

East's signal on lead: suit preference

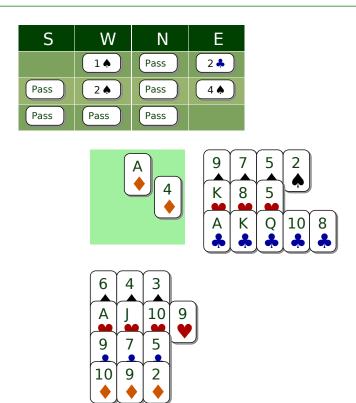
Suit preference signal

This shows P what suit you should play next.

- Playing a low card asks for the lowest of the remaining suits not on the table
- Playing a high card asks for the highest of the remaining suits not on the table

When can you play this signal? On an ace lead:

- if dummy has a singleton, the Partner of the player on lead signals suit preference.
- if dummy is doubleton, he shows the number of cards he holds (on ace play) and then his suit preference on Partner's 2nd round of play,



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East plays the 10CA: Your Partner leads with the Ace and dummy has the 4 ♦ singleton; show your suit preference is ♥ by playing a high card (10♦) asking for the highest of the remaining suits.





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Example:

Your playing a ♠ contract. Your P leads the Ace ♥ and dummy has the 7 ♥ singleton playing a low card shows a suit preference for ♣ playing a high card shows a suit preference for ◆

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	2 🖤	Pass	3♥				
3 🏚	Pass	4 🏚	Pass				
Pass	Pass						
	K 1 A 6 6 5	7 5		N			
	A	7	5 Q 9	3	2 6	4	3
			A	Q	9	4	3

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In East play the Queen . dummy's 7 is a singleton ; show your suit preference for ♦, by playing your highest card (Queen ♥), you are signalling for the highest of the remaining suits : ♦ (of course, excluding trump)

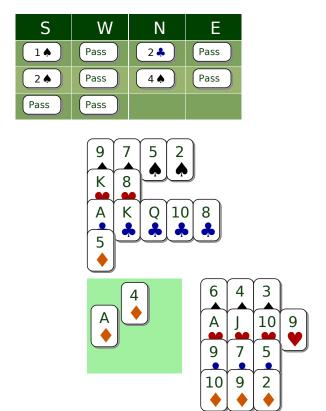




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Signalling suit preference with a doubleton at dummy

- On an Ace lead, show your card count on the 1st round
- and on the 2nd round, when your P plays the King, signal your suit preference so he knows what suit to play next.



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In East play the 2 : with a doubleton at dummy, show your card count on an Ace lead. On P's K♦ play the 10, showing your suit preference is for ♥.