

What is standard carding?

Part 1/3

If you ever play on the Internet or play with a new partner without discussing your carding methods then the default is standard carding.

On declarer's play of the cards the standard method of carding is to give count ie play high- low to show an even number of cards in that suit.

Example:

<p>♠ J76 ♥ J987 ♦ KQJ76 ♣ 10</p> <p>♠ AQ42                  ♠ 1053 ♥ 43                      ♥ Q10652 ♦ 103                     ♦ A98 ♣ J8432                 ♣ 95</p> <p>♠ K98 ♥ AK ♦ 542 ♣ AKQ76</p>	<p>Board 1 : Dealer North : Love all</p> <p>Apart from trouble South is in 3NT. Whatever the lead declarer needs to play on diamonds. When he leads the D2 West should play the 10 which can only be a singleton or a doubleton (with 1053 he would play the 3, with 10543 he would play the 5...).</p> <p>When a high diamond is played from Dummy East must play low on the first <u>and</u> second diamond. The effect of this will be to cut declarer off from Dummy and he can only make 2 diamond tricks ...not 4!</p> <p>If East rushes in with his Ace then South will make his contract.</p> <p>Some people think that they will not make their Ace of diamonds if they don't play it early and declarer makes the remaining tricks in the other suits. Once in a while this will happen but the advice is if good club players up to experts defend this way then it must be worth trying!</p>
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Part 2/3 On partner's lead.

Part 3/3 Discards.