

Defence – Talking to partner.

What your cards mean depends on where you sit.
 Player 3 does the opposite of player 1.

1st Player: Opening leads

1. Lead **top** of a sequence of 2 or 3 honours. KQJ4, QJ104, KQ109, QJ98
2. The lead of a low card **promises** an honour. Lead your 4th highest. KJ92, Q942, J864
3. A big card **denies** an honour. From small cards lead the top. 82 643

Contract 3NT

Dummy
 ♠ AQ432
 ♥ 72
 ♦ 652
 ♣ A62

You
 ♠ 93
 ♥ QJ109
 ♦ KQ103
 ♣ K75

1. Spade suit; lead 9 (no interest)
2. Heart suit; Lead Q
2. Diamond suit; lead K
3. Club suit; lead 5 (small promises big)

3rd Player: Following to partner's lead

1. When following suit, play the **bottom** of a sequence. KQJ, QJ109, J1098
2. Following with a low card shows no interest in the suit. It's **discouraging**.
3. Following with a big card shows that you **encourage** partner to continue. Partner leads the Ace - Play the 9 from K94

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You
 ♠ 9
 ♥ QJ1096
 ♦ KQ83
 ♣ 875

1. Partner leads ♥3 follow suit with ♥9
2. partner leads ♦A encourage with ♦8
3. Partner leads ♣3, dummy plays A, follow with 5 (small denies big)

Leading against notrumps ; If you don't have a sequence

Lead a low card from a holding with any honour including the Ace

Leading against a suit contract ;If you don't have a sequence

Lead a low card from any suit with a King Queen or Jack

NB: DON'T lead a low card from an Ace against a suit contract.

Important - try and avoid opening up new suits for declarer!

Discards - your first discard should be from a suit that you DON'T want.