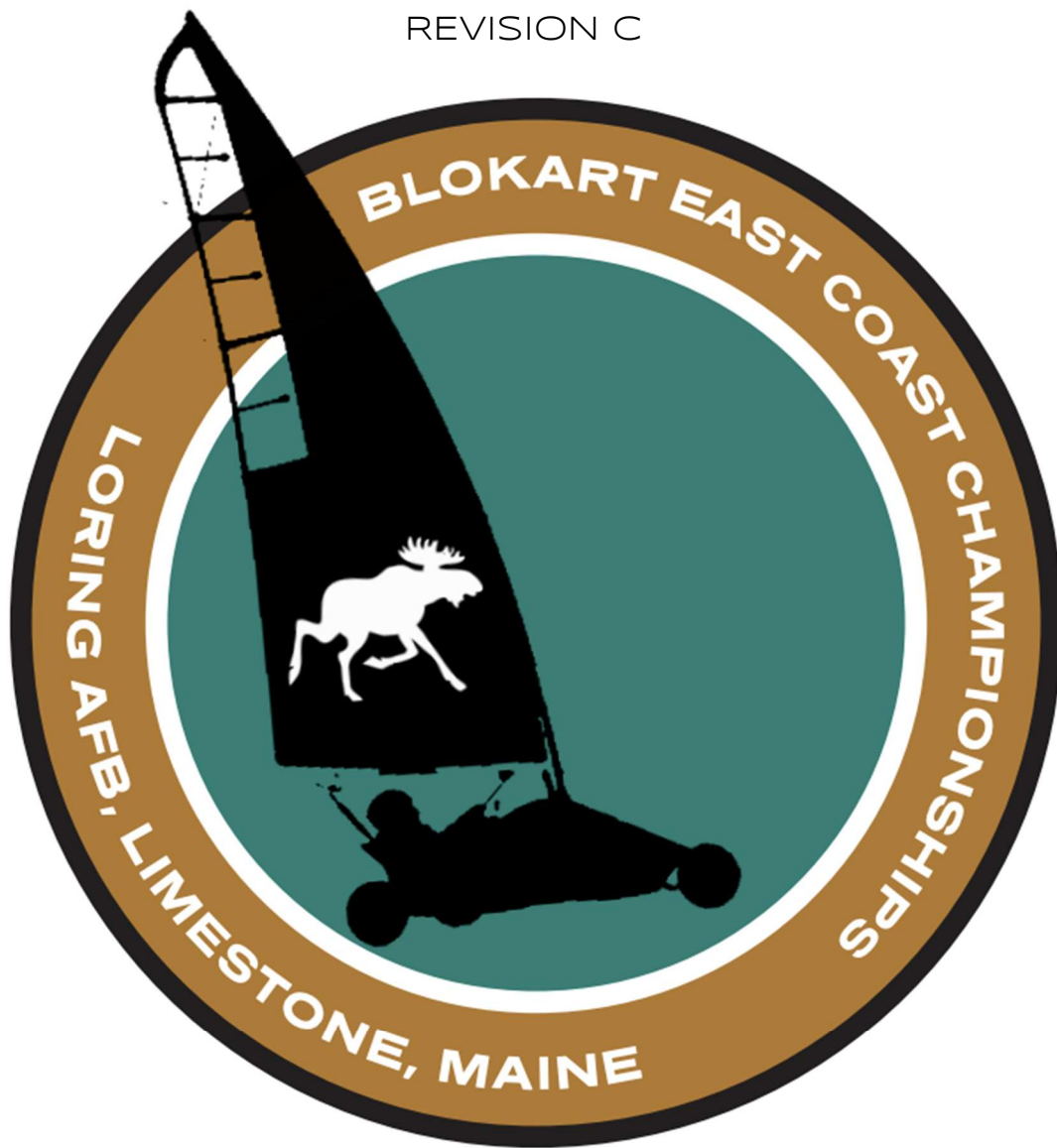


2024 BLOKART EAST COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

REVISION C



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LORING AIR FORCE BASE, LIMESTONE, MAINE, USA

