

Discard System (Unwanted, Suit Preference)

This is an overview of the “Unwanted, Suit preference” style of informational Discarding. Simply, this means the card you **first** discard is from the suit you **do not** want – ie. Unwanted. Coupled with that, if you discard a low card (2, 3, 4, 5), you want the lower ranking of the other two suits – i.e. other than the suit led and the suit you discarded from. If a high card (6, 7, 8, 9), then you want the higher of the other two suits. Discarding an Honour (10 – Ace) indicates that you **do** want that suit – i.e. **not** unwanted. It is very unlikely that you will **not** be able to find a useful card to discard using this system. Should this happen, you can always tell partner a suit you **patently do not** want, and let them figure it out from there!

Again, remember that the system only applies to the **first** discard.

Discard Examples:

You hold: ♠ 9 8 4 2, ♥ A Q 10 9, ♣ 8 3 2.

On a ♦ lead, you obviously want to show your partner you'd like a ♥ switch (assuming good defence). So, the suits you do not want – ie. The suits you can discard (“throw away”) from – are ♠ and ♣. Thus, you have a choice: either a small ♣ (3 or 2), showing the **lower** of the other two suits (♠ and ♥), OR a large ♠ (9), showing the **higher** of the other two suits (♥ and ♣). Of course, if really stuck, the ♥10, being an Honour, will accomplish the same thing.

You hold: ♥ A Q 10 9, ♦ 9 8 4 2, ♣ 8 3 2.

On a ♠ lead, you still want to show your partner you would like a ♥ switch. So, the suits you do not want – ie. The suits you can discard from – are ♦ and ♣. Again, you have a choice: either a large ♣ (8), showing the **higher** of the other two suits (♥ & ♦), OR, again a large ♦ (9 or 8), showing, again, the **higher** of the other two suits (♥ and ♣).