



Defense Seminar

DEFENSE CHECKLIST

- Pay attention to the auction
 - Start putting the information together before the dummy comes down
- Count the points when the dummy comes down
 - You just got a whole bunch of information
- Plan your defense
 - Where are you likely sources of tricks?
 - What could partner possibly have?
 - What do declarer's plays suggest about their strategy?
- Signal your partner whenever possible
- WATCH YOUR PARTNER'S SIGNALS!!

COMMUNICATION WITH CARDS

THE ATTITUDE SIGNAL

SUIT PREFERENCE

Teaching Board 8

N North - Click to Sit Robot

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
1NT Pass 2♥ Pass
2♠ Pass 2NT Pass
4♠ Pass Pass Pass

Q♠ J♠ 6♠ 5♠ 4♠
K♥ Q♥ 5♥
J♣ 9♣
7♦ 4♦

W West - Click Robot

A♣ 8♣ 8♣

E East - Click Robot

8♠ 2♠ 10♥ 4♥ 3♥ 2♥ Q♣ 10♣ 7♣ K♦ 9♦ 8♦ 5♦

S South - Click to Sit Robot

4♠ W NS 0 EW 0

THE ATTITUDE SIGNAL

WHEN?

1. When partner leads an honor.
2. When we are discarding

HOW?

1. Low card says you do not like the suit
2. High card says you like the suit

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What card gives your partner the most useful information?

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scubapro 7

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nycpro

1♣	1♥	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

4♣ 3♣

A♥ 4♥

K♠ Q♠ 8♠ 6♠ 4♠

K♦ 7♦ 6♦ 4♦

E scubapro 7

Q♣ 7♣ 10♥ 2♥ 9♠ 5♠ 3♠ 2♠ A♦ 10♦ 9♦ 3♦ 2♦

S nycpro

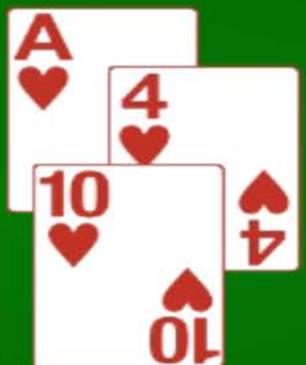
2♣ W NS 0 EW 0

D Teaching Board 8

N scubapro 7

scubap	scubap	scubap	nycpro
1♣	1♥	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

W scubapro 7



E scubapro 7

S nycpro

2♣ W NS 0 EW 0

Teaching Board 8

N North - Click to Sit Robot

WEST NORTH EAST scubapro
 1♥ 1♠ 2♥ 2♠
 4♥ Pass Pass Pass

W West - Click Robot

E East - Click Robot

S scubapro 7 4♥ W NS 0 EW 0

I LIKE SPADES

Your Play as South

This is **NOT** an attitude signal!

Rule: Whenever both defenders know that they will not be leading a suit again, there is no need for an Attitude Signal.

Think about this..... If we both know we're not going to continue playing a suit, then an Attitude signal is useless for us. So we use a different signal in this situation.

Suit Preference Signals are used when one or both sides of the partnership will not be leading a suit again during the play. The signal goes as follows:

- **If we play a high card we are telling partner that we prefer the higher ranking suit left in dummy**
- **If we play a low card we are telling partner we prefer the lower ranking suit left in dummy**

Note: In these circumstances we are excluding the trump suit and the suit both defenders know will not be led again. This will always leave 2 suits.

WEST NORTH EAST scubapro
1♥ 2♠ 4♥ Pass
Pass Pass

N North - Click to Sit Robot

W West - Click to Sit Robot

E East - Click to Sit Robot

S scubapro 7 4♥ W NS 0 EW 0

On this hand both North and South know that Spades will not be played again. (Dummy is Void) So the 10 of Spades is a suit preference signal. It says "I prefer the higher ranking suit left in dummy". **We exclude the trump suit and Spades on this hand.**

So South is telling partner to lead a Diamond on this hand. Clubs and Diamonds are left. Diamonds are Higher ranking than Clubs.

Trump Suit Preference is a useful signal that can be made frequently and easily.

When the opponents are playing in a trump contract, they are usually going to draw trump relatively quickly. When we have worthless trump cards we can use them to tell partner something useful about our hand.

Rule: When we have worthless trump cards, the order in which we play them will tell partner which other suits we prefer.

You can make these signals very easily and they cost nothing when you have worthless trumps.

So on our hand to the right we have an opportunity to tell partner about our Diamond suit. We have already discouraged in Hearts (by playing the deuce to trick 1). So if we play the 9 of Spades we will tell partner we like the higher ranking suit remaining. (Clubs – Diamonds) If we play the 2, we will tell partner we like the lower ranking suit remaining.

The image shows a bridge hand simulation interface. At the top left, a box labeled 'D Teaching Board 8' is visible. The top center shows a hand for player 'N scubapro' with 7 cards. The top right shows a bidding log:

scubap	scubap	scubap	nycpro
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

The center of the screen shows a hand for player 'W scubapro' with 7 cards and a single card, the 5 of Spades, being played. To the right, a hand for player 'E scubapro' with 7 cards is shown, with a 3 of Hearts and a 5 of Spades also visible. At the bottom, a hand for player 'S nycpro' is shown with 13 cards: 9♠, 2♠, 8♥, 6♥, 5♥, 4♥, 7♣, 6♣, 5♣, A♦, K♦, Q♦. A small box at the bottom right shows '4♠ W NS 0 EW 1'.