



**Ivanpah 2017  
&  
2017 NORTH AMERICAN BLOKART SAILING  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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## 1. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**These sailing instructions are to be read by all event registrants, non racers and racers. THIS DOCUMENT MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BECAUSE OF ON SITE CONDITIONS AT RACE TIME.**

## 2. EVENT SCHEDULE

### Thursday March 30, 2017: Sign In & Open Sailing

Sign In	9:00am to 11:00am	Campsite, Ivanpah Dry Lake
Open Sailing	All Day	Ivanpah Dry Lake

### Friday March 31, 2017: Sign In, Open Sailing

Sign In	9:00am to 11:00am	Campsite, Ivanpah Dry Lake
Open Sailing	All Day	Ivanpah Dry Lake

### Saturday April 1, 2017:

#### Sign In, Scruitineering – Weight In & Open Sailing & Welcome Cookout --

Sign In	9:00am to 12:00pm	Campsite Ivanpah Dry Lake
Open Sailing	All Day	Ivanpah Dry Lake
Scrutineering Weight In	2:00pm to 4:00pm	Campsite, Ivanpah Dry Lake
NABSA Annual Meeting Opens/Adjourns until 4/5/2017 if needed	4:30 pm to 5:30 pm	Campsite Ivanpah Dry Lake
Welcome Cookout	5:30	Campsite Ivanpah Dry Lake

### Sunday April 2, 2017 – Tuesday April 4, 2017: Open Sailing, NABSC Racing

Competitors Briefing	9:00am	Campsite Ivanpah Dry Lake
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NABSC Racing	10:00am – 6:00pm	Ivanpah Dry Lake
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Open Sailing	All Day	Ivanpah Dry Lake
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**Wednesday April 5, 2017: Open Sailing, NABSC Race Day, NABSA Meeting & Awards Cookout**

Competitors Briefing ( If Needed)	9:00am	Campsite, Ivanpah Dry Lake
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Racing	10:00am to 2:00pm	Ivanpah Dry Lake
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Open Sailing	All Day	Ivanpah Dry Lake
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NABSA Annual Meeting Reconvenes/Elections	3:00pm to 4:30pm	Campsite
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Awards Presentation	4:30pm	Campsite
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Awards Cookout/Happy Hour	5:00 PM	Campsite
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**Thursday April 6, 2015: Open Sailing & Campsite Clean Up All Day**

### 3. RULES

#### *Racing Rules*

**All racing will be conducted under the International blokart Racing Association (IBRA) rules, [IBRA Handbook](#) , with the following venue/event specific amendments.**

#### **PartB: One Design blokart Equipment Rules**

**B6.10 Added saying:** "The event sticker is to be affixed to all sails below the boom on the port (left) side. This sticker is proof of compliance with all entry and equipment compliance, and will be given to you by the scrutineers once your blokart has been checked.

**B6.7 applying to both classes & modified to say:** "Graphics of any sort, be they for advertising or general decorative display, may be placed on the blokart frame or POD. The event organisers may require PODs and/or Seats to carry the event logo and/or an event sponsors logo. Advertising or logos



must not be of a type that could be considered offensive or immoral. If in doubt seek permission from the event organizers. Graphics need not be of BIL supply"

**B8.7 Sail Numbers are required** Country & Number (Example **US 99**)  
(They may also be added to the sides of your POD, either as part of the design or by themselves, and must be of a sufficient size to be seen at a distance)

**B8.13 applying to both classes & modified to say:** "Graphics of any sort, be they for advertising or general decorative display, may be placed on the sail, provided that they do not cover the blokart logos. **The portion of the sail below the boom is to be reserved for the event logo and/or an event sponsors logo.** Advertising or logos must not be of a type that could be considered offensive or immoral. If in doubt seek permission from the event organizers. Graphics need not be of BIL supply "

***Part C: Competitors and Safety Rules***

**Add C.6 saying:** "All competitors not participating in a race or the next immediate race shall remain in the spectator area unless otherwise advised by a race official, except in case of an emergency. This rule shall not preclude training / practice on the course before the first race, or after the last race at the direction of the principle race officer (PRO)"

**Add C.7 saying:** "No competitor or spectator shall approach the timing areas unless directed by a race official; any competitor who breaks this rule may be disqualified from the next race. A race official will be available to handle competitor enquiries"

**Add C.8 saying:** "All blokarts when not racing or in the holding and start boxes shall be turned on their sides, in the designated area, with the front pointing in to the wind"

**Add C.9 saying:** "All competitors will ensure that a copy of the use permit, the official Ivanpah map and Ivanpah use stipulations, as issued with your registration pack & the sailing instructions are kept with their vehicle /equipment at all times (e.g. in your vehicle, blokart tool box or bag), this is a requirement of the Bureau of Land Management, part of the US. Department of the Interior"



**Part E Sailing Rules:**

**Add E.17 saying:** "A blokart sailing on a downwind leg (as defined at the daily briefing or any mini briefing given at the marshalling grid in the event of a course change) shall keep clear of a blokart sailing on an upwind leg. This rule overrides rule E.4"

**Add E18 saying:** "No part of a blokart or its sailor may touch a mark of the course, refer to G.3 for the applicable penalty."

