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Notice of Race

2011 South African Blokart Open

Date: Thursday 3rd to 6th March 2011

Venue: Muizenberg, Cape Town, SA

Entry fee: R500

All participants will have to join SABSA when established and have 3rd party insurance

Proposed Divisions (to be confirmed at registration):

- Light weight (up to 65 kg)
- Middle weight (65 – 85 kg)
- Heavy weight (85-105 kg)
- Super Heavy weight (105+ kg)

Schedule:

Thursday, 3rd March - Sunrise beach

- 09h00 – 12h00pm, registration, scrutinizing and practice
- 12h00 – SABSA formation meeting
- 13h30 – 17h00pm, Dial up practice
- 17h00 - Welcome Happy Hour

Friday, 4th March - Sunrise beach

- 9.30 am, briefing
- 9.45 – 6.30, racing

Saturday, 5th March Sunrise beach

- 9.30 am, briefing
- 9.45 – 6.30,
- 7.30, prize giving (if racing is finished) & dinner off site

Sunday, 6th March – Reserved for more racing if we get delayed etc Sonwabi beach or Melkbosstrand area

- 9.30 am - briefing
- 9.45 – 15h00 racing
- 15h30 - finish
- 17h.30 – 20h00, prize giving at Local Restaurant

Format:

- 3 minute dial up, 5 minute race or set number of laps (may be changed at discretion of race committee)
- Course and start sequence will be outlined at briefing and may be changed during the day
- Blokarts will be lined up in a grid ready to race prior to the 3 minute time
- Manual timing will be used
- Minimum of 4 races for a series
- Maximum of 24 races
- Drop 1 race in every 8
- Beach racing and endurance racing to be arranged depending on time and weather.

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Equipment Rules

IBRA rules apply plus:

A blokark will have a numbered pully whip flag which must be used during all racing. The flag will be supplied
Any modification deemed unsafe by the race committee is to be rectified or removed

Sailing Rules:

IBRA rules apply except for rule E.4, and E5, E12 which are reworded, E.17 has been added

E.1 A competitor shall compete in compliance with recognized principles of sportsmanship and fair play. A competitor may be penalized under this rule only if it is clearly established that these principles have been violated.

E.2 By participating in a race conducted under the IBRA rules, each competitor agrees:

- to be governed by these rules;
- to accept the penalties imposed and other action taken under the rules;
- with respect to such determination, not to resort to any court or other tribunal not provided for in the rules;

E.3 Each competitor is responsible for his/her own decision to participate or continue to participate in any event.

E.4 When blokarks are on opposite tacks, give way to the right

E.5 E.12 (inside overlap) takes precedent over E.4(give way to the right) within 5 metres of the mark

E.6 When blokarks are on the same tack and overlapped, a windward blokark shall keep clear of a leeward blokark. Blokarks are considered overlapped when they are on the same tack and any part of the front wheel of the aft blokark is level with or further forward than any part of the forward blokarks rear wheel.

E.7 When blokarks are on the same tack and not overlapped, a blokark clear behind shall keep clear of a blokark that is clear ahead.

E.8 After a blokark passes head to wind, it shall keep clear of other blokarks until it is on its new proper course. If two blokarks are tacking at the same time, the blokark on the left shall keep clear of the blokark on the right.

E.9 A blokark shall avoid contact with another blokark if reasonably possible. However -

- a right of way blokark need not act to avoid contact until it is clear that the other blokark is not keeping clear;
- a right of way blokark shall not be penalized under this rule unless there is contact that causes damage or injury;

E.10 When a blokark acquires right of way, it shall initially give the other blokark room to keep clear, unless it acquires right of way because of the other's actions

E.11 When a right of way blokark changes course, it shall give the other room to keep clear

E.12 When blokarks are about to pass a mark a blokark that has an inside overlap at a zone 5 metres (or other distance as specified by the race committee) surrounding the mark, may hail "room" and pass the mark in a sportsman like manner taking no more room than is necessary to pass the mark safely. Any blokark overlapped on the outside shall give the inside blokark room to do so. After passing the mark this rule ceases to apply, however, the right of way blokark must give the other room to keep clear. When this rule is in effect E.4 (give way to the right) ceases to apply until such time as both blokarks are outside the 5 metre zone.

E.13 When a faster blokark approaches a slower blokark within the 5 metre zone surrounding a mark it shall pass only on the outside, if in doing so the blokark establishes an inside overlap for the next mark it shall be entitled to room to pass the mark as per rule E.12.

E.14 The rules for starting a race will be defined by the race committee in the sailing instructions which is given to the race competitors prior to the race or series.

E.15 No sailor shall exit their blokark during a race unless directed to do so or to render assistance to a competitor due to safety.

E.16 Blokarks must be propelled only by the setting and trimming of its sail or by the sailor using their hands against the rear tyres. Sailors must not touch the ground with any part of their body in order to propel their blokark.

E.17 Blokarks sailing on areas pointed out at the race meeting as not being part of the track area have no rights

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F Protests

F.1 A competitor wishing to protest shall indicate the protest at the time of the incident if possible, which then gives the other blokart an opportunity to take a 360 degree turn

F.2 The protesting competitor must pay a fee of R100 when submitting the protest form.

F.3 The protestor must lodge the protest in writing to the race officer/s no longer than 1 hour after the finish of the race.

F.4 The protestor shall indicate the rule alleged to be infringed in the allocated space on the protest form.

F.5 The race officer/s will notify the protested competitor of the protest at which time the protested competitor may elect to forfeit the race (counted as a DNF) or complete the remainder of the protest form in order to defend the action

F.6 During the same day the protest committee shall be formed by the race committee to hear the protest.

F.7 The protest committee shall first hear the protesting competitor who has the opportunity to call one witness, and then the protested competitor shall be given the same right. The protest committee shall discuss, make a decision, and inform both parties of their decision which is final.

G Penalties

G.1 A competitor who crosses the start line early must re-cross the start line without interfering with any other blokart.

G.2 A competitor will not be considered to have progressed in the race until the mark is rounded in accordance with the racing course, otherwise will record a DNF

G.3 A competitor who touches or allows his/her blokart to touch a mark of the course while rounding must perform a 360 degree penalty as soon as practical.

G.4 A competitor may take a penalty and exonerate a breach of the sailing rules by executing a 360 degree turn as soon as possible after the incident, except for a breach of G.1.

G.5 A competitor executing a 360 degree penalty as above, has no right of way under the sailing rules and must give way to all other competitors.

G.6 A protest committee may impose a penalty they deem fit which may include but is not limited to:

- A time penalty
- Penalty points
- Disqualification

H. Redress

A request for redress or a protest committee's decision to consider redress shall be given to the race officer of the race involved in writing based on a claim or possibility that a blokart's finishing place in a race has through no fault of their own been made significantly worse by:

- An improper action or omission of the race committee
- Physical damage because of the action of a blokart that was breaking a rule of part E
- Giving help to another competitor
- A blokart which has had a penalty imposed under rule E.1

Blokart sailing is a fun activity. Lets keep it that way!

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