



Australian Blokart Association Inc
NATIONAL TITLES RACING REGULATIONS

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The following document has been created by the ABA for the sole purpose of formatting a set of sailing regulations for each Club within the ABA to follow when hosting the National Titles.

This document covers:

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Rotation Cycle

The ABA accepted cycle for the Nationals is to rotate around the country from state to state.

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| A1 | <p>The rotation is as follows, commencing from 2014</p> <p>Queensland – Will Host the event in 2023/24</p> <p>Victoria – Will host the event in 2024/25</p> <p>South Australia – Will host the event in 2025/26</p> <p>Western Australia – Will host the event in 2026/27.</p> |
| A2 | <p>When a State is due to host a national event, a submission to the ABA is required from the proposed host club, outlining the proposed location/s, and the proposed dates for the event as well as proof of the club's financial ability to host the event.</p> |
| A3 | <p>In the case where multiple clubs are based in a state, and if all clubs want to host the Nationals, it will be required that all interested parties are to provide a submission outlining their proposal.</p> <p>The ABA will review and award the Nationals to the club they feel meets the interests of all members the best.</p> |
| A4 | <p>The host club has a window of 6 months in which if they fall under hardship, or the event's location simply isn't available, then they can withdraw from hosting the event.</p> <p>It is then the ABA's decision to either approach the other clubs from the same state, or take over and run the Nationals as planned, or lastly pass on the Nationals to the next state in the rotation.</p> |
| A5 | <p>Where a state turns down the opportunity to host the National Titles, the rotation then continues onto the next state. At no point is the rotation to wander out of sync. E.G. NSW passes onto Vic and then wishes to hold them again the following year.</p> <p>The rotation will assist both ABA and the sailing community in knowing where the next expected Nationals is to be.</p> |

Nationals Schedule

The ABA committee agreed on a window of holding the National Titles with the intent of familiarising the time as being recognised for the Nationals amongst all members.

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| B1 | The National Titles is to start no earlier than 1 st October and no later than 31 March with a two-week exclusion period over the Christmas and New Year period. |
| B2 | National Titles racing is to be a four-day event. |
| B3 | The timing of a Nationals may be based around tidal times for beach locations. The submission to the ABA by the host, determines the final decision of timing of the event. |

Racing Format

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| C1 | The National Titles is to be a four-day race schedule. |
| C2 | The minimum number of races to constitute a successful result is to be five. In the situation where five races are not accomplished the event is deemed as a NO RESULT. |
| C3 | There will be a drop when 8 races have been sailed and completed, and further drops upon every 8th race is completed e.g., 8, 16, 24, 32, 40 etc. |
| C4 | <p>There is no maximum number of races for a National Titles. Racing continues until the time expires on the fourth day.</p> <p>Starting times and finishing times are determined by the host club and changes may be applied by a Race Committee.</p> |
| C5 | Racing Format relates to courses being run during the event. Regardless of the course, there must be at least one windward leg so that a tack must be performed, and at least one downwind run with at least one jibe included. |
| C6 | <p>Competitors must wear a helmet and closed in shoes whilst blokarting.</p> <p>The ABA recommends that the helmet be a motor sport style helmet.</p> <p>Gloves and eyewear are also recommended.</p> |

Weight Divisions & Numbers

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| D1 | Racing weight divisions for an Australian Blokart National Titles will be in alignment with World Titles Weight divisions as set by the IBRA. |
| D2 | A weight group is deemed as a division when there are no less than 3 fully paid racing competitors competing. Should one competitor race only a part of the event then it is still deemed as a division of its own. |
| D3 | Different divisions can be raced with other divisions as seen fit by the Race Committee. For a safety aspect of the sport, the Race Committee has the final say about mixing divisions. |

Weight Categories

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| E1 | The weight categories consist of two different classes for each division. The classes being PRODUCTION CLASS and PERFORMANCE CLASS . |
| E2 | LIGHT WEIGHTS - Under 70kg |
| E3 | MIDDLE WEIGHTS - 70kg up to 82.5kg |
| E4 | HEAVY WEIGHTS - 82.5kg up to 95kg |
| E5 | SUPER HEAVY WEIGHTS – 95kg and over |

Sailing Rules

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| F1 | The Australian National Titles shall be run using the IBRA (International Blokart Racing Association) rules. |
| F2 | Changes to the IBRA rules shall be allowed but subject to approval by the ABA Committee. The approved changes must be listed in both the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for the event. |
| F3 | Late changes to the rules can only be made by the Race Committee. Should a host recommend a change due to obstacles or safety aspects, they must be submitted to the ABA Committee to discuss and decide upon the change. |

Organising Authority.

