

Rule of Eleven

When Partner leads their 4th highest card

11 - Number of card led = Number of cards, higher than the card led in the 3 other hands.

DLR: South	♠ K 5 2 ♥ A Q 4 ♦ 7 5 4 ♣ A J 10 2 _(14pts)	S	W	N	E
		INT	P	3NT	P
		P	P		
Lead: ♠7	N W E S	♠ A 10 9 3			

11-7=4. You can see all four cards (K, A, 10, 9). Therefore declarer has no spades higher than ♠7. If declarer plays low from dummy, let your partner win with ♠7

DLR: South	♠ K 5 2 ♥ A Q 4 ♦ 7 5 4 ♣ A J 10 2 (14pts)	S	W	N	E
		INT	P	3NT	P
		P	P		
♠ Q J 8 7 ♥ 9 7 6 3 ♦ A 9 8 ♣ 5 4 (7pts)	N W E S	♠ A 10 9 3 ♥ 8 2 ♦ J 3 2 ♣ Q 9 8 7 (7pts)			
	♠ 6 4 ♥ K J 10 5 ♦ K Q 10 6 ♣ K 6 3 (12pts)				

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		P	P		
♠ Q J 8 7 ♥ 9 7 6 3 ♦ A 9 8 ♣ 5 4 (7pts)	N W E S	♠ A 10 5 3 ♥ 8 2 ♦ J 3 2 ♣ Q 9 8 7 (7pts)			
	♠ 6 4 ♥ K J 10 5 ♦ K Q 10 6 ♣ K 6 3 (12pts)				

DLR: South	♠ 9 8 2 ♥ A Q ♦ Q 5 4 ♣ A Q J 9 2 (15pts)	S	W	N	E
		INT	P	3NT	P
		P	P		
Lead: ♠6	N W E S	♠ K J 4 ♥ 8 4 2 ♦ J 6 3 2 ♣ 10 8 7 (5pts)			

11 - 6 = 5. Therefore declarer has one card higher than ♠6

Play ♠K. If this wins, play ♠J, so the suit does not block

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		INT	P	3NT	P
		P	P		
♠ A 10 7 6 ♥ 9 7 6 3 ♦ K 8 7 ♣ 5 4 (7pts)	N W E S	♠ K J 4 ♥ 8 4 2 ♦ J 6 3 2 ♣ 10 8 7 (5pts)			
	♠ Q 5 3 ♥ K J 10 5 ♦ A 10 9 ♣ K 6 3 (13pts)				

DLR: South	♠ A J 7 ♥ A Q 4 ♦ 7 5 4 ♣ A J 10 2 (16pts)	S	W	N	E
		INT	P	3NT	P
		P	P		
Lead: ♠4	N W E S	♠ Q 10 5 ♥ 8 3 2 ♦ J 3 2 ♣ Q 9 8 7 (5pts)			

DLR: South	♠ A J 7 ♥ A Q 4 ♦ 7 5 4 ♣ A J 10 2 _(16pts)	S	W	N	E
		INT	P	3NT	P
		P	P		
Lead: ♠4	N W E S	♠ Q 10 5 ♥ 8 3 2 ♦ J 3 2 ♣ Q 9 8 7 _(5pts)			

11 - 4 = 7. Therefore declarer has one card higher than ♠4. But the lead of ♠4 suggests at least one honour (♠K). If declarer plays low from dummy, play ♠10. If that wins, play ♠Q so as not to block the suit. This is OK as partner should have ♠K.

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		INT	P	3NT	P
		P	P		
♠ K 9 6 4 2 ♥ 9 7 6 ♦ A 9 8 ♣ 5 4 _(7pts)	N W E S	♠ Q 10 5 ♥ 8 3 2 ♦ J 3 2 ♣ Q 9 8 7 _(5pts)			
	♠ 8 3 ♥ K J 10 5 ♦ K Q 10 6 ♣ K 6 3 _(12pts)				