

# RACE OFFICIALS NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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**THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS FOR UMPIRES**

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## Incident Recall

- How many Yellow cars did you pass on your journey to Wyboston?
- Our senses, receive many times the amount of information than we can record
- Our brains only record what it thinks is important at the time.
- Unfortunately, our brains also distort the record to fit previous experience.



## Incident Recall

- When we are racing, our brains process a huge amount of information.
- Any that is not needed in the future is discarded almost immediately – for instance the position of other boats that will not affect us.
- When an incident occurs, our brains search for the pictures.
- Those it cannot find, it makes up, to fit other things it knows.



## **Umpiring is largely about avoiding this**

- We cannot afford to wait for an incident and then try to recall what happened and then make a decision.
- This will be very unreliable and take too long.
- The chances of two umpires agreeing (let alone the competitors) is not very high.
- We have to prepare to observe and we must have a process.



## Part 2 Decisions

- Disputes arising from a Part 2 incident may be divided into two categories
  - Disputes about the facts
  - Application of the rules
- Umpires constantly agree the facts and apply the rules, so they do not have a dispute between them.

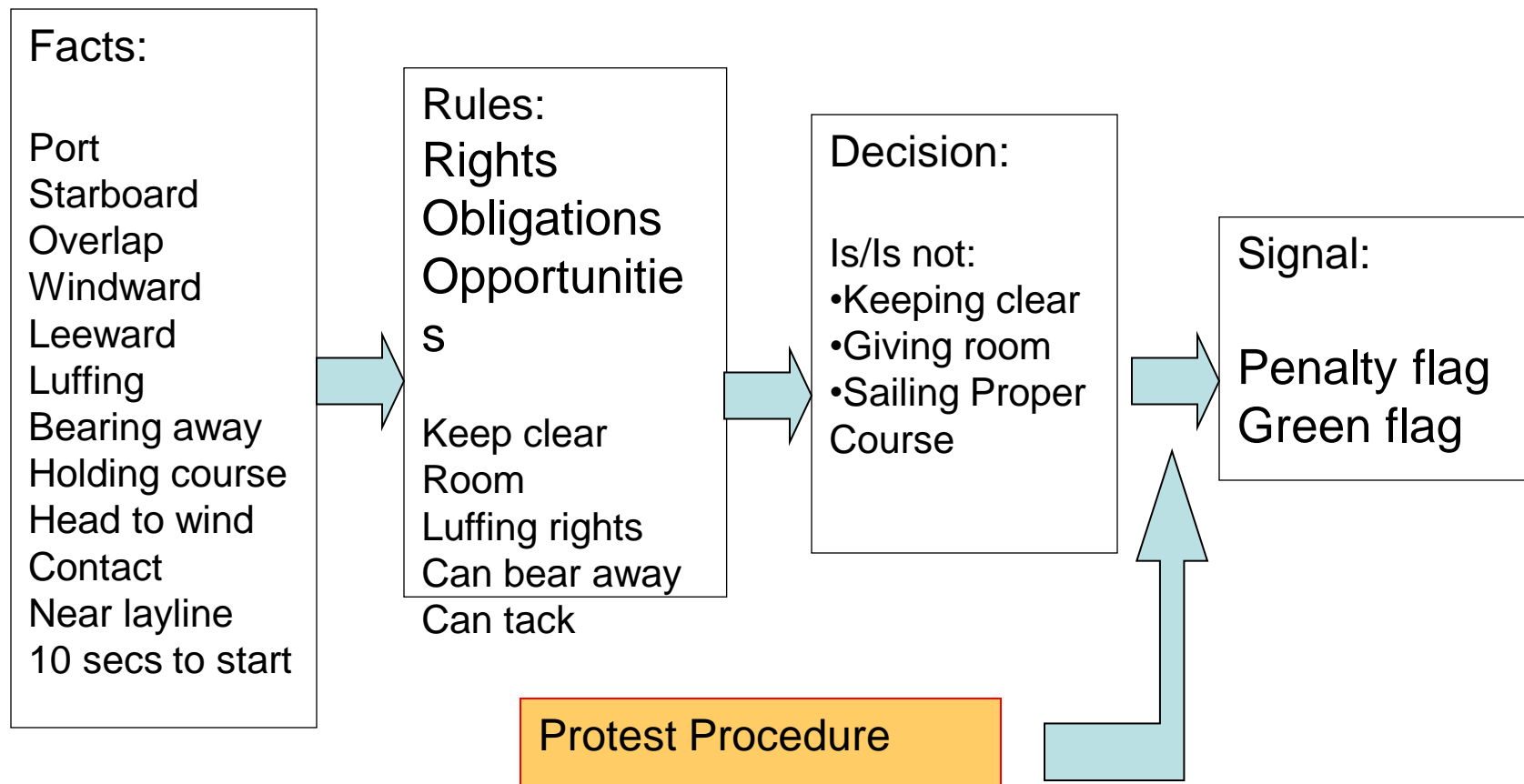


## Part 2 Decisions

- Fortunately, the vast majority of decisions come down to one or two facts.
- If we anticipate what those facts will be, then we can really focus to make sure we see them properly.

