

# LEADS AGAINST SLAMS

- Grand Slams – Suits or Notrump

Lead Passive Almost Always (a suit without any honors, including a 10):

- Suit Contract: generally trumps. Do not lead any singleton. Partner has no Ace.
- NT Contract: declarer's suit, as any missing honor will probably be finessed that way.
- Both: don't lead dummy's suit, as may pickle partner's honor.

- Small Slams – Notrump

Lead Passive Normally (a suit without any honors, including a 10):

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- Don't lead dummy's suit, as may pickle partner's honor.

- Small Slams – Suits

Lead Aggressive Normally (nearest thing to a trick):

- Lead a singleton for a ruff. Partner can have this Ace or the Trump Ace.
- Lead from a King or a Queen in an unbid suit, but rarely a Jack.
- Lead an Ace.
- If only one unbid suit, lead it.
- If you have both an Ace & a King, generally lead Passively, as partner is broke.
- If the opponents have advertised a long suit (6+) to run, they are probably bidding the slam on 28-30 HCP's, so they will have extra tricks once one trick is given up. So lead aggressively.
- Don't lead dummy's suit, as may pickle partner's honor.