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Ducking Plays

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General

A ducking play is when you don't play your highest honor. We will focus on these plays as made by the Defense.

Ducking an Ace

- Leading up to Dummy
 - King-Jack Guess – KJx
 - Jack lead, Kxx+ in the dummy
 - Duck Ace in case partner has stiff K.
- Keep Communication with Partner
 - Xx opposite AKxxx
 - Xx opposite AJTxx (KQx in dummy)
- Save Ace to capture honor in dummy
 - Insert spot card
 - 2nd hand low
 - Make them use entries
 - Save Ace to capture honor

Ducking a King

- When to cover the Queen and when not to cover.
 - See the Jack and Ten.
- Cover to promote spot cards
 - Don't cover with length
 - You have more length than dummy
 - Play Declarer for shortness – can't repeat finesse

Ducking the Queen

- Declarer leads the Jack
- Jack is lead off the dummy
 - Queen length
 - Can see Jack and Ten.

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