



Signalling on a lead, playing against a trump contract.

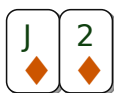
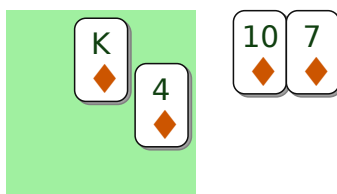
On a lead, playing against a trump contract, signalling by player n°3

Signalling will be different according to whether the player on lead stays in control.

- If the player on lead, remains in control, signalling can be odd-even, refusal or preferential depending on how many cards there are at dummy.
- If the player on lead isn't in control, normally signalling is odd-even

Reminder : when signalling, it shouldn't lead to giving a free trick to the Opps.

S	W	N	E
	1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	



You see the 10 at the dummy, you can't waste your Jack by trying to show your doubleton. Signalling shouldn't lead to giving Opps a free trick. If the 10 wasn't at dummy, you should expect it to be in Declarer's hand.

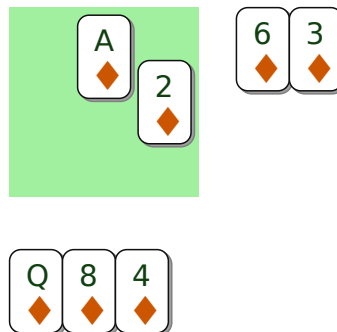


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On a lead playing against a trump contract, signalling by player n°3: player on lead plays a leading card

- With at least 4 cards at dully, East gives his card count using odd-even
- With the Queen 3rd at the dummy : odd-even. Exceptionally if you want your P to continue the same suit despite the Queen at dummy : false card count
- With 3 low cards at dummy : use the refusal signal
- With 2 cards at dummy : card count on the 1st trick, followed by a preferential signal if the player on lead continues the same suit
- With a singleton at dummy : preferential signal to help your P find the best counter-attack.
- With ace singleton at dummy : preferential signal

S	W	N	E
			1 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			



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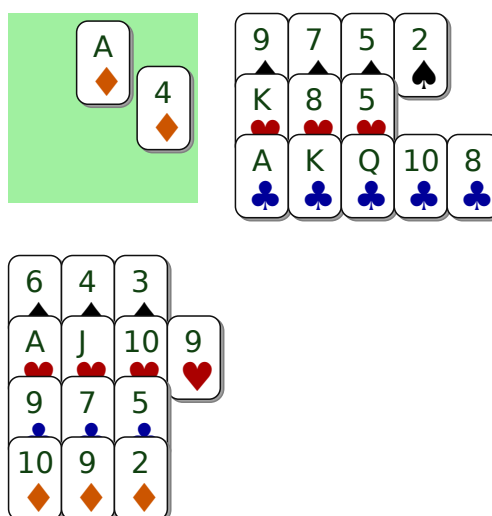
West has the King (never lead an ace without the King); there are 3 low cards at dummy (6,3,2). East who has the Queen needs to use a preferential signal. Therefore plays the 8, hopefully giving E/W a chance to make 3 ♦ tricks.



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Example of signalling by player n°3 on a trump lead : Player on lead, plays a leading card

S	W	N	E
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	



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10 ♦ With a singleton at dummy, show a preferential signal for ♦. Play your strongest card asking for the strongest of the suits remaining (excluding trump)

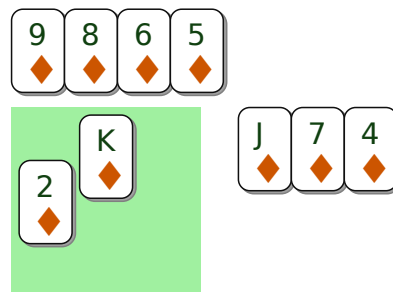


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On a lead playing against a trump contract, signalling by player n°3 : Opps takes the 1st trick.

Normally, signalling is odd-even. The main exception is when there is a singleton at dummy, East plays a preferential signal.

S	W	N	E
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		



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Dummy is leading. Signal your odd number of cards, by playing the 4, the lowest card.