



BRITISHROWING

National Umpiring Committee

Radio Protocol

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Radio Protocol

- Accuracy
 - Brevity
 - Clarity
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- These are particularly important during an emergency.
 - Take a few seconds to compose yourself and deal with the incident first.

Radio Protocol

- Prowords: a sample
 - **OUT**
 - This is the end of my transmission and no answer is required or expected
 - **OVER**
 - This is the end of my transmission and a response is required
 - **ROGER**
 - I have received your last transmission satisfactorily
 - **ROGER SO FAR**
 - Have you received the section of message that I have sent you, or
 - I have received the section of message that you have sent me
 - **SAY AGAIN**
 - Repeat all of your last transmission
 - **SEND**
 - I have received your initial call; pass on the rest of your message
 - **WAIT**
 - I must pause for a few seconds
 - **WAIT OUT**
 - I must pause for longer than a few seconds and I will get back to you

Radio Protocol

- **Initial engagement, pick a format (Offering)**
 - Some like “You, you, this is me, over”
 - “Control Commission, Control Commission, this is Start, over”
 - “Finish, Finish, this is Aligner, over”
 - “Fred, Fred, this is John, over”
 - Others like “Hello you, this is me, over”
 - “Hello Control Commission, this is Start, over”
 - “Hello Finish, this is Aligner, over”
 - “Hello Fred, this is John, over”
- Either is fine, repeating the recipient gives everyone a chance to pick up or pay attention to the radio, as does the “Hello”.

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- **Respond clearly**

It is important to identify yourself when responding

- “Start, this is Control Commission receiving, over”
- “Hello Aligner, Finish receiving, send”
- “Hello John, Fred here, send”

Or simply

- “Control Commission send, over”

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Addressing all points

- Don't wait for a response and don't say "over"!
 - "All points, all points, this is Start, last crew has started, out"
- Warn other points if the message is complicated or they need to prepare
 - "All points, all points, this is Control, race result updates following in 30 seconds, out"
- You can pick random points for acknowledgement
 - ".... Race 23 retimed to 13:15, acknowledge umpire 2, over"

Long Message Procedure

There are occasions when you will need to send a long message for example in a redraw situation.

- Break it down into manageable sections and obtain confirmation that the other station(s) are keeping up with your rate of send.
- So for example:
 - “ Hello start this is race control, long message over”
 - “ Start send over”
 - “ Race control, races 4 and 5 have been redrawn as follows, Race 4 Newcastle lane 1, Derby Lane 2, Imperial lane 3, City of Oxford lane 4, Roger So Far, over”
 - “Start, Roger So Far over”
 - Race control, Race 5, Magdalen lane 1, Ardingly lane 2, Yare lane 3, Cambois lane 4, over”
 - Start ,roger , out”

Long Message Procedure 2

Or, Start may respond:

“Start, say again all after Magdalen, over”

- In which case, Race control will respond:

“Race Control, Ardingly lane 2, Yare lane 3, Cambois lane 4, over”
(maybe slightly slower than before)

- Hopefully, Start will come back and respond:

“ Start, Roger, out”

- Remember, Accuracy, Brevity and Clarity.
- Try and avoid getting into a conversation. The calling station will provide all of the information that it deems the receiving station needs to proceed. If it is not clear you can respond with another message.

Radio Protocol

MAYDAY MAYDAY MAYDAY

In the event of a serious incident involving an immediate danger to life the following radio call must be made by the nearest official:

“Mayday Mayday Mayday All Stations, this is [the Start] My position is [at the 1000m start]. We have [a suspected heart attack in the XX crew and the crew member is in serious difficulty]. We require immediate assistance from the emergency services. [One of the crew is giving external heart massage.] [The crew is on the south bank] All Stations, this is [the start] Over.”

All stations apart from ESA, [Regatta Control], First Aid and the official on the scene must maintain radio silence until the emergency is resolved. Racing will be suspended and will not resume until confirmation is received from Race Committee Chairman [via Regatta Control].

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PAN-PAN, PAN-PAN

For a less serious incident where there is no immediate danger to life.

- On hearing this everyone should:
 - Maintain radio silence while the incident is dealt with
 - Pay attention in case they are required to assist
- When the incident is over the station who broadcast the warning should send a transmission clearing it

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International Phonetic Alphabet

Useful for giving spellings as there is no danger of S being mistaken for F, or M for N etc.

A Alpha

B Bravo

C Charlie

D Delta

E Echo

F Foxtrot

G Golf

H Hotel

I India

J Juliet

K Kilo

L Lima

M Mike

N November

O Oscar

P Papa

Q Quebec

R Romeo

S Sierra

T Tango

U Uniform

V Victor

W Whiskey

X X-ray

Y Yankee

Z Zulu

Radio Protocol

DO NOT

- Swear!
- Ramble
- Talk over other transmissions
- Change channels for privacy unless unavoidable (use mobiles)
- Say OVER AND OUT!

RowSafe

Additional information regarding radio procedures can be found in RowSafe:

<https://www.britishrowing.org/about-us/policies-guidance/rowsafe/>



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