

Suit Preference Discards.

What is a *suit-preference discard*?

It is the play of the card directing your partner to a *particular suit*. The *particular* suit is never the suit led or the suit discarded, rather it will express a preference for one of the other two suits.

Discarding a conspicuously high card says to your partner

"I prefer the higher-ranking remaining suit"

Discarding your lowest card says to your partner

"I prefer the lower-ranking remaining suit"

Example 1

A spade was led and you have no spades so you will have to discard.

- Discard a low heart to prefer clubs
- Discard a high heart to prefer diamonds

Example 2

A spade was led and you have no spades so you will have to discard.

- Discard a low club to prefer diamonds
- Discard a high club to prefer hearts

Example 3

A club was led and you have no clubs so you will have to discard.

- Discard a low diamond to prefer hearts
- Discard a high diamond to prefer spades

Example 4

A diamond was led and you have no diamonds so you will have to discard.

- Discard a low heart to prefer clubs
- Discard a high heart to prefer spades

Quiz

A diamond was led and you have no diamonds so you will have to discard. Which of these discards would indicate a preference for hearts?

- Low spade
- High spade
- Low club
- High club

Tick the appropriate discard(s)