Organized by the New England Land Sailors (NELS) under the North American Blokart Association (NABSA)



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1 Priority of Documents

- 1.1 These Sailing Instructions shall be read in conjunction with the Notice of Race. The Sailing Instructions have priority over the Notice of Race and the [IBRA Rules Edition 9](#), under which this event is being run.
- 1.2 Blokart parts and accessories approved for racing are outlined in the [Approved Accessories List revision 9.01](#), published on the Blokart Worlds website.
- 1.3 The Race Committee may make modifications to the Sailing Instructions, which will be announced at the morning skippers' meeting, a briefing, and/or at the starting line before the dial-up begins. If practicable, modifications may also be posted on the notice board.

2 Schedule

2.1 Proposed schedule, weather permitting:

Wednesday, October 9	
Check-in, Blokart Set-up & Inspection, Open Sailing	All day
Thursday, October 10	
Check-in, Blokart Set-up & Inspection, Open Sailing	Morning
Skippers' Meeting	10 am
Long Course Racing	11 am - 4 pm
Welcome Dinner at Northern Maine Brewing Company	6:30 pm
Friday, October 11	
Skippers' Meeting	9 am
Long Course Racing	10 am - 12 pm
Long Course Racing	1-4 pm
Open Sailing / Venue Circumnavigation	4-5 pm
Dave's Dark-n-Stormy Happy Hour at Hangar	4:30 pm
Social Dinner at Lime Rock Golf Club	6:30 pm
Saturday, October 12	
Skippers' Meeting	9 am
Racing (Long/Close Courses)	9:30-11 am
Color Guard Ceremony	12 pm
Racing (Close Course w/ Commentator)	12:15 - 4 pm
Limestone Octoberfest Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Food Truck / Beer Garden ✓ Shadow Rides / Kart Photo Ops ✓ Cornhole / Pickleball ✓ Wildlife Refuge/Museum Tours 	11 am - 4 pm
Beer Garden (for competitors)	4-6 pm
Awards Ceremony	~6 pm / TBD
Sunday, October 13	
Skippers' Meeting	9 am
Racing & Awards (make-up, if necessary)	10 am - 12 pm
STEM Student Visit / Demo Rides / RC Demo	TBD
Blokart GPS Art Sailing	TBD

- 2.2 Competitors must register and may have their Blokart inspected before racing. Non-racing sailors must sign an insurance waiver, and are asked to consider making a donation to New England Land Sailors (NELS).
- 2.3 No race shall start before 9am. Racing may be extended beyond the scheduled end time at the discretion of the Race Committee, except on Sunday, October 13, when no race shall be started after 12pm. Racing may be finished early at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 2.4 Daily skippers' meetings will occur before racing at the hangar, or at a central point designated by the Principal Race Officer (PRO). Further briefings may be carried out during the day. All competitors must attend briefings.

3 Race Format

- 3.1 Race format will be determined by the PRO and announced at the skippers' meeting, a briefing, or the start line before the dial-up. Races are typically a fixed number of laps with a 2-minute dial-up, but also may be a fixed amount of time with a 2-minute dial-up.
- 3.2 The calculation of divisions will be determined by the Race Committee following entrant registration and posted on the notice board. Preference will be given to run the Gold and Silver fleet separately.
- 3.3 The Race Committee may require divisions to be sailed together, or with staggered starts.
- 3.4 Points will be tallied separately for each division.
- 3.5 Racing order will be announced at daily briefings. Competitors will be re-briefed if the race order is changed.
- 3.6 The PRO may define a finishing window/time limit. Blokarts not finishing within the determined time after the first finisher will be given scores according to their position on the course.
- 3.7 After six(6) races, a competitor's worst single race may be dropped (omitted) from the final series tally. Additional drops can be taken after each subsequent block of eight(8) races (e.g., after races 6, 14, 22, 30).
- 3.8 As soon as is practicable race results will be posted on the notice board, and may be available online via Sailwave. See roster and results here:
[https://www.sailwave.com/results/2024 Blokart East Coast Championships.htm](https://www.sailwave.com/results/2024_Blokart_East_Coast_Championships.htm)

