

## 15 Suit Combinations – Answers

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Degree of Difficulty: Intermediate

Setting: 30 Minute Lecture

### Level: Intermediate

- 1) Play the King (play the winning card in the hand opposite the 'tenace' holding).
- 2) Play small to the ♠10. Whether this wins or loses, go back to and play small to the ♠J. You have a 75% chance of winning one of the two finesses.
- 3) Play small to the ♠10. If the ♠10 loses to the ♠K, you are home. If the ♠10 loses to the ♠J, go back to hand and play small, finessing ♠Q. (75% chance of winning two tricks).
- 4) Play the ♠K and then lead small to the ♠J. (play the winning card opposite the 'tenace' hand)
- 5) Play the ♠K and small towards to the ♠A.
- 6) Play small towards the ♠Q. If E plays the ♠J, return to hand to finesse W out of their ♠K.
- 7) Play small towards the ♠9. The ♠10 is the key card. You hope that W holds this card. If the ♠9 loses to the ♠K or ♠Q, go back hand and play to the ♠J.
- 8) Leads towards the ♠QJ7 twice. You hope that the ♠A and ♠K are split honors between the opponents.
- 9) Lead small toward to the ♠K. If this wins, return to hand and play small to the ♠Q. If the first trick (♠K) loses to the ♠A, return to hand and play small to the ♠10, hoping W has the ♠J. (you are playing for split honors)
- 10) Play the ♠K and watch what happens. If W started with all missing cards (Q1083), you can actually hold the suit to no losers by returning to hand and leading towards dummy again, covering whatever card W plays.
- 11) Lead towards the ♠KQ74, playing a high card if W plays small. If the ♠Q wins, return to hand and lead small to the ♠K.
- 12) Lead small to the ♠Q, hoping W holds the ♠K.
- 13) Lead small to the ♠J, hoping W has the ♠Q.
- 14) Lead small towards the ♠QJ7, playing an honor if W plays small. You will return to hand to repeat the play, (hoping for split honors).
- 15) Lead ♠A and then small towards the ♠QJ64. Superior to leading the ♠Q.