



NOTICE OF RACE

Club Summer Racing Series 2026-2027, Wednesday & Saturday

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Includes the Sailing Instructions for both series.

1. Organising authority

- 1.1 Manawatu Blokart Club Inc., Sanson Domain, State Highway 1, Sanson.
- 1.2 Race Committee: Arron Schroder, Bruce Buckland, Dave Erickson, Martin Elms, Scott McIntosh.
- 1.3 Principal Race Officers: Ian Timperley and Scott McIntosh, or their appointed deputies.
- 1.4 This document covers two separate series, the Saturday series and the Wednesday series. Everything in it applies to both, except where a clause names one series.

2. Rules

- 2.1 IBRA Rules Edition 10 apply.
- 2.2 Where the IBRA Rules conflict with this document, this document prevails.
- 2.3 The Race Committee may change a rule to suit track or weather conditions. Any change is announced at the briefing before it takes effect.
- 2.4 The Zone distance on the Sanson track is reduced to 15 metres.

3. Dates

	Saturday series	Wednesday series
First race day	Saturday 10 October 2026	Wednesday 30 September 2026
Last race day	Saturday 3 April 2027	Wednesday 31 March 2027
Race days	First four Saturdays of each month only	Every Wednesday
Entries close	Monday 28 th September 2026	Monday 28 th September 2026
Divisions	Six, including Youth and Adult Cruisers	Four, no Youth and no Adult Cruisers
Briefing	12.40pm	1.50pm
Racing	From 1.00pm, last start no later than 4.30pm	From 2.00pm, last start no later than 4.30pm

- 3.1 Racing is subject to suitable weather and track conditions. Suitability is at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.2 Racing may be suspended on days that clash with major NZBAI or IBRA events. A cancelled or suspended race day is not a race day, and no scores or drops arise from it.
- 3.3 Cancellation will be notified before 10.00am on the day by text and WhatsApp.
- 3.4 Racing will be suspended over the Christmas/New Year period. Monday 21st December 2026 to Monday 11th Jan 2027.

4. Racing groups and divisions

- 4.1 Saturday: the Championship group and the non-championship group both start from 1.00pm. Youth race separately in the morning, 11.00am to 12.30 pm.
- 4.2 Wednesday: the Championship group and the non-championship group both start from 2.00pm. There is no Youth racing on Wednesdays.
- 4.3 Youth Age is taken at 1 April 2026.

Division	Eligibility	Series	Races with
Championship Lights	Under 85kg at the series weigh-in	Both	Championship group
Championship Heavies	85kg and over at the series weigh-in	Both	Championship group
Championship Adult Cruisers	19 or over, less than two years sailing experience, and no podium placing at any club, national or international event. All three apply	Saturday only	Non-championship group
Championship Youth	Under 18, and a member of Youth Academy Group 2	Saturday only	Youth group, 11.00am to 12.30pm
Non-Championship Lights	Under 85kg at the series weigh-in	Both	Non-championship group
Non-Championship Heavies	85kg and over at the series weigh-in	Both	Non-championship group

4.4 A competitor is scored in one division for the whole series.

4.5 The Race Committee may combine or split racing groups where suitable Race Officer arrangements can be made.

5. Entry

- 5.1 Competitors must be financial members of the Club, including Associate members.
- 5.2 Championship competitors must have a sound working knowledge of IBRA Rules Section E and the sailing skill to comply with them.
- 5.3 No entry fee applies.
- 5.4 Championship entries must be made online using the registration form on the Club website by the closing date for that series, shown in section 3. Late entries will not be accepted.
- 5.5 Entry to one series does not enter a competitor in the other. Competitors sailing both series must enter both.
- 5.6 Non-championship sailors are asked to register on the same form before the first race day to assist with set-up, and may join at any time during the series. Their results are published on Speedhive, but they earn no championship points and no series placing.

6. Weigh-in

- 6.1 Weigh-ins will commence from 28 September 2026.
- 6.2 A competitor must be weighed before their first race. One weigh-in covers both series, and the division set at weigh-in applies for the whole season.
- 6.3 For weigh-in, competitors must wear a minimum of a T-shirt and shorts and a maximum of long pants and a long-sleeve shirt. Shoes, helmets, gloves, jackets or extra weights are not allowed.

