



## 2009 Australian Blokart Open Race Schedule

### **Registration and Practice Day**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

0930 -1130

**Sweetlip Room** 1400 -1600

(Low Tide 1050)

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### **Race Day One**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

0800 - 0900

0900

0930

1000

1400

(Low Tide 1151)

Registration & Scrutineering

Briefing

Course discussion on the beach

Racing begins

Marathon/Endurance

### **Race Day Two**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

0900

0930

1030

1500

(Low Tide 1256)

Briefing

Course discussion on the beach

Racing begins

Marathon/Endurance

### **Race Day Three**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

0900

0930

1100

1500

(Low Tide 1350)

Briefing

Course discussion on the beach

Racing begins

Marathon/Endurance

TBA

Presentation

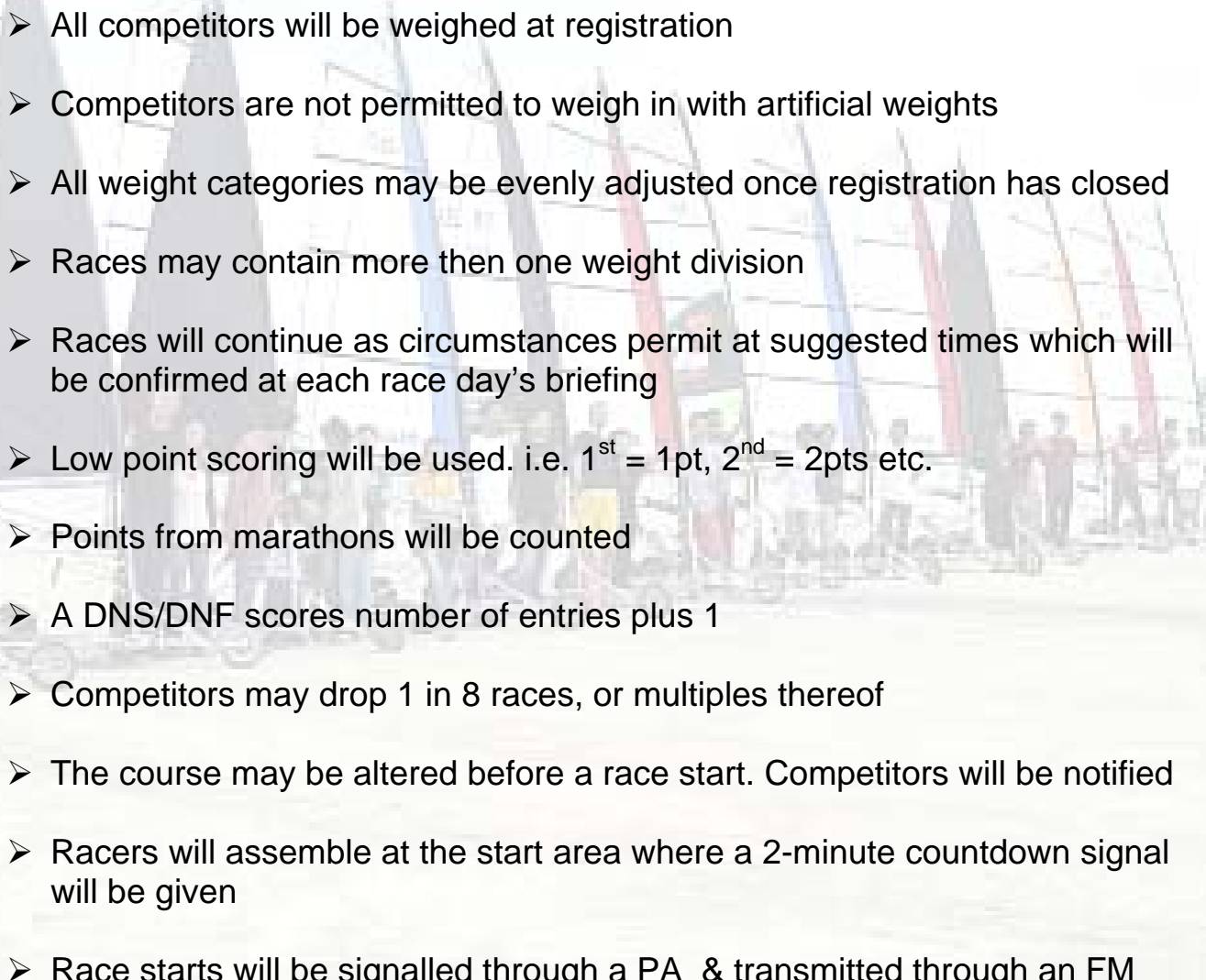
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### **Performance Weight Divisions.**

