

General rules for Whist - Lead from the Strongest
Suit - If you have a sequence of King Queen & Knave
or Queen Knave & ten lead the highest but if five or
six in number commence with the lowest - Always begin
with the highest trump - 1st Never be afraid to play
trumps with five in the hand even smallest & have
no other good cards of any other suit - 3rd With ace &
King of any two suits & only two or three small trumps
the ace & King should be played out & during but two
or three small trumps never force your partner to ~~play~~
trump if you find he cannot follow suit but endeavor to
draw the lead to your partner's hand - 4th Never venture to
play trumps when you are four of the game unless you
are very strong being at least an honor - Three trumps
or ace King & two small ones 5th When the game is small
be still more cautious to play trumps even if strong & give
your partner an opportunity in case of being deficient play
6th Begin with a small trump when you have ace King
& four small ones for this reason if your partner has
a better trump than ~~your~~ neighbor he has a chance
of fetching out all the trumps - 7th The odds are
always in favor that your partner holds an honor
therefore if you have King Queen & four small ones begin
with the small one 8th If Queen, Knave, ~~ten~~ ten &
four small trumps commence with the small one -
for the same reason 9th If Knave ten eight & three
small trumps commence with the Knave, by which
you and the nine may be prevented from winning
the odds being in favor the honor is played in

aces round - 10th If an honor be turned up against
him on his left & he has nine ten or eight with
two or three small ones play the ten which will free
his neighbor to play the honor unless he choose to pass
it - but if he see by trumps of a lower denomination
that the honor turns against him he should play the low-
est - 11th In general when two capital cards in trumps
& two or three small ones commence with a small one
for the reason in number 8 - 12th When you have a
King Knave & two small or even one trump by first
playing the King & putting the knave into his partner's
hands who will play a trump judges him to have
ace & Knave from his beginning with the King -
In this case the Knave should be firstest with
King against him but the Queen - 13th If you have
Knave ten & eight & two small trump by playing
the Knave first it is odds that the nine falls or
he may keep the eight when his partner returns trumps
14th With five low trumps commence with the lowest
unless a sequence of nine ²ten or eight - 15th If
he has a good suit & ace King & four small trumps
commence with trumps to strengthen your hand -
Suppose for ~~partner~~^{on your right hand} turns up the Knave if you
have King Queen ten, play the King by which his partner
may presume you to have King ten, Suppose the Knave
turns up as before & he has ace Queen & ten by
playing the Queen it answers the same purpose -
When the Queen is turned up on your right hand
& you have ace King & Knave by playing the King
the same purpose is answered