

# Protests Checklist

1. **Make sure you have one experienced person available to lead proceedings should any protests occur.**
2. **Make sure you have available experienced people for a protest committee.**
3. Make sure you have a copy of the current “**Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS)**” available. A copy can be downloaded or printed from <http://www.accessclass.org/> - **Technical Section**.
4. Make sure you have a copy of “**ACA(UK) Special Class Rules - January 2012**” (this is included in the events pack).
5. Please make sure the protest committee is made aware of the rules that have to be taken into account by protest committees laid out in the “**ACA(UK) Sailing Instructions - January 2012**”, namely rules 10.1 to 10.4 .
6. **Your attention is brought to rule 10.4** of the “ACA(UK)Sailing Instructions – Jan 2010 (Amended February)” which makes allowance for settling protests before a protest committee hearing (specifying options and penalties). The Association will make every effort to have an advisor available to anyone using rule 10.4 if the host club cannot provide one.
7. We recommend the organisers **strongly encourage** using the S.I. rule 10.4 process with an advisor before any protest hearing is considered. *(please note this extract from rule 10.4 In event of such an incident being the subject of a protest or protests, all parties to the protest(s) must agree to the taking of this alternative points penalty. If there is no such agreement, the protest(s) shall be heard)* The outcome of the rule 10.4 process will be either a withdrawal of the protest, an acceptance of the prescribed penalty or a full protest hearing. It is our belief that giving people the opportunity to settle before the need for a full hearing can potentially save much time.
8. **Simple Protest Forms are provided in the resource pack** but its ok for you to use your club’s or the RYA’s Protest Forms if you prefer.