

# Frozen suits

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Changing suits on defense is often bad bridge. "Passive" defense is most effective on about 70% of hands. Below are "frozen" suits - holdings of the declarer that should not be led by the defenders. If declarer has to play these suits, they will take one less trick. If the defenders lead such suits, the declarer will take one more trick than otherwise.

Here are some frozen suits

1. Qxx Jxx
2. Kxx Qxx
3. ATx KJx (eliminated the Q guess)
4. ATx Jxx (if J led, S covers)
5. KTx Q9x (eliminated the J guess)
6. ATx K9x (they contribute Q or J, finesse for other one)

<p>7. West saving declarer a guess</p> <div style="text-align: center; padding: 10px;"> <p>xx</p> <p>Axx                      Qxx</p> <p>                                 KJx</p> </div>	<p>8. And again, declarer thanks West</p> <div style="text-align: center; padding: 10px;"> <p>xx</p> <p>Qxx                      Axx</p> <p>                                 KJx</p> </div>
<p>9. Tx to either defender</p> <div style="text-align: center; padding: 10px;"> <p>Axx</p> <p>Kxx                      JTx</p> <p>                                 Q9x</p> </div>	<p>10 Tx to either defender</p> <div style="text-align: center; padding: 10px;"> <p>Kxx</p> <p>Q9x                      ATx</p> <p>                                 Jxx</p> </div>

On behalf of all the declarers who will benefit from nice defenders who will break all of our frozen suits, a big THANK YOU !!

Web site w some play details: <http://youth.worldbridge.org/what-is-a-frozen-suit-by-david-bakhshi/>