

Syllabus for Basic Defense Series

Summary:

This is a basic series of nine 2-hour lessons covering the fundamentals of Defensive Play. It is based upon the ACBL defensive series.

Details:

#	Title	Details
1	Opening Leads vs. NT Contracts	Choosing the Suit Choosing the Card in Partner's Suit Leading the Top of a Sequence Leading a Low Card Some Complete Examples Listening to the Bidding
2	Opening Leads vs. Suit Contracts	Strength Versus Length Utilizing the Trump Suit Leading Trumps Choosing the Suit Choosing the Card Putting it All Together
3	Third-Hand Play	Third Hand High Only as High as Necessary Trapping High Cards When Partner Leads a High Card Unblocking Putting it All Together
4	Second-Hand Play (Part 1 of 2)	When Declarer Leads a Low Card When Dummy Leads a Low Card Splitting Honors
5	Second-Hand Play (Part 2 of 2)	Covering Honors Covering Second Honors Putting it All Together

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6	Defensive Signals	The Attitude Signal on Partner's Lead Signaling while Discarding The Count Signal Interpreting the Count Signal The Suit Preference Signal Putting it All Together
7	Developing Defensive Tricks	Taking Sure Tricks Promoting Tricks Establishing Long Suits Finessing Leading through Strength Ruffing
8	Interfering with Declarer	The Defensive Holdup Attacking Entries Watching Your Discards Practicing Counting Defending against Finesses Defending against Trump Suits
9	Making a Plan	Before Dummy Comes Down After Dummy Comes Down