

Trump Suit Management



Mistakes With The Trump Suit

- a. Pull trump too soon.
- b. Delay pulling trump until too late.
- c. Ruffing with trump in the hand with long trump.

A thought to keep in mind: ***Pull trump as soon as you can, unless you have a reason not to do so.***

When Should You ***Not*** Pull Trump?

- a. When dummy has a short suit and you need to ruff.
- b. When you need trump as transportation between hands.
- c. When you need to cross ruff.
- d. When you have a poor trump suit and might lose control of the hand.
- e. When you don't have the top trump and you have a loser to get rid of.

When You Need To Discard A

Loser.

Contract 4 ♥

♠ 4 2

♥ K J 10 9 5 4

♦ 5 4

♣ K

♣ A 9 6

♠ K Q

♥ Q 8 7 3 2

♦ A K Q

♣ 8 5 3

When You Need Trump For Transportation.

Contract 6 ♥

♣ K

♠ 5 4 2

♥ A K J 5

♦ J 5 4

♣ 9 6 5

♠ A Q J 10

♥ Q 8 7 3 2

♦ A K

♣ A 3

When You Need to Cross-Ruff

Contract 5 

 K

 A 8 5 2

 K J 5 3

 K J 7 2

 5

 9

 9 7

 A Q 5 4 3

 A J 6 4 2

Dummy Reversal

Contract 4 ♥

♠ K

♠ J 7 4 2

♥ K 10 9

♦ A K 7

♣ A 4 3

♠

♥ A Q J 3 2

♦ 10 5 6

♣ J 10 7 5 2

When You Need to Ruff Losers in

Dummy

Contract 4 ♥

♠ K

♠ A 8 6 4

♥ A 5 3

♦ 7 2

♣ 8 5 4 2

♠ 9 7

♥ K Q J 9 7 4

♦ 9 4 3

♣ A K

When **Do** You Pull Trump?

1. When you do not need to ruff losers in dummy.
2. When the opponents might ruff some of your winners.
3. When you have a long side suit ready to run.
4. When you have total control of the trump suit.

Pull Trump When You Have Total Control of the Trump Suit

Contract 6 ♥

♠ K

♠ A 8 6 2

♥ A 8 5 3

♦ 4 2

♣ 8 5 4

♠ 9 7

♥ K Q J 9 7 4

♦ A K 3

♣ A K

Pull Trump When You Have Total Control of the Trump Suit

Contract 6 ♥

♠ K

♠ A 8 6 2

♥ A 8 5

♦ Q 2

♣ 8 6 5 4

♠ 9 7

♥ K Q J 9 7 6 4

♦ A K

♣ A K

Pull Trump When the Opponents Might Ruff One of Your Winners.

Contract 4 ♥

♦ 6

♠ A 8 6 2

♥ A 8 5

♦ 7 5 2

♣ K 6 5

♠ K Q 9

♥ K Q J 9 7

♦ A K 3

♣ Q 3

Pull Trump When You Have a Running Side Suit

Contract 4 ♠

♦ 6

♠ J 8 6 2

♥ A Q 8

♦ 7 5 2

♣ K 6 5

♠ K Q 9 7 6

♥ K 10 9 6 3

♦ A 10

♣ 3

Look at This Suit: Ex.1

♠ K 4 3 2

♠ Void

♠ J 10 8 5

♠ 5

♠ J 10 8

♠ A Q 9 7 6

Look at This Suit: Ex 2

♠ A 8 7

♠ 5

♠ Q J 3 2

♠ Q 5

♠ J 3 2

♠ K 10 9 7 6

Look at This Suit: Ex 3

♠ A 3 2

♠ 5

♠ J 9 8 4

♠ 9 5

♠ J 8 4

♠ K Q 10 7 6

Final Example

Contract 7 nt

♦ 6

♠ A 3 2

♥ A Q J 4

♦ K 5 2

♣ K 6 5

♠ K Q 10 7 6

♥ K 10 9

♦ A Q 10

♣ A 3