

Table of Standard Leads

Which card to lead from various suit combinations

Suit Holding	Vs NT	Vs Suit	Comments
A K Q 5	A	A	A sequence of 3 or more cards headed by an honour.
K Q J 4	K	K	
Q J 10 5	Q	Q	
J 10 9 6	J	J	
10 9 8 4	10	10	
K Q 10 7	K	K	Near sequence. The top 2 cards, and the 4 th card
Q J 9 6	Q	Q	
A J 10 4 2	J	Avoid	Top of an internal sequence
K J 10 3 2	J	Avoid	
A K 5 4 2	4	A	2-card sequence. 4 th highest against No Trump.
K Q 7 6 3	6	K	
J 2	J	J	Top of a doubleton
8 2	8	8	
K 6 5 3 2	3	3	4 th highest from a suit with at least one honour
Q 7 4 2	2	2	
A 7 4 2	2	A	- but lead A against a suit contract
8 7 4	7	7	MUD (Middle, Up, Down) A highish card suggests no honours in that suit
Q 7 4	4	4	Low from 3 cards to an honour
8 7 5 4	7	7	2 nd highest from a 4-card suit with no honours