



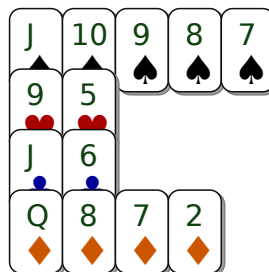
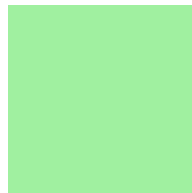
The NT lead

1 The lead suit in NT

Sometimes you will have a good suit to lead, and sometimes it will be...the least bad. Your priorities are, in order:

- your partner's 5 card major
- your longest suit
- a 4 card major

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			1 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			



Exercise 2051 Choose spades of course. This is an interesting 5 card suit not bid by your Opponents.

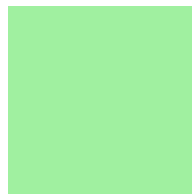


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2 The lead card.

- With a sequence (3 consecutive cards in a suit) lead the top card. eg lead the jack with jack 10 9 x
- with a suit of 4 or more cards and an honor, lead the fourth best card
- in your partner's 5 card suit and in your overcalled suit: keep strictly to the Count / odd-even rule
- with 3 cards
 - no honor: lead the highest "top of nothing"..
 - With an honor: the middle card.

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Exercise 2018 **Lead the 6, the 4th best card.** You would need queen 10 9 8 to lead with the 10 (top of an internal sequence)



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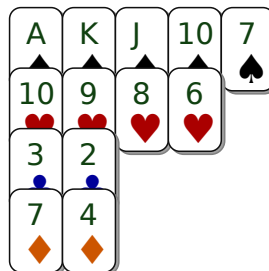
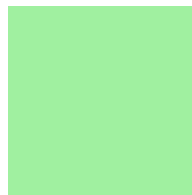
Exceptions.

Leading the ace /font>promises:

- A K x x
- or A K x

Leading the king /font>promises a strong suit (usually 5 cards or more) with 3 honors. eg king queen jack 9 x

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Choose the king of spades of course which shows a strong 5 card suit usually with three honors. Leading the ace would show ace king x