

USTCC and DTS opened up to WTCC-spec cars

World Touring Car Championship-spec cars will be allowed to race in national series in the United States and Dominican Republic from 2013.

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WTCC general manager Marcello Lotti met with United States Touring Car Championship promoter Ali Arsham and Henry Krausz, president of the Dominican National Sporting Authority that promotes the Dominican Touring Series, at the WTCC Sonoma weekend.

"I am quite pleased that both Ali and Henry agreed on opening their series to the WTCC-spec cars," said Lotti.

"This further enhances the FIA's strategy to expand the S2000 technical regulations to national championships worldwide."

Arsham explained: "From next year we will accept the WTCC cars in both the current (1.6L turbo) and the old (2.0L normally aspirated) configurations.

"They will race alongside our standard categories and we will put in place a system to balance the performance on track."

Krausz added: "Right now the former WTCC 2.0-litre cars – BMW, SEAT, Honda and Chevrolet – are the backbone of DTS. From 2013 we will open to the new 1.6L turbo cars as well."