

## **LAW 44 - SEQUENCE AND PROCEDURE OF PLAY**

### **A. Lead to a Trick**

The player who leads to a trick may play any card in his hand (unless he is subject to restriction after an irregularity committed by his side).

### **B. Subsequent Plays to a Trick**

After the lead, each other player in turn plays a card, and the four cards so played constitute a trick. (For the method of playing cards and arranging tricks see Laws 45 and 65 respectively.)

### **C. Requirement to Follow Suit**

In playing to a trick, each player must follow suit if possible. This obligation takes precedence over all other requirements of these Laws.

### **D. Inability to Follow Suit**

If unable to follow suit, a player may play any card (unless he is subject to restriction after an irregularity committed by his side).

### **E. Tricks Containing Trumps**

A trick containing a trump is won by the player who has contributed to it the highest trump.

### **F. Tricks Not Containing Trumps**

A trick that does not contain a trump is won by the player who has contributed to it the highest card of the suit led.

### **G. Lead to Tricks Subsequent to First Trick**

The lead to the next trick is from the hand in which the last trick was won