

	<b>European Blokart® Association</b>	
	what	Minutes of meeting
	date	3rd of July
	location	Sonderstrand - Denmark
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Present :

Javier (ESP), Jan (NED), Hamish (AUT) and Nico (BEL)

## 1. Representatives

UK : Kevin will take over the task from Rosie. Rosie is too busy with her Laser campaign. We wish her all the best and hope to see her soon again on the beach.

France : For the moment no representatives as we and themselves seem not to be able to agree on who is going to represent them. We will ask Yann Goenvec if he is willing to be representative 'ad interim' for France until we find a suitable candidate.

New representatives are Tim Vincent Piper for Denmark, Dominic Heemann for Germany and Matas Mizgiris for Lithuania.

We are waiting for other countries (such as Italy, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland,...) to join us to share ideas, information, problems,...

## 2. Rules

The EBA will draft up a set of European rules . These rules will include equipment rules, rules of the road, starting procedures, formats, point system... Any organization can apply a change to these rules as long as this has been announced in the Notice of Race (NOR). This notice of race should be published at least one month prior to the event. If not all rules from the EBA will apply!

In the mean time (before the EBA rules have been set up) the following points have already been decided :

The one major difference between the IBRA and EBA rules is : THE RIGHT HAND RULE IN MANDATORY. It would be dangerous to have the port – starboard rule to apply as all other beach users use the right hand rule.

Start procedure is 2 minutes (up to maximum 3 minutes depending wind conditions)

Duration of races are from 5' (track) to maximum 15' (big beach). Course should be set in such a way that a minimum of 2 laps are sailed in the time set. If this is not possible then or the course is too big or the wind is too low...

Number of races to have an official event (class A event) is 3 races. A maximum number of races is 20. After 20 races it has been statistically proven that positions between pilots hardly change.

Discards. One discard every 6 races. The first discard after 4 races. E.g. 5 races = 1 discard; 10 races = 1 discard; 13 races = 2 discards; 20 races = 3 discards

Box rule will always apply. Meaning : no changing course, no standing still,... in the box from 10 sec prior to the start.

Low wind conditions. This is always the most feared situation for an organization. Except for the min 2 laps in the set time all the following are guidelines. If 75% of the fleet makes the first mark without scuffing, the race continues. After 75% of the race time has elapsed (e.g. 7,5 minutes in a 10 minute race) a race cannot be stopped but can be shortened (last registered lap counts)

### 3. Events (class A)

National Open Blokart events will be a minimum of 2 days racing. This is the only event that can appoint a national title.

European Championships will be a minimum of 3 days racing.

All these events must be run with transponders. The format must be around the 'cans' (marks) sailing with an as technical as possible course setting with a minimum of 3 marks when possible (an upwind-downwind course can have only 2 marks, but is uberhaupt technical). So no slalom races, no freestyle, no long distance races.

The date must be known at least 6 months prior to the event. Preferably 1 year.

Anybody (club, individuals,...) wanting to organize a class A event must send in an application to the EBA. This application should include date, transponder system used, venue, name of race director,...

Results of class A events must be provided to the EBA.

All other events are class B events (club races, slalom races,...)

#### 4. Registration

Pilots participating in class A races must be registered with the EBA (via the website [www.blokartassociation.eu](http://www.blokartassociation.eu) ). This is for free as long as the EBA doesn't provide an insurance for the registered pilots. The registered pilots will be able to contact each other through the EBA forum and will be able to participate in polls. These polls will be organized to find out the opinion of the pilots on subject like ratched blocks in production, venues for racing,... This registration also will allow to keep track of performances of pilots and maybe in future set up a ranking.

Clubs can register as well. We strongly advise them to do so. This will enable individual pilots to find active clubs near them.

#### 5. Miscellaneous

The EBA will be looking into the possibility to have it's on transponder system. Pilots should also be in the possibility to buy their own transponder (ChipX as this is the transponder used by most!). The EBA will be able to keep track of transponder numbers.

The EBA will try to get some income in the future through merchandising like mugs, t-shirts, sweatshirt, mast protector bags,...