4 Courses

- 4.1 Refer to site plans in Section 14 at the end of this document.
- 4.2 The racing course will be announced at the daily briefing. Competitors will be re-briefed on any course changes. Courses may differ for each fleet.
- 4.3 Each mark will have an overlap zone of 20 meters (67 feet), unless otherwise specified.
- 4.4 The course boundaries and any out-of-bounds areas will be defined during the initial briefing and may be updated at subsequent briefings.

5 Start and Finish Line




- 5.1 The start/finish line will be demarcated at each end by a cone and flag. Per IBRA E.17a,

overlap Rules E.9 and E.10 do not apply to the start line during the race start.

- 5.2 General sailing rules shall apply during the dial-up and race start. The Race Committee may specify a dial-up direction and/or starting tack.
- 5.3 All competitors must cross the start/finish line on each lap of the race in the direction of the first mark. Competitors may only pass through the start/finish line in the direction of the first mark, in accordance with IBRA Rule E.17c.
- 5.4 There will be no OCS flag. Competitors must determine for themselves if they are OCS and return to the dial-up side of the line by sailing around the end of the start line, and must re-cross the start line in the direction of the first mark in compliance with Rule IBRA E.17d. In doing so the competitor must not interfere with any other competitor.

6 Start Procedure

- 6.1 Competitors for the next flight are to assemble in an area designated by the PRO. When the previous race is finished, and it is safe to do so, the PRO will release the flight. Once released, competitors go directly to the start area and remain stationary prior to the start, in accordance with IBRA Rule E.17b.
- 6.2 In compliance with IBRA Rule E.17e, sound signals will take precedence over verbal or visual signals (flags).
- 6.3 The starting sequence is as follows:
 - 1) If needed, the PRO may give several short audible signals as a warning.
 - 2) The PRO will give a verbal countdown and then one audible signal, which defines the start of the two(2) minute dial-up period.
 - 2) At one(1) minute before the start, one audible signal is given, and the green flag is raised.
 - 3) At thirty(30) seconds before the start, one audible signal is given, and the green flag is held horizontally.
 - 4) At zero (0) seconds one long audible signal is given, and the green flag is lowered. The start of the long audible signal is the race start signal.

Warning (if needed)	(short audible signals)	(no flag raised)	
Dial-up period begins	Verbal countdown & 1 audible signal	(no flag raised)	
1 minute before start	1 audible signal	Green flag raised	
30 seconds before start	1 audible signal	Green flag held horizontally	
0 seconds / start	1 long audible signal	Green flag lowered	

- 6.4 A demonstration of the start sequence will be provided to competitors prior to the start of racing on the first day.

7 End of Race Procedure

- 7.1 For a race with a fixed number of laps, the checkered flag is raised to signal the end of the race. For a timed race format, when the race duration is finished an audible signal is given and the checkered flag is raised, and the start of the audible is the end of the race.
- 7.2 A race may be shortened by the PRO who shall raise the orange flag and checkered flags together.
- 7.3 Once competitors have crossed the finish line with the checkered flag raised, they must exit the course immediately.

8 Abandoning a Race

- 8.1 The PRO has the discretion to abandon a race if conditions become unsafe or if there is observed to be an un-sailable section of the course which requires sustained wheeling by competitors, see IBRA Rule E.14.
- 8.2 A race may be abandoned during the dial-up or after the start. A race may also be abandoned after the checkered flag is raised.
- 8.3 The results from any abandoned race will be void and the race re-run when sailing conditions permit.

9 Updated Rules for Event

- 9.1 Sail number, pod number, or a temporary identifying number is required on all blokarts.
- 9.2 Out-of-bounds areas will be defined during the initial briefing and may be updated at subsequent briefings.
- 9.3 No competitor or spectator shall approach the start/finish timing area unless directed by a race official; any competitor who breaks this rule may be disqualified from the next race.
- 9.4 Blokarts must be laid down horizontally or otherwise secured when not in active use.

