# **Signals and Communication**

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If you pay attention to your partners' signals, you will definitely have better results!

Think about it: You are going to be on defense 50% of the time.
(66% if you exclude being dummy)
Why not get better at this aspect of the game.

 The key to good defense is watching your partners signals!

# Guidelines for playing cards of equal value:

From Q J 10

When leading a suit, always play the highest of equals:

lead the Q

When **responding** to a lead, play the 10

### Which card should you play?

1. North (Dummy)

West 9 6 3 East (You)
2 J 10 7

2. North (Dummy)
West 963 East (You)

2 J 10 8 3. North (Dummy)
West Q 10 8 5 Fast (You)

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West Q 10 8 5 East (You) K J 9 6

4. North (Dummy)
West Q 6 4 East (You)

The benefit of upside-down attitude signals

#### Preserving suit strength.

A defender might like to show count or attitude in a suit like KT82, but a standard count or attitude signal here would require the 8. This could be a valuable card.

Theoretically, it's more practical to discard a high spot card from a lousy holding like 872.

## Upside Down Signals

- Give Attitude when partner leads
  - a LOW card is encouraging
  - a HIGH card is discouraging

#### **First Discard**

A high card: I do not want this suit

A low card: I do want this suit

You have no diamonds and you want to signal a spade. What would you play from your spades?

♠ KQ852

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What would you play from your hearts to indicate you do not want a heart?

**10752** 

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#### Attitude

(when your partner leads)

Partner leads an ACE and you do not like the suit, what should you play from 8 5 2?

- The 8 implies DO NOT CONTINUE
- The 2 implies PLEASE CONTINUE

A Club is led and your partner wins the trick, now you have the opportunity to signal to your partner the suit you prefer.

**♦** A K 9 **♦** 9 7 2

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How would you signal a heart?

a)Spades are trump D9

b)Diamonds are trump 58

West leads the Q against a suit contract.

North (Dummy) 10 4 3

West (Partner)
Q J 5

East (You) K 8 6 2

South (Declarer) A 9 7

Shout with the 2!

Make your signals as clear as possible and bring a smile to partner's face.

#### FIRST DISCARD

A Club is lead and you are void in clubs. Your partner takes the trick and you would like to signal attitude for the suit you would like. Spades are trump.

**Dummy** 



You



9732 AQ32

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#### **Suit Preference**

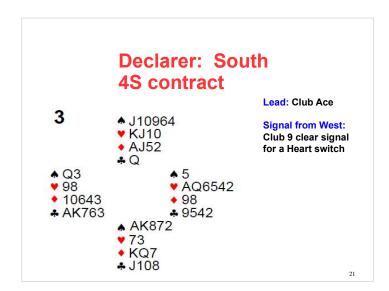
When you need to tell your partner what suit to lead, you show suit preference when these opportunities arise:

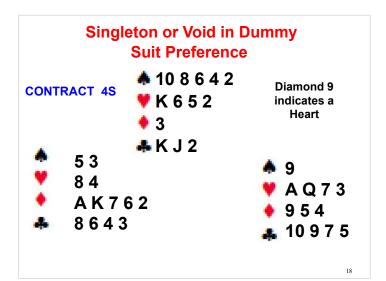
- 1. Dummy is showing a void or singleton
- 2. An opportunity for two ruffs

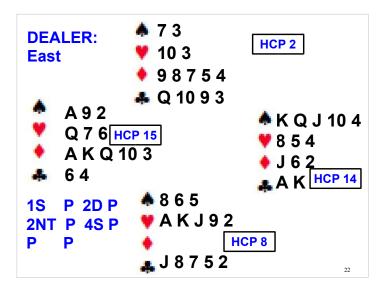
#### **Standard Suit Preference Signals**

- · High card = Please lead a higher suit
- · Low card = Please lead a lower suit

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A K 9 2
A 7 5 3
B 7 3

• You lead the A of hearts and partner plays the 6

• You play the K of hearts and partner plays the 8

• What should you play next?

The contract is 4 Spades

By to indicate a Diamond

# **Summary**

#### **1.Tip:**

Respond with the lowest equal card: Lead with the highest equal card.

2.Give Upside down attitude:

(Low – Like High- Do not Like)
Partner leads
First Discard

- 3. Suit Preference Opportunities
  - Singleton or void in Dummy
  - Ruffing opportunity

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# **Most Important**

- 1.Establish a plan for defense with your partner
- 2.Watch your partner's signals!!!!!

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Tip: How to tell partner that you have the J when partner has lead from AK North (Dummy)

10 7 6

West (Partner)
A K 4 2

East (You) Q J 8 3

South (Declarer) 9 5

If you wish partner to cross to your hand at trick 2, you can signal if you have the Q J holding.

Play the Q. The Q says I have the J or I have a singleton! Always!!!! At least in a 2