

Trump management précis

There are times when you should take out trumps and other occasions when you shouldn't!

The decisions come down to:

- Take out all trumps immediately

You will have sufficient tricks in the side suits to make your contract – unless the Opponent ruff your winners

- Take out some of the trumps

After taking out some trumps; you will be happy for the opposition to take his boss trump(s) when he likes because you will then be able to use trumps from both hands to win tricks separately

- Don't play on trumps immediately but discard losers before the opposition can get to their tricks
- Don't play on trumps immediately, but ruff losers in the short trump hand

The accompanying Bid & Play hands will demonstrate the logic in the above.