

What Card Should I Discard?

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Some Terminology Used:

1. **Going Alone (or Loner)** – “opting to play without your partner on a particular hand.” **see endnote #1.
2. **Green (or Green Suits)** – “either of the two suits that are the opposite color of trump.” **see endnote #2.
3. **Next** – the other suit of the SAME color as trump. ie: If CLUBS are trump, then the “next” suit is SPADES.
4. **Order up** – declaring the trump suit.
5. **Side Ace** – any ace that is not in the trump suit.
6. **Singleton** – you are holding only ONE card in a particular suit.
7. **Up-card (or Turn-card)** – the top card from the kitty which has been turned face-up. The up-card is offered as the trump suit in the 1st round of bidding. If the up-card is ordered up, it goes to the dealer and he discards one card.
8. **Void** – having no cards in a particular suit.

Discarding When You Are the Dealer:

You must discard one card if the up-card is ordered up to you (in the 1st round of bidding.) *Note: You do not get to discard a card if the trump suit is ordered up in the 2nd round of bidding.

1. Do not discard a trump suit card if you can help it.
2. Do not discard a side ace if you can help it.
3. Discard to create a void in a suit if you can.
 - a) Discard when you only have one card in a side suit (discard it as long as it's not a side ace.)
 - 1) 1st choice is to create a void in a “green” suit (the suits opposite in color to trump.) **see endnotes #3 & #4.
 - 2) 2nd choice is to create a void in the “next” suit (the other suit of the same color as trump.) **see endnote #3.
 - 3) “Your last priority should be to eliminate the lowest card.” **see endnote #3.

Example:

- You are the dealer.
- Your left hand opponent ordered you to pick up the 10 of Spades.
- **You hold:**
- Ace, 9 of Diamonds
- Queen of Hearts
- 10 of Clubs
- 9 of Spades
- Discard the Queen of Hearts (instead of the 10 of Clubs.) It's a higher priority to void yourself in a “green” suit than it is to keep a Queen vs. a 10. **see endnote #3.

Some Things to Keep In Mind:

If opponents catch on to the fact that you are consistently discarding a “green” suit, then mix it up and discard the “next” suit. Becoming predictable to your opponents could be setting your team up for a euchre.

When you are the dealer and you are “going alone”/ attempting a “loner”, sometimes it does make sense to discard a side ace. **see endnote #4.

Example:

- You are the dealer.
- You order the up-card, a King of Clubs, to yourself.
- You declare a loner.
- **You hold:**
- Jack of Clubs
- Jack of Spades
- Ace of Diamonds
- Ace, King of Hearts
- Discarding the Ace of Diamonds “tends to be the better choice. This limits the opponents' opportunities to trump...a suit.” **see endnote #4. You now have only ONE suit they can trump instead of TWO.

endnotes:

1. OhioEuchre.com – see “Euchre Terminology” section – Going Alone
2. OhioEuchre.com – see “Euchre Terminology” section – Green Suits
3. [Euchre Strategy](#) – “Euchre Quiz – What Should You Discard?” - the 'Answer' section – last paragraph.
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4. OhioEuchre.com – “Learn how to play Euchre. A self study course in Euchre. Lesson 4 – the proper discard.” see paragraph #7.

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