**Add E19 saying:** "The Starting sequence will be"

Two (2) minutes	- Start signal for 1st division, (sound with verbal count in)
One (1) minute	- attention signal 2nd division (sound and raised green flag)
Thirty (30) seconds	- prep signal 2nd division (sound and horizontal green flag)
Zero (0)	- start signal 2nd division (sound and horizontal green flag removed)

(all sounds signals are for courtesy only, in the case of a sound signal failure verbal instruction and flags will prevail)"

**Add E20 saying:** "In the event of a competitor being on the course side of the start line prior to the start signal, a red flag will be raised. The red flag will remain displayed until all competitors classed as on course side have returned. On course side competitors will be judged solely by the starter/electronic timing systems. Competitors will not be identified verbally or otherwise and it is the competitor's sole responsibility to return to the course side in accordance with rule G1 should they feel that they were on course side at the starting signal"



**Add E21 saying:** "Flag signals to be used are:

**Green Flag:** displayed to show time remaining to the start  
- vertical = one (1) minute remaining,  
- horizontal = thirty (30) seconds remaining,  
- removed at start.

**Red Flag:** displayed when a competitor(s) are on course side and removed once all on course side competitors have started correctly.

**Black Flag:** Race abandoned

**Orange Flag:** Race Shortened

**Chequered Flag:** Displayed at the end of the race timed period, when displayed competitors are to continue racing until they have crossed the timing loop at which time they are considered to have finished the race, regardless of the number of laps they have completed."

**Add E21 saying:** "All Competitors must attend the daily briefing, Failure to do so will result in a disqualification (DSQ) for all races held that day."

**Add E22 saying:** "All competitors shall enter the course immediately after the previous division last competitor has finished (checked flag removed) and report to the starting line".

### **Part G Penalties**

**G1. Modified to say:** "A competitor who crosses the start line early must re-cross the start line in the correct direction. A competitor will not be considered to have started the race until the start line is crossed in the correct direction after the starting signal. The competitor returning to the pre-start side of the start line must do so by rounding the marker end of the start line opposite the



starter/timing system, or the whole starter/timing system and RV/Tent (not between the inner distance marker and the timing RV/tent) and while doing so shall keep clear of all other competitors."

### **3. SERIES FORMAT, COURSES & SCORING**

#### ***Series Format***

The series will consist of a minimum of six (6) races. Number of races will be determined by the race committee, depending on the size of course and duration of the races. No race shall start before 10am or after 6pm except on the final race day, if necessary Wednesday April 1, 2015 when no races shall be started after 2pm, in addition, on the final race day a target number of races for each division will be announced at briefing.

Racing will take place in a timed format over a period of between five (5) to twenty five (25) minutes, after which time competitor are to continue sailing the course until such time as they have crossed the finish line. The timing systems results will be sorted on number of laps (high to low) followed by time taken (low to high) to give a position on line (POL) The competitor who has completed the most laps in the least time will be declared the winner of that race.

Races may not be run in full complete rounds of class and division, and the order of races is at the discretion of the PRO only.

#### ***Courses***

Up to two courses may be used, ranging in length to give a target of between three (3) and five (5) laps for the leaders during the time period. Courses, where possible will include a windward leg of significant length to provide tactical racing. Once the size and type of the course has been determined by the race committee, the course orientation and shape is at the sole discretion of the PRO.

#### ***Scoring***

The ISAF low point score system will be used for scoring the series based on the scratch position as follows, 1st place = 1pt, 2nd place = 2pts, 3rd place = 3 pts and so on.



Ties will be broken by count back of the number of 1st places, with the sailor with the highest number of 1st places being awarded the higher place, if the tie remains, a count back of the number of 2nd places will take place, if the tie is still not broken a count back of the number of 3rd places, 4th places and so on will take place until the tie is resolved. Dropped (omitted) races are NOT included in the count back. If after exhausting all count backs the tie remains un-resolved the result will be broken by the competitor with the best place in the last race.

After race eight (8), a competitor's worst single race result may be dropped (omitted) from the final series tally. A second worst race result may be dropped (omitted) from the final series tally after race fifteen (15) and a third dropped after race twenty two (22). Dropped (omitted) race results may come from any race and are not limited to the block races in which the drop was granted.

ie: after twenty two (22) races, three (3) drops are allocated, these may come from any of the twenty two (22) races.

A competitor may drop any race result including a Disqualification (DSQ), On Course Side (OCS), Did Not Start (DNS), Did Not Finish (DNF) except for a Disqualification due to a breach of IBRA rules as follows:

Any Part B Rule (as required by IBRA rule D3)  
Any Part C Rule  
Rule E1  
Rule E9

All breaches of the above rules shall be referred to the scrutinising committee or protest committee for ruling.

## 4. PROTESTS

All protests are to be handed to the Race Committee Chairman (Jim Nordhaus) on the IBRA protest form within 1 hour of the race that the protest is regarding (as per IBRA rules) and accompanied by the US\$20.00 protest fee:

4.1 The protest fee is only refundable if you win





4.2 All protests and hearing times will be notified by posting on the notice board.

## 5. FURTHER INFORMATION

### Website

North American Blokart Sailing Championships 2017 [nabsa.org](http://nabsa.org)

This website will carry event information, social function information, notices to competitors and results during the event.

## 5. Contacts

For further event information please contact Fran Gramkowski, Event Chairman [president@nabsa.org](mailto:president@nabsa.org) or Jim Nordhaus, Racing Chairman [janordhaus@gmail.com](mailto:janordhaus@gmail.com)

For clarifications or questions on the racing IBRA rules and the modifications contact NABSA IRBA Representative Jim Nordhaus [janordhaus@gmail.com](mailto:janordhaus@gmail.com)  
Race Committee: Will be determined by the board of directors in conjunction with the racing Chairman prior to the event. The appointments will be based upon experience and geographical location as to represent a cross-section of NABSA members attending the event.

