

SEQBC Woodgate Club Championship Marathon
14^h to the 17th November 2024
Woodgate Beach, Queensland.



NOTICE OF RACE

The organising authority will be the South East Queensland Blokart Club Inc.

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be conducted under the IBRA rules **Edition 9 due to be published in October 2024** except for removal of weight categories.
- 1.2 Rule changes only to the extent permitted by IBRA Racing Rules A2
- 1.3 These documents can be readily downloaded from [The Australian Blokart Association](#)

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 All competitors must be financial members of an IBRA recognised body 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, the values of sportsmanship and the **SEQBC Code of Conduct**.

3. Entry Form and Fees

- 3.1 Entrants should preferably use the [online entry form](#)
- 3.2 Details contained elsewhere in the NOR.
The entry fee includes: Entry to the events & Transponder Hire, note that in the event of loss of transponder, a fee of \$160 applies.
- 3.3 Entries will be accepted until 5pm Friday 15 November 2024.
- 3.4 Late entries will be accepted up until 5pm on Friday 15th November 2024 but will incur a late entry fee of \$5 in addition to the regular entry fee.

4. Classes/Divisions

- 4.1 Racing will be conducted In Production and Performance Blokarts.
- 4.2 For both the Full (2.5 hour) Marathon and the Half (1/2 hour) Marathons, weight divisions are being dispensed with.

5. Schedule

Day	Time	Event
Friday 15th November 2024	9.00am to 11.30am	Registration NRMA Caravan Park
	12.00pm to 3.00pm	Practis
	3.15 pm to 5.00 pm	Barefoot bowls (Club Woodgate)
Saturday 16th November 2024	10.30am	Competitor Briefing
		& Scrutineering
	11.00am to 4.30pm	½ hour production & performance racing
Sunday 17th November 2024		
	9.00am	Competitor Briefing
	12.00pm to 2.30pm	(2.5 hour) marathon
	6.00pm	Presentation at Woodgate Hotel (meals available at own cost)

6. ENTRIES AND FEES

Entry Fee (relates to entry to one OR both Marathon events. <u>Short course events and social events are free of charge for those not in marathons</u>)	ABA/Club member	\$25-00
Late Entry Fee in addition to entry fee	After COB Friday November 16 2024	\$5 -00
Additional Category Entry Fee		N/A
Protest Fee		No charge

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 wherever possible.

6. Official Noticeboard

- 6.1 The Official Race Notice Board shall be located at the timing trailer on the beach during race times and at the marques area.

7. Course Description

- 7.1 Races will be sailed on Woodgate Beach; at either the southern end or northern end dependant on conditions on the day.
- 7.2 The track surface is sand.
- 7.3 Access to the racing area is via designated beach access tracks adjacent to Banksia Park on the Esplanade at Woodgate Beach or adjacent to the Woodgate Hotel.
- 7.4 Event management vehicles are allowed on the beach in the prohibited area. Otherwise, vehicles are confined to the recognised 4WD area to the south of the beach via the 4WD access.

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 trailer.
- 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 in relation to the marathon events shall be in accordance with the overview contained in Appendix A. The race committee's decision is final.

10. Prizes

The **SEQBC Club Championship Trophy** will be awarded to the club which achieves the lowest score once results from both the Full Marathon and Half Marathon are available. Line-honour winners will be acknowledged at the presentation dinner.

11. Insurance

Only ABA Public Liability insurance is provided for racing following nomination acceptance, however, deliberately negligent, or reckless behaviour will nullify any claim.

Further information of a general nature:

Venue.

Woodgate beach is located approx. 38km east of Childers in the Bundaberg Region in Queensland. The closest airport is Bundaberg which is approx. 80km away.

Woodgate beach is a hard sand beach approx. 16km long and at low tide is approx. 200m wide. The winds in November are normally south-easterly to easterly ranging from 10 – 15 knots.

Registration will be conducted at the NRMA Woodgate Beach Holiday Park on Friday 15th November at 4PM, while scrutineering will take place on the beach on Saturday 16th November.

Accommodation

There is a range of accommodation in Woodgate available at the Woodgate Hotel / Motel caravan park or the NRMA Woodgate Beach Holiday Park both of which are located adjacent to Woodgate beach. 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.

