

06 Distribution Points

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The only time distribution points are used is when the suit to be played is known.

Distribution Points

When playing a suit contract, having extra trump cards add value to the hand. They reduce the number of trump cards held by the opponents, and potentially enable the offense to win more tricks using the extra trump cards as "wild cards". The support hand must hold at least 3 trump cards.

Extra Trump Suit Points (only in the trump suit)	
Trump Suit Length	Pts
3 cards	0
4 cards	1
5 cards	2
6 cards	3

When playing a suit contract, having short suits (in the non-trump suits) add value to the hand. They can enable the offense to use trump cards to take tricks with a void, or when a short suit is depleted.

Short Suit Points (not in the trump suit)	
Other Suit Lengths	Pts
Void Zero cards <i>(with 5 trump cards)</i>	5
<i>(with 4 trump cards)</i>	4
<i>(with 3 trump cards)</i>	3
Singleton 1 card	2
Doubleton 2 cards	1

Distribution Points = Extra Trump Suit Points + Short Suit Points