



## Deciding to Compete

Right Hand Opponent has opened 1♥. (What) would you bid on the following?

1

♠ A 3

♥ J

♦ A K 9 3 2

♣ Q J 10 8 7

Overall 2♦. Not suitable for X as no four-card spade suit.

2

♠ K 3

♥ 9 7 2

♦ A Q J 6

♣ K 6 3 2

PASS. Not X as no four-card spade suit. No five-card+ suit. Not enough for 1NT overcall. (Good for defence)

3

♠ 8 4

♥ Q J 9 6 3

♦ K 9 8 4

♣ 3 2

PASS. Opps probably won't finish in hearts.



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4

♠ Q J 9 6

♥ Q

♦ K 9 8 4

♣ A Q 3 2

X to show four-card spade suit, shortage of hearts and support for the minor suits.

5

♠ K 3

♥ A 9 7 2

♦ A Q J 6

♣ K 6 3

Overcall 1NT to show balanced hand with 16-18 HCPs and heart stop.

6

♠ Q J 9 6

♥ 6 5

♦ K Q J

♣ A Q 3 2

X to show four-card spade suit, shortage of hearts and support for the minor suits. Be prepared for partner to pick diamonds, the holding is just good enough.



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### Responding to Partner's Double

North    East    South    West

1♥        X        P        ?

As West, what will you reply with the following?

7

♠ A Q 5 3 2

♥ K 8

♦ A Q 5 3

♣ 10 8

8

♠ 5 4 3 2

♥ J 10

♦ 10 9 8 7

♣ K 7 2

9

♠ K 10 8

♥ A 2

♦ K 10 8 2

♣ J 7 3 2

You assume partner has an opening quality hand with a four-card spade suit: 4♠ showing game values

You assume partner has an opening quality hand with a four-card spade suit: 1♠ showing very poor values

Partner has an opening quality hand with a four-card spade suit: 2♣ response is safe, but minimum. Your heart suit has one, but only one, stop. 2NT is a little risky but more constructive. A bit more advanced is to bid 2♥, the enemy suit, asking partner to bid again, and inviting No Trumps IF partner also has a high card in hearts.