



### **Rusinow Leads** (alternative to leading higher of touching honors)

Opening lead only vs a suit contract. Lead the lower of touching honors. The only exception being if you are leading to partner's bid suit, then standard leads apply.

AK lead the King. This promises the ace, or it is singleton.

KQ lead the Queen, this promises the king and denies the Ace.

QJ lead the Jack, shows the Queen and denies the king

JT lead the ten, shows the Jack and denies the Queen

T9 lead the nine, this shows the top of 3 card sequence. T98xx, or it is a stiff or doubleton.

This is not an alert. The opponents are expected to look at your convention card. You will always know the exact holding. Therefore the lead of an ace is always singleton, doubleton or extra length without the king.