- Tasked with organising the event.
- Members of the host club.
- More the better.

Race Committee

- Tasked with running the racing
- Should be selected by the host club and have at least five people with at least two clubs represented.
- Should be approved by the ABA.
- Should contain the Principal Race Officer, the Jury chairperson, the chair of the scrutineers, at least two general members.

Protest Committee

- Should consist of at least three people and be selected by the host club and approved by the ABA committee.
- Should be an independent of the Race Committee.
- Should not include any competitors from the event.
- Should be approved by the ABA.

Scrutineers.

- Should be appointed by the host club.
- Should be at least two members.

Notice of Race NOR

Below is an example of a Notice of Race that should be used as a template for your Notice of Race. The sections highlighted in Yellow are the areas that you will need to review for your event.



20xx Australian Open Blokart Championships

Notice of Race

Organising Body: **Host Club**

Venue: **Venue**

Date: **Date**

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be conducted under the current IBRA Racing Rules, including any current IBRA clarifications.
- 1.2 Rule changes, only to the extent permitted by IBRA Racing Rules A2
- 1.3 Blokarts shall comply with the relevant sections of the IBRA Racing Rules

part B for either a production Blokart or a performance Blokart. Blokarts may be inspected at any time during the event to ensure they comply with the equipment rules.

1.4 These IBRA Racing Rules can be easily downloaded from <https://www.austblokart.com.au/rules-and-tips/>

1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. Eligibility

2.1 All competitors must be financial members of an IBRA recognised body through either direct memberships or through a member club. Evidence of membership may be required to be produced.

2.2 By completing and lodging the online entry form the entrant undertakes to abide by the IBRA Racing Rules and the values of sportsmanship.

3. Entry Form and Fees

3.1 Entrants shall use the online entry form. The entry fee to enter one division shall be **\$\$\$ AUD** if paid by **date and time**. The entry fee to enter in both production and performance divisions shall be **\$\$\$ AUD** if paid by **date and time**.

3.2 The entry fee includes:

- Entry to the event
- Transponder Hire (2 if entering both Production and performance)
- Whip Number (2 if entering both Production and performance)
- 1 Ticket to the Presentation Dinner
- Entry into the daily social events
- An event shirt

3.3 Late entries will be accepted up until **date and time** but will incur a late entry fee of **\$\$\$**.

4. Classes/Divisions

Racing will be conducted In Production and Performance Blokarts.
Racing will also be conducted in weight divisions as per IBRA rule A.4.

5. Schedule

| Day | Time | Event |
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| Thursday 15th February 2024 | 9.00am to 3.00pm | Practice Day |
| | 3.00pm to 5.00pm | Registration |
| | 3.00pm to 5.00pm | Scrutineering |
| | 5.30pm – 7.00pm | Official Welcome |
| Friday 16th February 2024 | 9.00am | Competitor Briefing |
| | 9.30am to 3.30pm | Racing Day 1 |
| | 4.00pm to 7.00pm | Social Event |
| Saturday 17th February 2024 | 9.00am | Competitor Briefing |
| | 9.30am to 3.30pm | Racing Day 2 |
| | 4.00pm to 7.00pm | Social Event |
| Sunday 18th February 2024 | 9.00am | Competitor Briefing |
| | 9.30am to 3.30pm | Racing Day 3 |
| | 4.00pm to 7.00pm | Social Event |

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| Monday 19th February 2024 | 9.00am | Competitor Briefing |
| | 2.00pm | Racing Day 4 |
| | 5.30pm | Presentation Dinner |

No race will be started after 2pm on the last day of the regatta. Any changes to the schedule will be posted on the Official Race Noticeboard and communicated at an Information session by 6pm on the day prior to the change of schedule.

6. Official Noticeboard

The Official Race Notice Board shall be located at the timing trailer on the beach during race times and at the marques area overnight as well as online at www.sandyachting.info

7. Course Description

- 7.1 Races will be sailed on Mulambin beach, a map of the area is available in Appendix 1.
- 7.2 Windward legs of up to 500m are available in most breeze directions.
- 7.3 The track surface is sand.
- 7.4 Access to the racing area is via designated beach access tracks ??????.
- 7.5 Vehicles are not permitted on Mulambin beach. Council fines will apply. Event management vehicles are exempt.
- 7.6 Multiple races are to be held each race day. Race duration is planned for 8 minutes.

8. Information session and oral instructions.

- 8.1 A mandatory information session will be held for all entrants at 9.00am on each race day near the timing hut.
- 8.2 Oral instructions may be given by the PRO at or near the track entrance before each race if required.
- 8.3 Further information sessions may be held as required.