10 Penalties

- 10.1 Any violation of rules added or modified in these Sailing Instructions or added during briefings shall result in disqualification from a race following successful protest from another competitor, or at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 10.2 Penalties can be exonerated by doing a 360° turn unless otherwise noted as outlined in IBRA Rule F.3.

11 Protests

- 11.1 The protest fee is \$20 USD (cash only at time of protest). The protest fee is refundable if the protest is upheld, or if the protested competitor withdraws, as outlined in the IBRA Rules.
- 11.2 The protest process is encouraged to sort out disputes and infringements that can occur during racing. In accordance with the IBRA Rule G.5, a mediation meeting will run prior to the formal protest hearing to give an opportunity for competitors to discuss and agree on an outcome.
- 11.3 Per IBRA Rule G.2, a protesting competitor has one (1) hour after the finish of the race in

which the incident occurred to file a protest. The form must indicate the rule or sailing instruction alleged to be infringed.

12 Emergency

- 12.1 In the event of a race-related emergency, all competitors must cease racing and return to the start/finish area and await further instructions. All persons not racing must await and follow instructions issued by event or race officials.
- 12.2 Race-related emergencies will be indicated by any of the following:
- a) Raising a black flag and an orange flag together
 - b) Three (3) blasts of the race horn
 - c) Audible announcement
- 12.3 Upholding IBRA Rule A.9 regarding accidents is crucial to competitor safety and the ability to respond quickly to an emergency. The racing area at Loring is expansive, and visibility is limited.
- 12.4 In the case of an event-wide emergency, all participants shall follow instructions given by event officials. Emergency service information will be posted in the hangar and on the notice board.

