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	The tip
1	With trump length, lead length.
2	Lead from shortage when holding the ace of trumps.
3	Avoid minor-suit games
4	Avoid minor suit games but not minor suits.
5	Play a minimum opener to have five + cards in the suit opened.(Assuming a Weak No Trump is being played.)
6	Think before making the reflex play. When defending, work out partner's possible holdings in the suit he has led.
7	Take a split second before playing any card that is not completely routine.
8	As a defender, lead a trump when you have a surprisingly good hand
9	Is your hand better than it might be? If the answer is yes and your partner is inviting you to keep bidding, accept his invitation!
10	Play bridge with confidence - especially when making a frisky bid!
11	The five-level belongs to the opponents.
12	Opening the lower ranking suit then rebidding the higher ranking suit shows a five-six shape.
13	When the opponents are in the one contract you are confident of defeating, do not double or they may remove themselves to a contract you are not confident of defeating.
14	Do not bid a suit you do not wish to be trumps.
15	When leading a suit for partner to trump, a high card asks for a return of the higher ranking suit, a low card asks for the lower ranking suit.
16	Do not bid bad suits on good hands.
17	A jump rebid in a new suit by Opener is forcing to Game.
18	When the first three bids between a partnership are in different suits, a bid of the fourth suit shows a game going hand and asks partner to describe his hand further.
19	Do not play partner for perfect cards. As soon as you find yourself saying "If", take the cautious route!
20	A 1NT Opener should rarely bid again.
21	If you are unable to make your planned No Trump rebid because of an intervening bid, Pass!
22	Consider things from partner's point of view, and be prepared to take control if you know what to do and partner may not./S
23	A victorious defence is better than a victorious post-mortem!
24	If you open the bidding in a suit, you must make a second bid if partner changes the suit.
25	When one opponent plays a critical card in a suit, play his partner to have the adjacent card in the same suit.
26	Do not re-sort your hand when you have run out of a suit or declarer may use the fact that you are void to his advantage!
27	Do not confuse genuine support with mere preference.
28	By counting your sure tricks outside trumps, you can plan how many trump tricks are required for your contract.
29	Defending a trump contract, generally lead ace from ace-king in preference to any alternative opening lead - including a singleton
30	Discount queens and jacks outside trumps when responding to a preempt.
31	Be wary of letting the opponents uncover a ♠ fit - adopt cautious part-score tactics with short ♠s.
32	Are you playing with a "thirty point pack"? If so - be bold!
33	As declarer, play the highest of touching cards to leave the defenders in the dark.

34	Make partner's life easy in defence.
35	Do not double a contract unless you will be happy if they run to an alternative contract.
36	Do not double a freely bid Small Slam on the basis of holding two - even three - aces.
37	The double of a freely bid Slam asks partner to find an unusual lead.
38	Do your thinking about what to lead to the next trick before winning the last trick, not after. Perhaps it is wrong to win the trick at all!
39	When you know the correct contract, bid it!
40	If you know how to defeat a contract, do not give partner the chance to do the wrong thing.
41	Keep re-evaluating your hand as the bidding progresses.
42	Work out declarer's hand-pattern using clues from the bidding and the play to date.
43	Keep equal length with dummy.
44	A player bidding No Trumps should leave the choice of final contract to his partner.
45	When partner has revealed his hand very accurately, play the hand in your mind during the auction in order to choose the final contract.
46	As a defender, duck when declarer takes a repeatable finesse.
47	Generally play the missing high card to be with the opponent holding greater length.
48	As a defender, don't trump a low card.
49	When responding, bid four card suits "up the line".
50	If in doubt, play in No Trumps after an opponent has preempted.
51	Bid to the "total trump level" in support of partner's overcall.
52	With 10+ points and 3+ card support for partner's overcall, bid the opponent's suit – an Unassuming Cue Bid.
53	Do not lead a singleton if you do not wish to trump.
54	Do not automatically cover an honour with an honour – unless it will promote a lower card for the partnership.
55	Defending is not easy! Bear that in mind when declaring – try to create the impression that you own a different hand to the one you actually possess
56	Two outside aces and a top honour in the suit that partner has preempted equals nine tricks. Consider bidding Three No Trumps
57	Listen carefully to the opponent's bidding. If they bid and support a suit in which you have some length, you know partner is very short

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