9. Scoring

Scoring shall be in accordance with IBRA racing Rules Part H
A minimum of eight races must be completed to constitute a series.

10. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded, to Blokarts finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each weight division in both production and performance.
Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising committee.

11. Advertising

Entrants' karts may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority, and to be available for photo opportunities with local politicians.

12. Insurance

Only Third-Party insurance is provided for racing following nomination acceptance, however, deliberately negligent or reckless behaviour will nullify any claim.

Personal insurance is not provided for any entrant and should this be required, separate private arrangements should be made.

Further information.

Venue.

Mulambin beach is located approx. 7km south of Yeppoon on the Capricorn Coast in Queensland.

The closest airport is Rockhampton which is approx. 40km away.

Mulambin beach is a hard sand beach approx. 1km long and at low tide is approx. 500m wide.

The winds in February are normally south-easterly ranging from 10 – 25knots.

The registration, scrutineering, social events and presentation dinner will be held at the marques in the NRMA caravan park.

Competitors vehicles are not permitted to drive on Mulambin beach. Local council fines apply.

Accommodation

There is arrange of accommodation on the Capricorn coast.

The regatta organisers recommend you stay at the NRMA Capricorn Yeppoon Tourist park which located near Mulambin beach approx. 600m walk to the racing area. They have a range of cabins as well as powered and unpowered sites.

Mention you are here for the Blokart regatta to get a discount.

Regatta Shirts

One short sleeve polo shirt with the vent logo embroidered on it will be included in the regatta entry.

Additional shirts maybe ordered with your entry.

Shirts ordered before 5pm Friday 15th December will be available at registration on Thursday 15th February 2024.

We cannot guarantee Shirts ordered after the 15th December will be available for collection at the event.

Lunches

BBQ style lunches will be available every day of the event in the parklands adjacent to Mulambin beach near MB?? Access track.

Hamburgers, salad rolls, sausage sizzle style food and a range of soft drinks and bottled water will be available.

Cash sales only.

Social Functions

Each afternoon after racing there will be a social event in the marques at the NRMA caravan park. Some light snacks will be provided.

Presentation Dinner

A 2-course presentation dinner will be held on Monday 19th February at 6pm in the marques at the NRMA caravan park.

One adult ticket to the presentation dinner is included in the regatta entry.

Additional tickets will be available for purchase with the regatta entry.