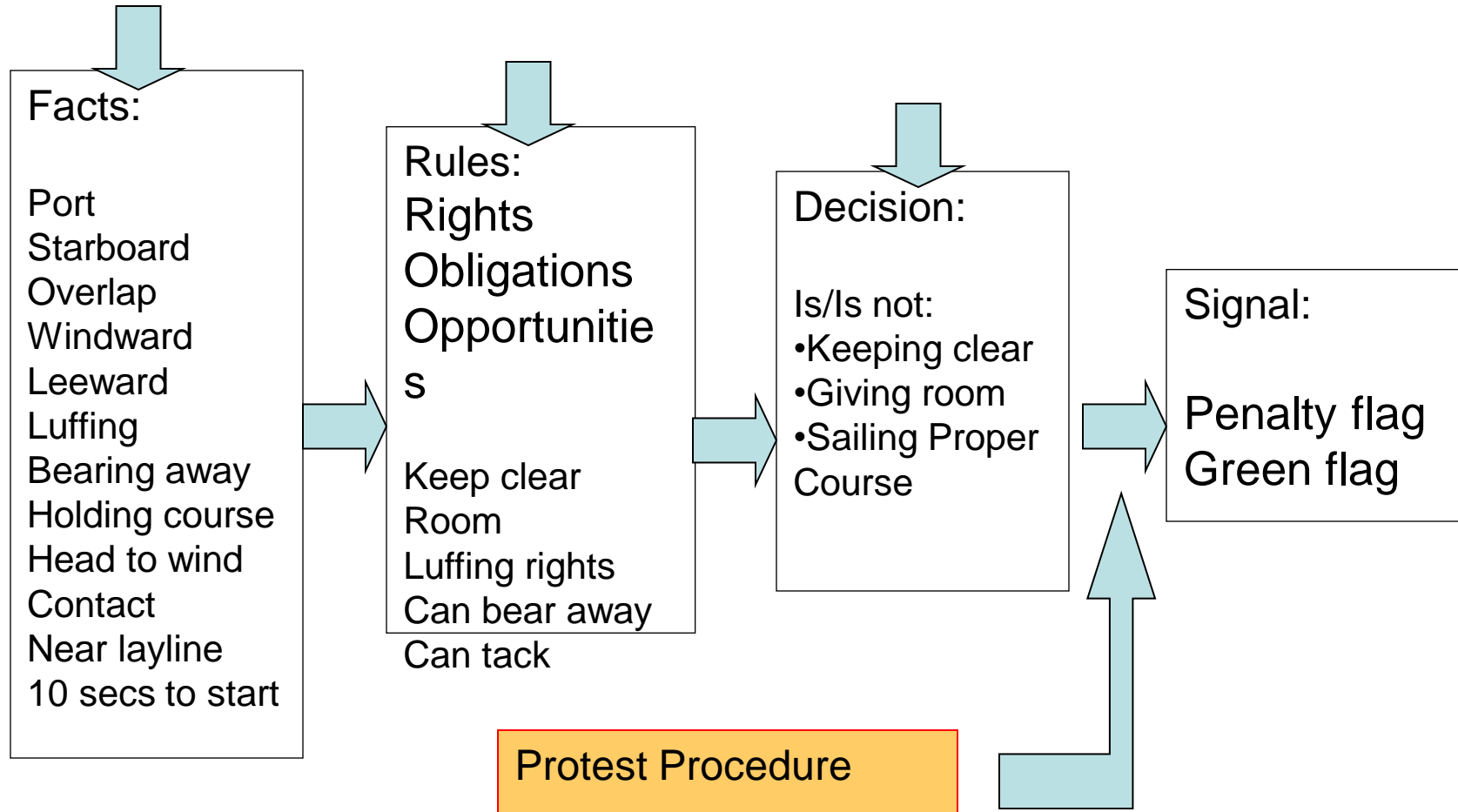


# Decision Making Process





# Umpire Conversation Options







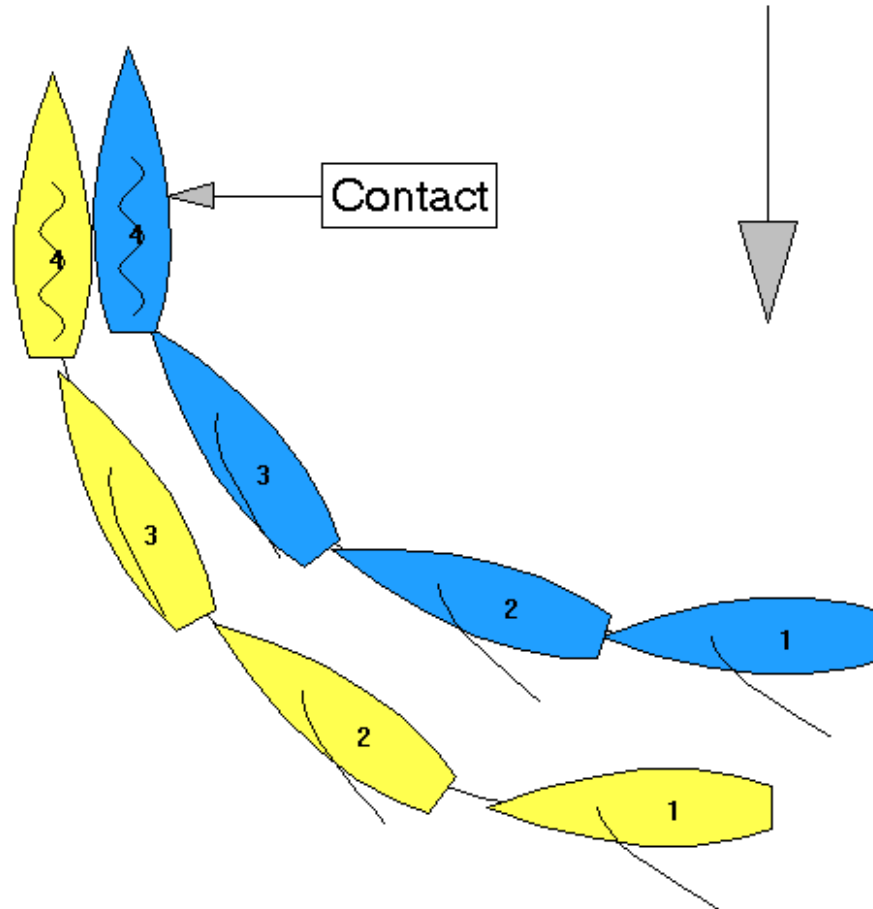
## Umpire Conversation Options

By communicating at the Decision Stage of the process

- Minimise disagreement
- Avoid repetition of agreed facts
- Make prompt decisions
- **Make better decisions**
- Available for next incident



# Luffing situation 1- 4





# Umpire Decisions

- Agree
- Disagree
- Did not see (my job was to watch the other boat)



## Umpire Decisions

- The problems of single person umpiring
  - Cannot see everything
  - Driving, observing, signalling
- Follow one boat
  - Talk to yourself
  - Change the talk – ‘You must give me room’