



WAORC UHF Communication procedure

UHF communication will be included in the WAORC sporting regulation from 2017 and will become an added tool to aid safe and effective overtaking. Competitors are reminded that this is an added tool and that a vigilant navigator should still be checking the mirrors and watching for upcoming traffic.

Overtaking procedure

1. The overtaking vehicle should identify the number of the vehicle you are intending to overtake as well as yourself and note that you have caught them.

“Vehicle One Five Zero, Vehicle One Five Zero this is vehicle One Eight Zero we are behind you”

Please note that if you cannot identify which vehicle is in front of you, than you are most likely not close enough or have not caught up enough to be in a position to overtake

2. Vehicle that is being overtaken should check mirrors. From here they can assess options
 - a. Move over to allow overtake without acknowledging call
 - b. Acknowledge call noting intent to pull over for pass and pull over where safe, if this is a short distance

“Vehicle One Eight Zero, Vehicle One Eight Zero, this is vehicle One Five Zero, will pull off to (left or right)”

- c. Acknowledge call advising to wait for more suitable section for overtaking. Only to be used if currently in a section not safe for overtaking, eg. Cropped sections of track

“Vehicle One Eight Zero, Vehicle One Eight Zero, this is vehicle One Five Zero, waiting for clear section to pull over”

- d. If vehicle is not close enough (not visible in mirrors at all) call advising that they have called too early. This is only to be used if the vehicle overtaking is not in sight and have called far too early with intent to overtake

“Vehicle One Eight Zero Vehicle One Eight Zero, this is vehicle One Five Zero, Have no visual, call again when closer”

3. Once vehicle has overtaken a brief message of thanks is welcomed as a gesture of good sportsmanship

“Thanks Vehicle One Eight Zero”

Key items to ensure this system will work correctly

- Do not solely rely on UHF. A UHF may be broken, do not assume that because you have not been called a car which has caught you is not intending to pass
- All competitors to the best of their ability should set vehicles up to be able to transmit and receive clearly whilst in full race conditions
- Incorrect use of this system to either falsely call competitors or failing to allow overtaking may result in a charge being laid. Competitors are to be reminded that in order for a charge to be laid they need to fill out an incident report as provided in the competitor pack and hand that to the CRO
- Respect each other whilst on track and understand that the UHF channels will be monitored and race control can request to check distance between vehicles as cars go past SOS points if repeated calls are being ignored
- Clearly identify both vehicle numbers when calling competitors. This will help a competitor know when they are being called as opposed to other calls for other competitors to be overtaken. This will also help with disputes should an incident report be lodged
- If a stuck mic situation occurs, a board may be held out at the start line advising of a change of channel for car to car communication
- Be realistic with your request to overtake and when you are being overtaken. Consider the start interval eg. 1 minute. If a car is close enough to identify you, they have more than likely caught you
- Efficient communication and overtaking procedures will lead to less time loss for both the vehicle overtaking and the vehicle being overtaken
- Remember safety first when overtaking and racing in the dust is paramount. If it is not safe to overtake, remain calm and communicate that you are looking for the next available opportunity to overtake

Please note that your UHF must be hardwired in terms of power source. The type is free as long as it can transmit and receive calls clearly which can be heard and understood by the crew of each vehicle whilst running at race pace

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