



Signalling

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Signalling to Partner

- ♣ Two main occasions when you can signal to your Partner
 1. When you are playing a card in the suit led
 2. When you are discarding, i.e. you do not have a card in the suit led
- ♣ In either case, you would not play a card that is a potential winner
- ♣ We will look at both the above types of signalling
- ♣ Some partners also signal a “Count” – not being covered today

Signalling to Partner with a card in the suit led

- ♠ This is often referred to by the term “Attitude”.
- ♠ Used when responding to Partner’s lead.
 - ♥ A high card is “encouraging” – *Please lead a card in this suit to me*
 - ♥ A low card is “discouraging” – *I do not want you to lead this*
- ♠ Robson: *“High for Aye, Low for No”*
- ♠ Do not use honour cards (potential winners) and treat high as >6; low as <6.
- ♠ Some partnerships use “Reverse attitude” – Low encouraging; high discouraging.

Signalling to Partner with a discard

- ♣ There are many variations, but I will mention four methods:
“Attitude”; “Dodds”; “Revolving”; and “McKenney”.
- ♣ I use McKenney with most partners and prefer it
 - ♦but it is a little complicated to use at first.
- ♣ A fuller explanation of McKenney follows but first I will talk briefly about the three other types.

Signalling to Partner with a discard (cont.)



Attitude:

- ◆ You discard a high card in the suit you would like led to you
- ◆ You discard a low card in a suit you would not like to be led to you

Signalling to Partner with a discard (cont.)



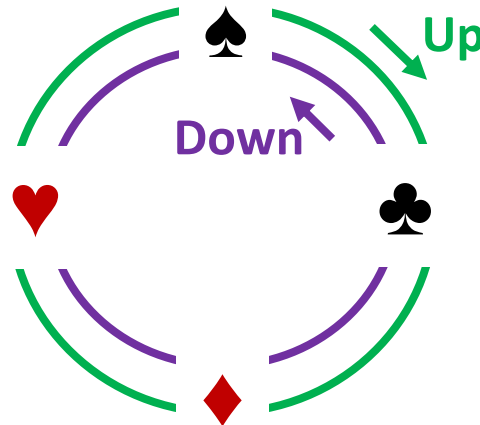
Dodds:

- ♥ You discard an even card in a suit if you would like a card led to you from that suit
- ♥ You discard an odd card in a suit if you would like a card led to you from the other suit of the same colour

Signalling to Partner with a discard (cont.)

◆ Revolving:

- ♣ You discard a high card in a suit if you would like a card led to you from the next higher suit
- ♣ You discard a low card in a suit if you would like a card led to you from the next lower suit of the same colour



McKenney signalling

- ♠ Used when you cannot play the suit led
- ♥ You wish partner to lead a particular suit to you when she has the lead
- ♦ Use a card in another suit, rather than wasting one of the suit you want
- ♣ A high card asks your partner to lead from the higher of the remaining two suits
- ♠ A low card asks your partner to lead from a lower of the remaining two suits

McKenney signalling - examples

Card led – that I have none of	Choice of signals					Suit I would like partner to lead to me
♠	Low	♦	or	Low	♥	♣
	Low	♣	or	High	♥	♦
	High	♣	or	High	♦	♥
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