Under 70 kg Lightweights  
70 – 84.9 kg Middleweights  
85 – 99.9 kg Heavyweights  
100+ kg Super Heavyweights

### **Production Weight Divisions.**

Under 85 kg  
Over 85 kg

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- All competitors will be weighed at registration
  - Competitors are not permitted to weigh in with artificial weights
  - All weight categories may be evenly adjusted once registration has closed
  - Races may contain more than one weight division
  - Races will continue as circumstances permit at suggested times which will be confirmed at each race day's briefing
  - Low point scoring will be used. i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> = 1pt, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 2pts etc.
  - Points from marathons will be counted
  - A DNS/DNF scores number of entries plus 1
  - Competitors may drop 1 in 8 races, or multiples thereof
  - The course may be altered before a race start. Competitors will be notified
  - Racers will assemble at the start area where a 2-minute countdown signal will be given
  - Race starts will be signalled through a PA & transmitted through an FM signal
  - > 8 knots of steady wind is required to commence racing. (At the discretion of the Race Officer)
  - The Race Officer (at his discretion) may abandon racing should the wind drop <8 knots

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### **Equipment rules**

- *Blokart One Design* concepts/rules shall apply
- See IBRA Rules for clarification
- Scrutineers will check every *Blokart* prior to racing

Scrutineers may randomly check any *Blokarts* during the competition

### **Sailing rules.**

*Summary of IBRA rules.*

- 1. Start format and/or Pre-start** dial up sequence will be given at the briefing and is subject to changes depending on prevailing conditions.
- 2. A competitor who crosses the start line early** - must restart without obstructing other competitors
- 3. On opposite tacks** - When *Blokarts* are on opposite tacks, a port tack *Blokart* shall keep clear of a starboard tack *Blokart*.
- 4. On the same tack, overlapped** - When *Blokarts* are on the same tack and overlapped, a windward *Blokart* shall keep clear of a leeward *Blokart*.
- 5. On the same tack, not overlapped** - When *Blokarts* are on the same tack and not overlapped, a *Blokart* clear behind shall keep clear of a *Blokart* that is clear ahead.
- 6. While tacking** - After a *Blokart* passes head to wind, it shall keep clear of other *Blokarts* until it is on its new proper course. If two *Blokarts* are tacking at the same time, the *Blokart* on the left shall keep clear of the *Blokart* on the right.
- 7. At a mark or obstruction – overlapped** - When *Blokarts* are about to pass a mark or obstruction a *Blokart* that has an inside overlap may request “room” and pass the mark or obstruction in a sportsmanlike manner taking no more room that is necessary to pass the mark or obstruction safely. Any *Blokart* overlapped on the outside shall give the inside *Blokart* room to do so. After passing the mark or obstruction this rule ceases to apply, however, the right of way *Blokart* must give the other room to keep clear.
- 8. Collision Course** - Where two *Blokarts* are on a heading toward each other and the previous rules do not apply. The *Blokart* closest to the wind must give way, or, if no one is clearly to windward then allow the other *Blokart* to pass on the right hand side.
- 9. Sportsmanship** – All competitors are to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner taking into consideration others around them and affording fairness in such considerations. All are to avoid conduct which is prejudicial to our sport, on and off the Racing circuit.

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### **Protests**

A competitor wishing to protest another competitor shall so indicate the protest and the nature of such protest at the time of the incident which then gives the other *Blokart* an opportunity to acquiesce and take a penalty 360 turn

Protesting after the Race, this must be lodged before the completion of the race immediately following said infringed race.

- a. The protesting competitor must deposit a fee of \$20 with the race officer and complete the protest form which will be available at the timing module.
- b. The protestor shall clearly indicate the rule that was infringed in the protest action.
- c. The race officer will notify the protested competitor of the protest, at which time the protested competitor may elect to retire from the race.
- d. During the same day a committee shall be formed and made of the Race Directors and up to two other co-opted competitors.
- e. The protest committee shall first hear the protesting *Blokart* pilot who has the opportunity to call one witness and then the protested *Blokart* pilot shall be given the same opportunity.
- f. The protest committee shall discuss, make a decision, and inform both parties of their decision which is final.

### **Penalties**

1. For rules ..... the competitor shall retire from the race or complete a 360 degree turn without interfering with another blokart
2. For rule ....., the competitor will not be seen to have started the race until recrossing the start line
3. For rule....., disqualification from that race

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