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2018 QUEENSLAND OPEN BLOKART CHAMPIONSHIPS

NOTICE OF RACE

13th – 15th April 2018

Mulambin Beach, Yeppoon

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Hosted by: Capricornia Blokart Club Inc.

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LOCATION

Mulambin Beach
Yeppoon, 4703.

SCHEDULE

Schedule	Time	Date
Registration + Scrutineering	4.30pm – 6.30pm	Fri 13th April
Registration + Scrutineering	8.00am – 9.00am	Sat 14 th April
Competitors Briefing	9.30am – 10.00am	
Race Day 1	10.30am – 5.30pm	
Dinner	6.30pm – 9.00pm	
Race Day 2	9.30am - 3.00pm	Sun 15 th April
Presentation	4.00pm	

PRESENTATION AND DINNER VENUE

BIG 4 CAPRICORN PALMS HOLIDAY VILLAGE
WILDIN WAY
YEPPON, 4703.
07 49336144

COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY

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

ENTRIES AND FEES

Entry to the 2018 Queensland Open Blokart Championships is now open and closes on 31st March 2018. Late registration is available until 6.30pm 13 April 2018 and will incur a late entry fee of (\$50).

The Entry Fee includes one ticket to the Saturday Night Dinner.

	ABA/IBRA Member	Non-ABA/IBRA member
SINGLE CLASS		
PAID BEFORE 31-03-2018	\$75	\$105
PAID AFTER 31-03-2018	\$125	\$155
DUAL CLASS		
PAID BEFORE 31-03-2018	\$100	\$135
PAID AFTER 31-03-2018	\$150	\$185
Additional Saturday night Dinner Tickets (per person)	\$25	

All prices are in \$AU Australian Dollars.

OTHER FEES AND CHARGES

Transponder hire is included in entry fee, if not returned by end of event a replacement fee of **\$120** will apply.

Protest fee: **\$20**

RULES

RACING RULES AND PROCEDURES

All racing will be conducted under the current International Blokart Racing Association (IBRA) rules (edition 5). The IBRA Rules can be downloaded from the IBRA or ABA websites.

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.

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

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

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.

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 or their representative.

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.

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.

START PROCEDURE

The Starting sequence is as follows:

Two (2) minute warning signal (1 Sound signal)

One (1) minute (raised green flag) (1 Sound Signal)

Thirty (30) second (horizontal green flag) (1 Sound Signal)

Zero (0) second start signal (horizontal green flag removed) (1 Sound Signal)

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.

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.
- 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.

IBRA RULE MODIFICATIONS

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 affect 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, i.e.: a competitor may not push start.

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, 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 issued.

CATEGORIES, DIVISIONS, MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT

CATEGORIES

The two categories will be sailed at the 2018 Queensland Open Blokart Championships are Production and Performance. Both Categories will be sailed in accordance with the IBRA rules for equipment (Part B).

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

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.

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.

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.

SERIES FORMAT, COURSES & SCORING

SERIES FORMAT

The series will consist of a minimum of five (3) races. No maximum number of races will be set;

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 signal. A competitor who is on the course side (OCS) when the start signal 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.

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.

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 six (6), 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 twelve (12) and a third dropped after race eighteen (18).

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

DNS	Number of competitors in the division + 1
DNF	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.

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.

DISCLAIMER OF 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 Capricornia 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 2018 Queensland 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.

INSURANCE

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 days leading up to the event first official practice day on **13th April 2018** 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.

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.

FURTHER INFORMATION

WEBSITE – www.sandyachting.info

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REGISTRATION FORM