



Unblocking a suit

Unblocking a suit when playing NT.

It's very annoying not being able to use the hand with the leading cards! The danger is apparent when there's only one or two honors with no low cards. A suit can also be blocked when there are no low cards to keep communication open between the hands. You need to come across this problem often before finding a smart solution.

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Play the queen 1st so that you can make 3 tricks.

If you play the 7, you can never make your king ! (7 for the ace, then 6 for the queen ... and you can never cross to dummy to make your king).



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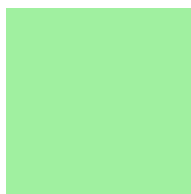
The short hand

We call it the short hand, because it is the hand which has fewer cards in a suit.

- In the example below, you are South and the Declarer of a NT contract. You are playing from your hand. Which is the 1st card card should you play, the King or the 2 ?

short hand :

Remember, you need to start by playing the honors from the short hand....



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You have to play the 2 ♠ to the ace, then the queen and then the 6 to the king

If you play the 6 for the king 1st, then you can never get back in hand to play your winning ♠