

## STAMFORD BRIDGE CLUB

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**THIRD HAND PLAY AGAINST  
NO TRUMP CONTRACTS  
& RULE OF ELEVEN  
Revision**

## AIMS OF THE DEFENCE

- 1 TO DEFEAT THE CONTRACT**
- 2 TO LIMIT DECLARER'S TRICKS**
- 3 TO AVOID GIVING AWAY TRICKS**

## COMMUNICATE WITH PARTNER

**BRIDGE IS A **PARTNERSHIP** GAME**

**Partner leads ♣5 against 3NT**

**What do we know?**

**What does your partner hold in the ♣ suit?**

**Can you work it out?**

Use **THE RULE OF 11**

**YOU TAKE THE NUMBER LED (5)  
AWAY FROM 11 = 6**

**This is the number of clubs bigger  
than the 5 in the other 3 hands  
(dummy, yours and declarer)**

**YOU CAN SEE DUMMY AND YOUR  
HAND SO WHAT'S LEFT IS HELD BY  
DECLARER.**

You as East hold ♣A ♣J ♣7

What do you play at trick one?

- a) If dummy has 6 4 3
- b) If dummy has Q 9 3

**With two or more touching high  
cards, play the lower one, e.g. Jack  
from Q J. This can help partner to  
work out where the high cards are.**