders can be used. If you fail to return your rented transponder after the event, you will be charged \$50 to cover the cost incurred to the rental company.

5. RULES

5.1 RACING RULES AND PROCEDURES

All racing will be conducted under the International Blokart Racing Association (IBRA) rules (edition 5). The IBRA Rules can be downloaded via the IBRA website

- 5.1.1 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.
- 5.1.2 Competitors will also be issued with race numbers. These are to be placed over the pulley whip.
- 5.1.3 Logos or decorations that are considered by the scrutineers to be offensive must be removed.
- 5.1.4 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.
- 5.1.5 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.
- 5.1.6 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.
- 5.1.7 When not racing, Blokarts must be secured in the pit area, lying on their sides.
- 5.1.8 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.

5.2 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 (i.e. A jumped start), 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. On course side competitors will be judged solely by the electronic timing systems. Competitors will not be identified verbally or otherwise and a competitor must start correctly before proceeding to the first mark. Failure to do so will result in an OCS score.

5.3 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.

5.4 IBRA Rule Modifications

5.4.1 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.15 when re-entering the race after effecting a repair, ie: a competitor may not push start.

5.4.2 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.

6. CATEGORIES, DIVISIONS, MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT

6.1 CATEGORIES

The two categories will be sailed at the 2017 Australian Open 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 split in to four proposed 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

These weight divisions are approximate. The organisers have the authority to modify the specified weights depending on the number of entries in each division.

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 and 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.

6.3 MEASUREMENT & EQUIPMENT

All Blokarts must meet the current IBRA rules at the time of an event. It will be the scrutineers' discretion to pass or deny a modification that exhausts the boundaries of the rules.

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 with the Sailing Instructions at registration.

8. SERIES FORMAT, COURSES & SCORING

8.1 SERIES FORMAT

The series will consist of a minimum of five (5) races. No maximum number of races will be set, however no race shall start before 9am or after 5:30pm.

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.

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.

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 are at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

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 sixteen (16) and a third dropped after race twenty four (24). 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 four (24) races, three (3) drops are allocated, these may come from any of the twenty four (24) races, so that 7 out of 8 races are counted.

Did Not Finish (DNF), Did Not Start (DNS), Disqualification (DSQ), On Course Side (OCS) and Retired After Finish (RAF) will be scored as follows:-

DNF = Number of competitors in the division + 1

DNS = Number of competitors in the division + 1

DSQ = Number of competitors in the division + 1

OCS = If the competitor does not restart in accordance with G.1 they will be penalised one lap of the course.

RAF = Number of competitors in the division + 1

All breaches of the above rules shall be referred to the racing 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 Australian Blokart Association, the SABC 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 2017 Australian Blokart Open 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 **24-01-2017** 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 2017 Australian Open Blokart Championships event website is:

<http://www.australianblokartassociation.org/>

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

11.2 CONTACTS

For further event information please contact

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Glen Linke	teriglen@bigpond.com	0438801033
Mike Dale	mikennicky@hotmail.com	0435108935

11.3 EXTRAS

Not noted on the accompanying sheet

A 10% discount is available from the Kingston Caravan Park (inform them that you are coming for the Blokart Champs)

Manager Kevin Pascoe 0417872418

Office 0887672050

Food will be available at the lake during the Championships.

Sun Shelters will be provided.

Toilets will be on site.

Lake will be available on Tuesday 24th for sailing SABC will be on site.

Some camping may available at the Lake but no facilities other than toilets will be there and it will be limited.



2017 Australian Open Blokart Championships Entry Form

Organising Body: SABC

For full details please read the Notice of Race document.

Complete electronically and email to gdevine41@hotmail.com

ENTRY DETAILS:

Name: (first) _____ (last) _____

Gender (select): Male / Female

Postal Address: _____

Country: _____ Phone: _____

Email (mandatory): _____

ABA/IBRA AFFILIATED CLUB: _____

Race weight _____ kg

Weight categories may be changed at the discretion of the organizers depending on entry numbers. Racers will be weighed at the event and weight divisions will be allocated by the race committee.

CATEGORY: Performance /Production / Both (please circle)

Entry Fees

Entry Fee paid before 22-12-2016	ABA/IBRA member	\$
	Non-ABA member	\$
Entry Fee paid after 22-12-2016	ABA/IBRA member	\$
	Non-ABA member	\$
DUAL ENTRY	ABA/IBRA member	\$
	Non-ABA member	\$
Additional Dinner Saturday Night @ \$30		\$
Protest Fee @ \$20		\$
	TOTAL =	

Note: IBRA rules apply. Competitors may enter in either Production or Performance Blokarts or both.

Production and Performance Blokarts will race separately to allow competitors to compete in both categories.

However please note that races **will not** be delayed for competitors to change karts between races. If you enter in dual categories it is your responsibility to be ready for racing in each category. Transponders and whip numbers need to be transferred for each class or separate transponders can be hired.

Payment Details

South Australian Blokart Club. Commonwealth Bank. BSB 065151 Acc No. 10482509

Please ensure to put your full name on the transfer.

Release and Indemnity

Australian Blokart Association in conjunction with SABC will take all reasonable steps to safeguard every competitor in the Australian Blokart Open.

In consideration for your permitting registration of this child(ren) or yourself to participate in the following Blokart sailing activities, the participant(s) does hereby release Australian Blokart Association and SABC and all affiliated and associated organisations, together with their representatives, members or agents, of and from any and all demands of any kind or nature whatsoever, arising out of or in any way related to any participation in such activities, including any personal injury or death which may be suffered or incurred as a result of participation in such activities whether or not caused by the negligence or wrongful acts of such persons or any agents or members of the Australian Association or the SABC, I further agree to indemnify and hold

harmless each of them of and from any and all claims, demands or action of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of any injury or damages incurred by the registered participant. There will be no refunds in the event of cancellation.

I have read the Notice of Race and this Entry form and agree to the Terms and Conditions listed in these documents.

Signed: _____ Date: / /

E-mailed entries are to be signed by the participant (or Legal Parent/Caregiver) at registration.

Payment of entry fee constitutes agreement of all conditions listed in the Notice of Race and the Entry form.

Privacy: The information given on this form is for the use of the organisers and sponsors only. This information is collected for administration purposes and is held by the **SABC**