Social Functions

There will be a 'meet & greet' function at the Woodgate Hotel on Friday 10th November, with the club championship trophy presentation dinner on Sunday 12th November also being conducted on the 'Deck' at the Woodgate Hotel. Arrangements have been made with the Woodgate Hotel to provide a variety of pizzas at cost at approximately \$12.50 per head for a half pizza. Other meals are available at cost. While nothing formal is arranged for Saturday evening, an informal gathering will in all likelihood occur at a selected venue.

Sailing Instructions:

- 1. COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY** All competitors must be financial members of an IBRA recognised body through either direct memberships or through a member club. SEQBC may make available **Casual Membership at a cost of \$50 (subject to sailing ability and experience).**
 - 2. RACING RULES AND PROCEDURES:** All racing will be conducted under the International Blokart Racing Association (IBRA) **Edition 9 Rules expected to be released in October 2023.**
- 2.1a Blokarts entering either the Full or Half Marathon events are required to be in the 'Pit' area 10 minutes prior to the start, and sailors are to be in the 'Pit' area with their karts 5 minutes prior to the start.**
 - 2.1b Competitors will also be issued with race numbers. These are to be placed over the pulley whip.
 - 2.1c Logos or decorations that are considered by the scrutineers to be offensive must be removed.
 - 2.1d Competitors are not to enter the racing area unless they are a registered competitor for the race, unless directed to do so by a race official or in an emergency. This does not include during designated practice periods.
 - 2.1e 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.
 - 2.1f All competitors and spectators must remain clear of the starting area and must always allow the race timing operators a clear view of the start line.
 - 2.1g When not racing, Blokarts must be secured in the pit area and lying on their sides.
 - 2.1h All competitors are reminded of IBRA rules relating to compliance with recognised principles of sportsmanship and fair play, as well as adhering to the SEQBC Code of Conduct Policy. A copy of this policy is available upon request. Be aware that "deliberate barging" as determined by the race committee in any context will not be tolerated and even if redressed, may incur a post-race penalty.**

The Race Committee may penalise a competitor not obeying these rules with a disqualification for the race at the Race Committee's discretion.

The Starting sequence is as follows:

Two (2) minute warning signal (sound with verbal count in).

One (1) minute attention signal (sound and raised green flag)

Thirty (30) second prep signal (sound and horizontal green flag)

Zero (0) second start signal (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. The failure of a sound or signal will not automatically abort the race.

In the event of a competitor being on the course side of the start line prior to the start signal (i.e., a jumped start) a BLACK flag MAY be raised and lowered when error corrected. It is a competitor's sole responsibility to return to the course side should they feel that they were On Course Side (OCS) at the starting signal. OCS competitors will be judged solely by the starter and timing equipment. Competitors MAY be identified verbally or otherwise, and a competitor must start correctly before proceeding to the first mark. Failure to do so will result in the competitor being penalised one lap of the course.

Flag signals to be used are:

- **Green Flag:** displayed to show time remaining to the start
- Green flag Vertical = one (1) minute remaining,
- Green flag Horizontal = thirty (30) seconds remaining,
- **Green Flag** removed at start.
- **Black Flag:** Competitors OCS before start (MAY be used at starters discretion)
- **Red & White Flag:** Racing abandoned until further notice.
- **Orange Flag:** Race Shortened.
- **Chequered Flag:** Displayed to signal the end of the race period.

The race committee encourages protests in the event a competitor feels the need. The race officer will notify the protested competitor of the protest, at which time the protested competitor may elect to withdraw from the race, (counted as a RAF in the scoring) ask for mediation as described in F.6 or complete the remainder of the protest process to defend the action. Note that protests for this event do not incur a fee.

This Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions may be superseded by any Amended Sailing Instructions when issued.

3. CATEGORIES

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The two categories to be sailed are Production and Performance. Competitors may enter one category only. Both categories will be sailed in accordance with the IBRA rules for equipment.

3.2 DIVISIONS /TEAMS

(a) A team is to be made of up of a minimum of 3 sailors which may be any mix of production and performance)

(b) Each placing attained by a team is counted i.e., points are accrued for each and every placing in the two marathons. All placings in both Marathons will count towards a particular teams overall score.

(c) An outline of the scoring regime can be found in Appendix "A".

(d) **Note that weight categories are being discarded for the Marathon events.**

4. SERIES FORMAT, COURSES & SCORING

4.1 SERIES FORMAT

Competitors can compete in both Marathons if they so wish and can do so in either Performance or Production classes.

