

# Notice of Race

## 2026 Manawatu Open

### 18th & 19th April 2026

**Venue:** Manawatu Blokart Club Track, Sanson Domain, SH1, SANSON.

**Entry Fee: \$35 .00 Adults \$15 Youth (Under 19 as at 1 Apr 2026)**  
All participants must be a current member of the NZBAI  
Enter at [www.manawatublokartclub.nz](http://www.manawatublokartclub.nz)  
Pay entry fee to Kiwibank account **38-9025-0703301-00**  
**Entries close on Friday 11th April 2026 at 1700hrs**  
Entries must be accompanied by the entry fee.  
Late entries will not be accepted

#### Friday 17th April 2026

1300: Registration, weigh-in and scrutineering  
1400: Track available for Practice  
1700: Facility closes

#### Saturday 18th April 2026

0800: Gates Open  
0800 - 0900: Registration, weigh-in, scrutineering, and practice  
0900: Welcome and briefing. Racing to start as soon as practicable after briefing  
1700: No race will start after 1700  
1830: Meal venue ' to be advised'

#### Sunday 19th April 2026

0800: Gates Open - Practice  
0830: Briefing. Racing to start as soon as practicable after briefing  
1500 No race will start after 1500  
1530 Prize Giving will be held at the track immediately after conclusion of racing

#### Classes/divisions:

There will be one class of racing offered –Performance.

There are six divisions offered in the Performance classes. These are:

- Light weights (less than 70 kg)
- Middle weights (70 kg and up to 82.5 kg)
- Heavy weights (82.5 kg and up to 95 kg)
- Super weights (95 kg and over)
- Cruisers – Youth (Under 19 at the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026)
- Cruiser – Adult (This Division is for Blokart Sailors with less than two year's competitive racing experience and have not had a podium finish at a National Event or a previous Manawatu Open event)

Competitors will be weighed in.

To improve the operational efficiency of events, divisions within a class may be tweaked at the organiser's discretion.

#### Race Scoring:

Scoring will be electronic and all competitors are required to have a transponder.

If you need to hire a transponder then put "Hire" in the transponder number column on your entry form

### Concurrent Races:

Preference will be given to run each division separately, but the race committee may require divisions to be sailed concurrently with the results being split out by division.

### Meals:

**Lunches:**           **No lunches included**  
**Event Dinner:**   **TBA**

### Format and Rules:

Racing will be in accordance with the IBRA Rule Book Edition 10 Published October 2025). This can be read on the NZ Blokart Association website at <https://www.bai.co.nz/blokart-sailing/rules/> . The Rules are to be read in conjunction with the Sailing Instructions which notify changes to the Rules. If applicable, other changes will be advised during a briefing.

- The duration of races may be for a set time or for a set number of laps.
- A minimum of three rounds of racing must be completed by each division for a series to occur. There will be no maximum number of rounds or races for the series.
- The sailing course, race duration, and start sequence will be explained at the briefing and may be changed during the day. A dial up direction will be advised during the briefing. Competitors must start on the tack specified during briefing and in the direction of the dial up.
- Competitors must wear enclosed footwear and gloves and helmet while the blokart is in motion
- Competitors will be advised of any changes to the sailing course or start sequence in a briefing.
- Prior to each division's first race all karts in that division will go over the timing loop when requested to check transponders.
- Race officials will make the decision whether to start a race or not.
- The race officials may shorten or cancel/postpone or change course of a race after it has started as per IBRA rules Edition 10 - A10
- Sails and equipment must not be changed once in the designated pre-start area and blokarts may not leave it until called to the start line. At the discretion of the race officials, sail or equipment changes may be permitted for safety or other reasons.
- Race drops: A sailor's worst race placing will be dropped after the eighth race; the second worst placing dropped after 15 races; and the third worst place dropped after 21 races.
- Competitors may be called upon to do marshalling or race officer duty. A schedule will be advised prior to marshals or race officers being required.
- IBRA Rule B.5.7 Race Numbers is reworded to the following.
  - All competitors will be supplied a race number at registration which must be fitted to their pulley whip at all times during a race.
  - Failure to properly display the race number, while racing, in accordance with instructions will result in disqualification.
- IBRA Rule C6 – Briefing is reworded to the following.
  - Briefings will be held prior to commencement of racing each day and further briefings may be carried out at a central point for all competitors or in the start area with each racing group prior to the race.
  - Competitors must attend each briefing and no competitor may sail in a race unless they have been briefed.

#### **Protests and requests for Redress. (see IBRA Rule V10 Section G Protests and Redress)**

- Provisional results will be posted as quickly as possible after each race and the posting time will be noted on the results sheet.
- Competitors have 60 minutes after a race to lodge a Protest form with race officials.
  - Protest fee: \$10 returned to the protester if the protest is upheld.
- Competitors have 60 minutes after the race or 30 minutes after results are posted to lodge a Redress form with Race Officials.
- Protest forms and Redress forms will be available
- Protest panels will be made up of race officers and experienced sailors as needed.

Campervans / caravans are allowed overnight at the track at the approved area designated by Manawatu Blokart Club Inc.

Manawatu Blokart Club Inc and Manawatu District Council cannot guarantee the safety of any equipment left overnight at the track.