

DISCARDING TO OWN CRIB - REVIEW

Have overhead many players say that they cannot make a decent discard to their own crib. In about half the cases this is absolutely true. It is important to recognize the opportunities for loading your crib when cards allow. Many such opportunities are missed in actual play. The following are examples in which a strong discard was made to the crib with proper regard for big and small hand rules.

Hand Composition	Discard to Crib	Comments
1-5-2-6-3-8	5-6	small hand rule
2-8-3-6-4-5	2-3	small hand rule
1-4-Q-Q-2-5	2-5 (discuss)	small hand rule
9d-4-5-Jd-Qd-Kd	4-5	big hand rule
1-5-2-6-3-7	2-3	small hand rule
9-4-5-6-9-9	4-5	big hand rule
2-7-3-9-5-K	2-3	7-9 weak discard to own crib
3-10-10-J-Q-5	3-5	big hand rule (10 pt start)
5-K-6-9-1-2	5-K	small hand rule
5-Q-6-6-1-2	5-Q	small hand rule
K-3-8-5-9-6	5-K	small hand rule
5-7-8-J-7-J	5-J	small hand rule
J-2-6-1-4-7	1-4	small hand rule
1-7-9-7-5-K	5-K	small hand rule
Q-10-5-4-1-4	5-10 (discuss)	small hand rule
8-9-5-2-6-7	2-5	
Q-3-6-6-5-2	2-3	small hand rule

Small hand rules applies to hands of fewer than eight points. Very important in such cases to maximize points and think of count in terms of combined values of hand and crib.

Big hand rules applies to hands of eight points or more. Remember the key question, "do I have the potential of twelve or more points in hand after making the strong discard to my crib?"

HOW MUCH CAN I SACRIFICE IN THE HAND TO MAKE THE GOOD DISCARD
subject to a favorable answer to the above question?

4 points maximum for 5-5

2 points maximum for 2-3, 5-J, 5-6, 5-K, 5-10, 5-Q, and 4-5

Subject to these conditions, how would these hands be discarded to own crib?

10-J-3-9-5-5

K-1-3-4-2-2

Q-Q-10-5-5-4

4-5-6-7-7-Q

1-1-2-3-4-K

2-6-7-7-5-5