

When leading a suit partner has bid and you have supported, lead:

your highest card with three or four small cards. The high card lead denies an honor, partner knows of your length. If you haven't supported, lead low from three or four small cards to deny a doubleton.

The lead of a high spot card in partner's unsupported suit shows shortness.

With three or four cards headed by an honor (10, J, Q or K) lead low whether or not you have supported.

If you plan to lead partner's suit holding the ace, lead it.

If you lead ace from AKx(x) against suit contracts you should know:

- (1) The lead of the ace is a trick one convention
- (2) After trick one, the king is led.
- (3) If the suit has been supported, the king is led. Leading the ace in a supported suit or in any suit partner has bid, supported or not, denies the king.
- (4) If the opponents wind up at the five or six level, the king is led. The lead of an ace at the five or six level, in theory, denies the king.
- (5) From AK doubleton, everything is reversed.

To lead top of a sequence at notrump, the suit should have three adjacent honors (KQJx(x)). However, the third card in the sequence can be missing by one place-KQ10x(x) is considered a sequence, KQ9xx is not and fourth highest should be led.

If the third card is missing by more than one place, lead fourth highest. From QJ942, lead the queen, but from QJ842, lead the four.