



2019 Australian Open Blokart Championships

Notice of Race

Organising Body: Capricornia Blokart Club Inc.

Venue: Mulambin Beach, Yeppoon, Queensland.

Date: Thursday 14th to Monday 18th March 2019.

1. SCHEDULE

Day	Schedule	Time
Thursday 14th March 2019	Official Practise day	09:00 to 14:00
	Registration at the Capricornia Blokart Club Clubhouse.	16:00 to 18:00
	Welcome Social Function at the Capricornia Blokart Club Clubhouse. Includes a BBQ style meal.	18:00 to 20:30
Friday 15th March 2019	Registration, Scrutineering On Mulambin beach	08:00 to 09.30
	Competitors Briefing On Mulambin Beach	09:30
	Racing	10:00 – 15:00
	Day 1 Award ceremony at the Capricornia Blokart Club Clubhouse.	17.30
Saturday 16th March 2019	Day 2 briefing	09:00
	Racing	09:15 – 16:00
	Day 2 Award ceremony at the Capricornia Blokart Club Clubhouse.	17.30
Sunday 17th March 2019	Day 3 briefing	09:00
	Racing	09:15 – 15:00
	Marathon Briefing	15:00
	Marathon	15:30 -16:30
	Day 3 Award ceremony at the Capricornia Blokart Club Clubhouse.	17:30
Monday 18th March 2019	Day 4 Briefing	09:00
	Racing	09:15 – 15:00
	Presentation Dinner At Keppel Bay Sailing Club. Free bus transfers to and from the venue available.	18:00 - midnight

2. VENUE

The regatta will be held on Mulambin Beach, Yeppoon, Queensland. Mulambin beach is approximately 13km South of Yeppoon.

The closest airport is Rockhampton which is approx. 45km from the venue.

We suggest competitors stay at the NRMA Capricorn Yeppoon Holiday Park. They have a range of cabins, caravan sites and camping sites. They are located only a few hundred metres from Mulambin beach.

The Capricornia Blokart Club Clubhouse is an area setup with Marques, tables and chairs at the NRMA Capricorn Yeppoon Holiday Park. The clubhouse will be the venue for the Welcome ceremony and for the daily award ceremonies as well as a great area to socialise during the regatta.

3. 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.

4. ENTRIES AND FEES

Entry to the Australian Open Blokart Championships is now open and closes on at midnight 16th February 2019.

A late entry fee will apply after midnight 16th February 2019.

All prices are in Australian Dollars.

Entry Fee paid before 16 th February 2019	ABA/IBRA member	\$160.00
	Non-ABA member	\$185.00
Entry Fee paid after 16 th February 2019	ABA/IBRA member	\$210.00
	Non-ABA member	\$235.00
DUAL ENTRY This is in addition to the entry fee.	ABA/IBRA member	\$25.00
	Non-ABA member	\$25.00
Direct Membership of the Capricornia Blokart Club for the duration of the regatta.		\$20.00
Additional Presentation Dinner Tickets. Includes free bus.		\$35.00

The Entry Fee includes:

- Entry to the regatta in one division.
- One transponder hire
- One Presentation Dinner
- Entry to the Welcome Ceremony
- Entry to the daily awards ceremonies.
- Free bus to the Presentation Dinner.

The Dual Entry Fee includes:

- Transponder hire for 2nd Division.

If you fail to return your rented transponder after the event, you will be charged \$200 to cover the cost incurred to the rental company.

You cannot supply your own transponder.

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 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.
- 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.
- 5.1h Competitors shall not consume alcohol on the beach or in the adjoining park area, before and during the designated racing periods.
- 5.1i Competitors vehicles are not permitted on the beach.

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) minute warning signal (sound with verbal count in).

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 the competitor being penalised one lap of the course.

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.

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 issued.

6. CATEGORIES, DIVISIONS, MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT

6.1 CATEGORIES

The two categories will be sailed at the 2019 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 spilt 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, 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 9:15am or after 4.30pm except on Monday 18th March, 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.

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 is made 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.

A marathon has been scheduled for Sunday 17th March, this will only be run if the minimum number of races to constitute a series for the 2019 Australian Open Blokart Championships have already been completed. The marathon is not included in the scoring of the 2019 Australian Open Blokart Championships.

8.2 COURSES

Race durations will be determined to give a target of between three (3) and seven (7) laps for the leaders during the time period. Failure to complete 3 laps or completing more than 7 laps is not grounds for a protest or application for redress.

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 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 = If the competitor does not restart in accordance with G.1 they will be penalised one lap of the course.
5. RAF = Nr competitors in the division + 1

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

9. PRIZES

9.1 2019 AUSTRALIAN OPEN BLOKART CHAMPIONSHIPS 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.

9.2 MARATHON

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 Capricornia Blokart Club Inc. 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 2019 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 14th March 2019, 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 2019 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.

Further info at: <http://www.sandyachting.info>

11.2 CONTACTS

For further event information please contact:

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