



Marangoni Production BMW Championship- Racing with Faster Cars 2012

This is some well meaning advice for drivers intending to race in the P8RS series rounds. P8RS will have some much faster cars (although they will also have some which will not be any quicker than our cars), the advice below was written specifically for the P8RS Series but also applies to any event you race in with cars which are lapping you.

In addition to the P8R Driving standards rules, there are some other considerations for PBMWC drivers entering rounds of the P8RS Series.

We are likely to be lapped during a race. There is a large speed differential between the classes and we need to remain aware of what is going on outside of our own class, in which we will be battling for position.

We are not only entitled, but are encouraged take the racing line at all times including through the corners. Faster cars will be aware of where you are going to be because it will be the racing line and therefore they can find the best way around you. Any sudden deviation from the norm, which we might believe is being helpful to the faster cars, could cause an accident as it is, by definition, unexpected.

The P8RS drivers will be made aware of this, and with their superior power, they should be able to negotiate safely past us if they are sure that we will continue to take the racing line. It is all too easy to forget what is behind or beside, if you are locked in a battle with the driver in front. Please check your mirrors frequently.

The P8RS drivers will be asked to respect our class battles, and to not use us as an opportunity to create space between themselves, by using us as a block. However, there will be times when this will occur and we should be helpful to the driver who has been disadvantaged.

If you are battling for a place and are the car behind, please do not try and take advantage of a lapping car to tag onto the back of it and try and take a place.

We should be able to forecast the likely lap number in which lapping will begin, and will endeavour to inform everyone prior to the race start.

P8RS will use the P8R Driving Standards Observers to police their series with a view to removing the worst excesses of poor driving, which can lead to unnecessary damage and hugely increased cost.

We will also be observed so let's ensure that we meet the required standard.