

Other Balancing Situations

If the opponents have bid and raised a suit:

West	North	East	South
1H	P	2H	P
P	?		

West	North	East	South
1D	P	1H	P
2H	P	P	?

You should not necessarily give up at the two level. When the opponents have a trump fit and about half of the available 40 HCP, they can probably take eight tricks. But if they have half the HCP and a trump fit, then so do you! So you need to try to push them up to the three-level. By pushing them higher, you force them to make uncomfortable decisions. BUT, once you push them to a higher level, DO NOT now bid one more yourselves! PASS and DEFEND. DO NOT punish your partner for balancing by raising to another level unless you hold something very shapely and/or with a very good fit!

When You Should Not Come Into the Auction

- When they might not have a trump fit:

West	North	East	South
1S	P	1NT	P
2D	P	2S	P
P	?		

- When they have bid 3 suits and settled on the third:

West	North	East	South
1C	P	1H	P
1S	P	2S	P
P	?		

What Would You Bid? (West is the Dealer)

<p>KQ10 1097 K98 A963</p> <p>86 KJ32 AJ742 K7</p> <p>J7542 A5 Q10 J852</p>	<p>A93 Q864 653 Q104</p>	<p>KJ654 AK64 J Q87</p> <p>A J1083 97654 J102</p> <p>Q1072 Q75 A103 964</p>	<p>983 92 KQ82 AK53</p>	<p>Q74 AQ73 Q1062 108</p> <p>K52 98 983 A9632</p> <p>10963 KJ105 AJ7 J4</p>	<p>AJ8 642 K54 KQ75</p>
<p>1D P 1H P 2H P P ? ?</p>	<p>P 1S P 2S P P ? ?</p>	<p>P P 1C P 2C P P Dbl P ? ?</p>			
<p>K984 K6 976 J1063</p> <p>1063 1054 A832 AQ2</p> <p>QJ75 AQJ72 K5 75</p>	<p>A2 983 QJ104 K984</p>	<p>Q8 KQ42 87 AK84</p> <p>J10 107 AQ103 Q10953</p> <p>7432 AJ986 J62 J</p>	<p>AK95 53 K954 762</p>	<p>865432 A72 10 K32</p> <p>1097 KJ94 A92 J109</p> <p>AQ 65 QJ86 Q7654</p>	<p>KJ Q1083 K7543 A8</p>
<p>P P P 1H P 1S P 2S P P ? P ? ? ? ?</p>	<p>P 1C P 1H P 2H P P ? P ? ?</p>	<p>P P 1D P 1H P 2H P P ? ?</p>			
<p>J98 873 AK73 K54</p> <p>Q762 KQ 842 J1063</p> <p>5 J1054 J1095 AQ72</p>	<p>AK1043 A962 Q6 98</p>				
<p>P P 1S P 2S P P ? ?</p>					