

# Suit Preference Signals

When you expect partner to ruff (he has led a suspected singleton or shown out of a suit) you can tell partner which suit to return after he ruffs so you can repeat the ruffing process.

You hold AK82. After taking your 2 winners, you remain holding the 8 and the 2. The lead of the 8 suggests partner return the higher-ranking suit and the lead of the 2 suggest partner return the lower ranking suit. Keep in mind there are only two suits in play. You do not count the trump suit, or the suit being ruffed.

Partner leads an Ace against a suit contract and dummy has a singleton. You can tell partner which suit you would suggest they now play by the card you play. A high card indicates the higher suit and a low card suggests the lower suit. Keep in mind there are only two suits in play. Not trump and not the suit led.

In clearing a suit to run, you can show in which suit you have an entry. You hold AK8632 of a suit against NT. After cashing your two winners you find out declarer holds QJT. Now you can show partner an entry (A or K) to your hand. Lead the 2 (low) to tell partner you want the lower suit returned and lead the 8 (high) if you want the higher suit returned. This time there are three suits in play.

If you have the middle suit entry or no entry, lead the 6 (vague).

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