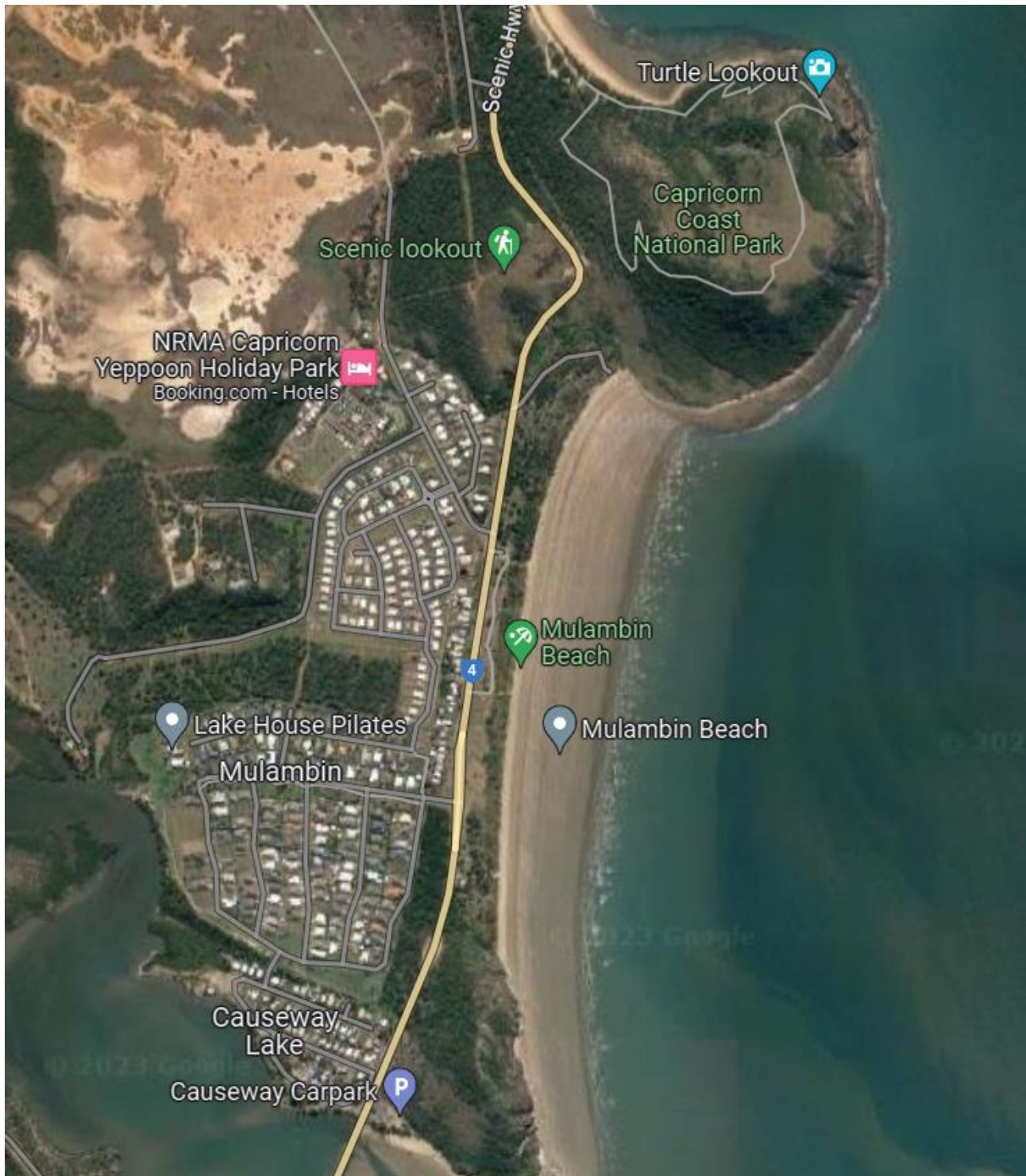
Parts and Support

List the local Blokart dealers' details and any other local Sailmakers and suppliers.

Charter Blokarts

Blokarts available for charter:

Appendix A.
Race area Map.



Entry Forms

It is recommended that an online entry form is used. There are a number of online forms that can be used. An entry form can be set up using the Australian Sailing Revsport system that the ABA has access to. Contact the ABA for assistance.

Sailing Instructions

Below is an example of a set of Sailing Instructions that should be used as a template for your Sailing Instructions.

The sections highlighted in Yellow are the areas that you will need to review for your event.



20XX Australian Open Blokart Championships

Date

Venue

Sailing Instructions

The organising authority will be the **Club** in conjunction with the International Blokart Racing Association (IBRA) and the Australian Blokart Association (ABA)

Sponsors logos

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be conducted under the current IBRA Racing Rules, including any current IBRA clarifications.
- 1.2 Rule changes only to the extent permitted by IBRA Racing Rules A2
- 1.3 These documents can be easily downloaded from www.austblokarts.com.au
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. Entries

- 2.1 All competitors must be financial members of an IBRA recognised body through either direct memberships or through a member club. Evidence of membership may be required to be produced.
- 2.2 Following scrutineering, competitors will be issued with an identifier indicating that the Blokarts conform to the rules. This identifier is to be fixed to the Blokarts chassis or sail in a visible area as directed by the scrutineers.
- 2.3 Competitors will be issued with race numbers. These are to be placed over the pulley whip.
- 2.4 Competitors will be issued with a transponder. The transponder shall be clipped to the Blokarts in the position shown in appendix B.
- 2.5 Logos or decorations that are considered by the scrutineers to be offensive must be removed.
- 2.6 Competitors are not to enter the racing area, unless they are a registered competitor for the race, unless they are directed to do so by a race official or in an emergency. This does not preclude training during designated practice periods.
- 2.7 When not racing, Blokarts must be secured in the pit area, preferably lying on their sides.
- 2.8 No competitor or spectator shall approach the timing areas unless directed by a race official. Any questions or concerns must be raised with the Principal Race Officer.

3. Notices to competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Noticeboard located near the timekeeping marque

4. Changes in the Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 9:00am on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule will be posted by 6:00pm on the day before it will take effect.

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6. The Racing Area

The race area will be as shown in Appendix A, attached.

7. The Course

- 7.1 The course will be described in detail at the competitors briefing each morning.
- 7.2 If the course is modified the Race committee shall conduct another briefing prior to the changes taking effect.
- 7.3 Multiple races are to be held each race day. Race duration is planned for 8 minutes.

8. Information session and oral instructions.

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- 8.2 Oral instructions may be given by the PRO at or near the track entrance before each race if required.
- 8.3 Further information sessions may be held as required.

9. Race procedures

The race procedures shall be as per Section 5 of the IBRA Rules.

10. Scoring

Scoring shall be in accordance with IBRA racing Rules Part H.
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Appendix A.
Race area Map.

