

OPENING LEADS

STANDARD LEADS

- a. Lead the top of touching honors KQJ QJ10
- b. Lead second highest from touching honors AJ10 KJ10
- c. Lead high from any doubleton 94 J7
- d. If you have to lead from a 3 card suit to an honor, it's better to lead from a K than a Q. K will usually survive to take a trick.

LEADS AGAINST SUIT CONTRACTS

- a. The best lead is the top of touching honors
- b. If partner has bid a suit – LEAD IT
- c. Lead trump if the opponents have each bid a suit of their own and have settled on a third suit
- d. If all other leads look hopeless,, lead trump

WHEN NOT TO LEAD SINGLETONS OR DOUBLETONS

- a. If you give up a potential trump trick by ruffing
- b. If you have 4 or more trump, try to lead declarer's short suit to force him to ruff, this reduces his number of trumps

LEADS AGAINST NT

- a. Attack by leading 4th best from your longest/strongest suit. Length prevails over strength, holding Q965 10985 73 853 Lead heart 10
- b. Lead partner's suit first, if he has bid
- c. Avoid leading from a 4-card suit headed by AQ or AJ
- d. Leading from Jxxx usually doesn't work well for your side
- e. If you have a bad hand, try to determine partner's suit and lead it

LEADS AGAINST SLAMS

- a. Make attacking leads
- b. If you have an Ace, you might play it to get a signal from partner however, do NOT lead an Ace if you have potential winners in Other suits