

STAMFORD BRIDGE CLUB

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PLAY IN NO TRUMP CONTRACTS

Revision

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**PLAYING IN
NO TRUMPS”**

SOME BASIC RULES

- **Evaluate the contract**
- **Count winners and certain losers**
- **Identify sources of additional tricks**
- **Identify threats (SWOT)**
- **(listen to the bidding)**
- **Plan the play carefully**

SOME MORE BASIC RULES

- **Don't play on the opponents' suit**
- **Entries – preserve them**
- **Communication – ensure yours and break the defence's**
- **Don't be afraid to lose the lead**
- **Establish extra tricks BEFORE cashing winners**

BLOCKED SUITS AND UNBLOCKING THEM

- A brief reminder.

If you have a long suit with lots of winners (or even one extra) you want to make use of (or 'enjoy') all of them.

Preserve entries

Look for blocked suits and plan the play.

E.g. **A K** **Q J 10 9 8 7**
A 7 4 3 2 **9 8 6 5**

A couple of hands ...