

Signals and Discards

Lesson Content

- Revise Opening Leads from Lesson 5.
- Teach the new concepts of Signals and Discards.

Main Points to Emphasise

Re-emphasise the importance of the opening lead - they should be unambiguous!

- low card - promises an honour
- high card - shows NO honour
- honour card - shows a sequence of honours

The same rules apply for opening leads and leads during the play

It is vital to watch partner's signals and discards!

Introduce the use of Signals

To show partner whether they like the opening lead or not :

- play a low card - asks partner to continue to play this suit
- play a high card - shows no interest in this suit

Introduce the use of Discards

- discard a low card - promises an honour in this suit
- discard a high card - shows NO interest in this suit
- discarding from a suit you do not want is preferable

Play hands 1-4
Supper time

After Supper

- Teacher summarises the Leads, Signals and Discards.
- Mention the use of a low or high card - (Low = Like, High = Hate)
- The message is always the same.
- Often it is best to discard first from a suit you have no hope of scoring a trick.

Teacher should keep their talking to a minimum.

Play hands 5-8