



Playing a major game (4CO or 4PI) with 5+2 trumps

Win 4♥ or 4♠ with 5+2 trumps

You may have to play a game in major with only 7 trumps (5-2) : when you can't play

- 3NT if you have no control in one of the suits
- 5♣ nor 5♦, if you have 3 losers

This type of contracts is dangerous and requires skills and caution during the card play. The most frequent danger : the opponents force you to ruff again and again with the long hand, then you lose control of the trump suit.



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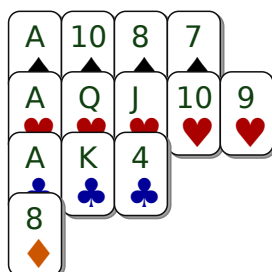
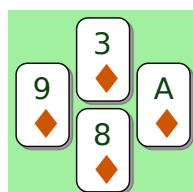
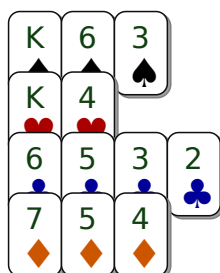
How to handle the situation when the opponents make you ruff with the long hand ?

- Instead of ruffing, you can discard losers. That's the solution most players choose.
- During game, play your finesses towards the opponent who can't make you ruff.
- Use the "invisible ruff" when it's possible : play a suit 3rd and ruff it with the short hand.
- Play your long suit to force your opponents to ruff, so as to shorten their trump suit

Example

You are South, playing 4♥. You only have 5+2 trumps. West leads ♦, and replays Ace ♦. How can you make 10 tricks ?

S	W	N	E
1 ♥	Pass	1 NT	2 ♦
X	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass



♠ is the only option to find the 10th trick. Cash your tricks, and then prepare your ♠ ruff. The opponent is in hand and plays trump, of course. Keep dummy's K♥, and ruff high on the 4th round of ♠. Eventually, you make 3 tricks in ♠, 5 in ♥ and 2 in ♣. Congratulations !



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You are South, playing 4♠. The lead is ♥, your void.

How do you operate ?

S	W	N	E
		1♦	2♥
2♠	4♥	Pass	Pass
4♠			

J	4			
5	3	2		
Q	7	6		
A	K	Q	9	4

	2	
Q	♥	8

A	K	Q	10	9
A	5	4	3	2
J	10	6	♣	♣

Be careful, the opponents' trump distribution might be 5-1. Discard 3 ♣ losers in order to keep your 5 trump leading cards. When the opponents play ♥ for the 4th time, dummy will ruff. Afterwards, it's easy, isn't it ? Play your trumps and ♦.