7. Race day schedule

- 7.1 Saturday: Youth racing 11.00am to 12.30pm. Championship and Non-championship group briefing 12.40pm. Racing from 1.00pm, last race starting no later than 4.30pm.
- 7.2 Wednesday: Championship and Non-championship group briefing 1.50pm. Racing from 2.00pm, last race starting no later than 4.30pm.
- 7.3 A maximum of five qualifying races per division per day.
- 7.4 The briefing sets the course, the starting sequence, the Race Officer allocations, and any change to the rules or format for the day.
- 7.5 The Race Committee may vary the schedule on the day.

8. Race format

- 8.1 Dial-up is 2 minutes. A race is 5 minutes. Either may be changed on the day and will be announced at the briefing.
- 8.2 After the orange flag is raised, Blokarts must get onto the track and be stationary as soon as practicable, ready to race before their dial-up begins. This keeps race turnaround quick.
- 8.3 A competitor who is not stationary at the start of the dial-up signal may be scored DSQ for that race by the Race Officer.

- 8.4 Scoring is electronic, and a transponder is required. Transponders are supplied by the competitor, or purchased or hired from the Club.

9. Race Officers

- 9.1 No race starts until the allocated Race Officer or a PRO is in place at the start and finish line.
- 9.2 A Race Officer must remain in place for every race of the division allocated to them.
- 9.3 Duty rotates through all competitors.

10. Proper course

- 10.1 A proper course is defined in the rules as the fastest route a Blokart would sail to finish without other Blokarts present.
- 10.2 Where a sailor excessively inhibits the progress of a sailor in another division by not sailing a proper course, then they may be:
1. Given a warning by the Race Officer.
 2. If the practice continues in further races on the same day, DSQ from the subsequent races affected.
- 10.3 Any sailor can lodge a protest if they consider their result was impacted by another sailor failing to sail a proper course.
- 10.4 Any person warned, or DSQ under this section may seek redress through the normal redress process.

11. Protests

- 11.1 Protests are lodged verbally with a Race Committee member. No fee applies.
- 11.2 A protest must be lodged within 30 minutes of the end of the race concerned.
- 11.3 Under IBRA Rule G.5, a mediation meeting is held before any formal hearing, so the competitors can discuss and try to agree an outcome.
- 11.4 The process otherwise follows IBRA Rules Edition 10 Section G, changed only by 11.1 above.
- 11.5 A Race Committee member who is a party to a protest, or who made the decision being protested, takes no part in hearing it.

12. Safety

- 12.1 Competitors must wear helmet as per IBRA rule C1, gloves and enclosed footwear at all times while sailing.
- 12.2 Blokarts must be in safe working order and comply with IBRA Rules Edition 10. The Race Committee may exclude any kart it considers unsafe.
- 12.3 Racing may be suspended or abandoned for wind or track conditions at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 12.4 The decision to start or keep racing is the competitor's own. Competitors sail at their own risk.

13. Series scoring

- 13.1 Each series is scored separately. Points and drops do not carry between the Saturday and Wednesday series.
- 13.2 Points are awarded under IBRA Rules Edition 10, Part H.
- 13.3 A championship race counts for points only if at least two competitors from that division start it.
- 13.4 One race is dropped for every three races sailed.
- 13.5 Drops accrue over the whole series, are applied to a competitor's worst results, and are reworked in full after each race day.
- 13.6 Results are published on Speedhive. Scoring errors may be raised with the Race Committee within 48 hours of publication.
- 13.7 Where a competitor is absent attending an IBRA or NZBAI event and championship racing is not suspended under 3.2 above, then the competitor may apply to the Race Committee for redress for the days missed.

14. Trophies

- 14.1 Each series awards its own trophies.
- 14.2 Only Club members, including Associate members, registered in a championship division are eligible for a series trophy.
- 14.3 Trophies are awarded on total series points after drops. Each championship division has medals for up to three placings, in addition to the winner's trophy.
- 14.4 Championship Lights and Championship Heavies sail together but are scored as separate competitions. Each has its own overall series winner.
- 14.5 An overall Club Champion is also awarded in the Saturday series only, taken from the combined Championship Lights and Heavies results. There is no overall Club Champion for the Wednesday series.