

1. Exceptions: Before the first card is played, each player can announce one of the exceptions (see solo). The solo player always starts the first trick (except in the case of "Silent Marriage").

The exceptions are declared clockwise, starting with the player to the dealer's left. Players with no exceptions to announce are "gesund" (German for healthy).

2. Announcements: Re is announced by a player who holds a "Queen of Clubs", Contra by players who do not. Re and Contra both double the game points. The have to be made by a player who still holds 11 or more cards. When Re or Contra have been announced, further subsequent announcement are possible:

- with 10 cards or more
- with 9 cards or more
- with 8 cards or more
- with 7 cards or more

In the case of "Marriage" (in German: "Hochzeit"), the trick which determines the partner counts as the starting point for Re/Contra and also for the announcement of no 90, 60,

Solo - Trumps

- 1. Queen Solo: Only the eight Queens are trump. All four suits rank Ace, Ten, King, Jack, Nine.
- 2. Jack Solo: Only the eight Jacks are trump. All four suits rank Ace, Ten, King, Queen, Nine.
- 3. Trump Solo: Each of the 4 suits can be announced as trump solo. If the suit is diamonds, the usual order of trumps is unchanged. If it is any other suit, the 4 diamond trumps are exchanged with the announced suit; the Ten of hearts remains always the highest ranking trump.
- 4. Marriage: If a player holds both "Queen of clubs", he can announce "marriage". The partner is the player, who wins the first trick, where the first card played is not a trump. If, after 3 tricks, the partner could not be determined or if the "marriage" was not announced by the player (Silent Marriage), he plays a trump solo (diamonds).