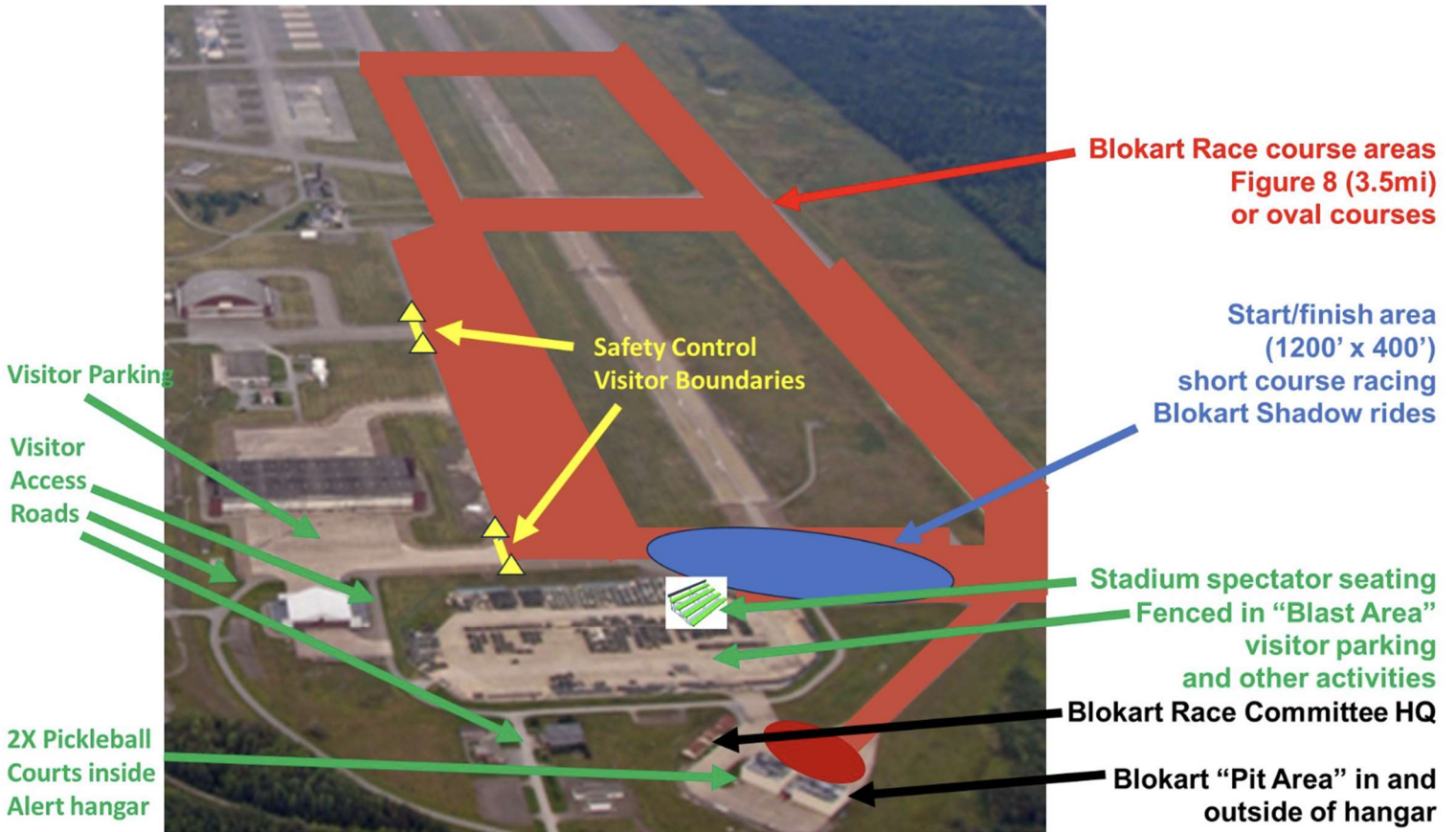
13 Additional Event Reminders

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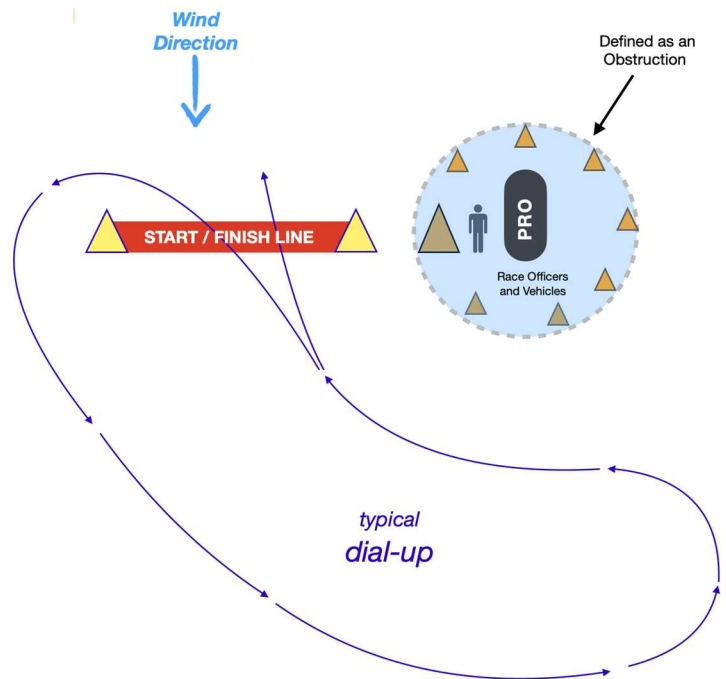
14 Site Maps

14.1 Event Area



14.2 Example Start/Finish Line

Competitors must honor safety cones marking the RC timing area, which is defined as an obstruction.



14.3 Race Course Areas



- Perimeter sailing area (~6 miles)**
- Figure-eight course, 1st and 3rd Crossovers (~4.5 miles)**
- Figure-eight course, 1st and 2nd Crossovers (~3.5 miles)**
- Dial-up and start/finish area**
- Main runway length: ~2 miles**