Racing in either Marathon will take place in a lap format on a course to be determined according to prevailing conditions.

A competitor is not deemed to have started his/her first lap until he/she crosses the start line on or after the start siren. A competitor who is on the course side (OCS) when the start siren sounds and does not recross the start line before rounding the first mark will be scored OCS unless he/she completes the designated number of laps.

4.2 COURSES

The courses of 2.5 hours for the Full Marathon and 1.5 hours for the Half Marathon, where possible, will include a windward leg of significant length to provide tactical racing. The course orientation, length and shape are at the sole discretion of the Race Committee and are subject to prevailing wind and beach conditions.

Competitors must not cross the start/finish line during the 2-minute wind up. All competitors must pass through the Start/Finish line on the upwind leg of each lap to have their laps recorded and must not pass through the start/finish line on the downwind leg.

A Blokart on the nominated downwind leg of the course shall keep clear of a Blokart on the nominated upwind leg of the course (refer to E.8 in IBRA rule book). Competitors are also advised to pay close attention to 4WD vehicles who may be using the designated 'road' to the south.

The starting sequence for each division will be determined by the race committee and competitors advised at the mandatory competitor briefings.

It is intended to abandon a race if winds exceed 30 knots, or more than half the fleet is stalled.

4.3 MATTERS AFFECTING SCORING

A 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 = 3pts and so on to account for each and every placing in either marathon.

Ties will be broken by a count back of the number of 1st places attained by a respective club, with the club 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 will take place.

Did Not Finish (DNF) & Disqualification (DSQ) will be scored as Number of Competitors +1 More than one will be scored equally.

On Course Side (OCS) will be penalised one lap of the course giving them last place = number of competitors in the division. More than one OCS shall be scored equally.

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

5. PRIZES

5.1 Club Championship Trophy only to the team deemed to have the lowest overall score.

1st, 2nd and 3rd "Line Honours Winners" places for each division in each marathon event will be acknowledged. There are no trophies for individual 'line honours winners' in a teams-based event.

6. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

All competitors as a condition of entry must accept the following waiver.

WAIVER: In consideration for the right to participate in this event, I hereby hold the South East Queensland Blokart Club, and any person associated with the event harmless and release them from all liability in connection with my participation in the 2024 SEQBC Woodgate Marathon. I further agree that the event may use without restriction any photograph, films, or tapes in which I may appear for any purpose whatsoever.

Please note: By agreeing on behalf of a participant less than eighteen (18) years old, the parent/guardian also expressly agrees to the above. In agreeing to this waiver, I am stating I have read it and understand it.

6.1 PERSONAL INSURANCE

SEQBC does not carry personal insurance for any competitors. SEQBC highly recommends that you, as a competitor or spectator, organise your own personal property and medical insurance where appropriate.

Australian competitors are covered by Medicare and any personal medical insurance they may have.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further event information & inquiries please contact:

- **Len Holt (SEQBC Vice President) – 0418 745209 or lenholt@bigpond.com**

Appendix A.

Points scoring for Full and Half Marathons.

The ethos of this scoring procedure is that each sailor contributes to his or her club's outcome and that all clubs are treated fairly by using averages so that no club is disadvantaged.

Each of the two marathons have two divisions - Performance and Production and each will be scored in its own right.

As an example; **Club A Performance** placings 1, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 20; **Production** Placings 5, 9, 10. **Combined total of 107 divided by (say) its 11 sailors = 9.7points**

Club B Performance placings 4, 11; **Production** placing 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16. **Combined total divided by (say) its 12 sailors = 8 points**

Club C Performance placings 2, 5, 7, 9, 17, 18, 19; **Production** placings 13, 14, 17, 18. **Combined total of 139 divided by (say) its 11 sailors = 12.6 points**

Club D Performance placings 3, 13, 14; **Production** placings 3, 19, 20. **Combined total of 72 divided (say) its 6 sailors= 12 points**

Therefore, in this example, Club B is the winner of the Club Championship Trophy with an average 8 points with the biggest fleet.

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Marathon Entry Form 2025

Full Name _____

Email Address _____

Address during event _____

Phone Number _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Emergency Phone Number _____

Type of entry, please circle

Performance

Production

Your Current Club _____

Are you a financial member? Please circle

Yes **NO**

Any relevant medical issues you wish known?
