

Bidding Over Opponent's Preempt

Some Helpful Guidelines

Use the Rule of 7 When Faced with a Questionable Overcall

- Imagine your partner's hand with 7 random points.
 - First, you must have opening bid count.
 - You can't pick the points you want partner to have.
 - Just imagine 7 random points in her hand.
- If you feel with those 7 points you can make the contract, bid it!

RHO opens 2 ♥.

♠ 4 2

♥ A 3 2

♦ A Q 10 8 5

♣ K Q 3

What 7 points can you imagine in partner's hand?

- Ace-king of spades.
- Ace of spades and king of diamonds
- King of diamonds and ace of clubs.

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♠ 4 2

♥ A K J 8 4

♦ A10

♣ Q 9 5 3

What 7 points can you imagine in partner's hand?

- If partner has 7 points in clubs and diamonds, you have a chance.

Bid Aggressively With Favorable Vulnerability

- Here's one more rule of 7 hand.
 - RHO opens 3 ♠.
 - ♠ 4 2
 - ♥ A Q J 10 8 4
 - ♦ K J 3
 - ♣ 10 8
 - Pass with adverse vulnerability.
 - Bid 4 ♥ with favorable vulnerability.
 - With even vulnerability it's a toss up.

Double Instead of Overcalling If You Have Support for Unbid Suits

- Make a takeout double when you can support the unbid suits even if you have a 5 card minor suit.
- With a five-card major suit, an overcall might be best.

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♠ 4

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 Q 4 2

 A J 10 8

 A

 Q J 10 5 3

The Two No-Trump Overcall

- A direct two no-trump bid shows a hand that would have opened 1 no trump.
- Must have a stopper in the opponent's suit.

RHO opens 2 ♦.

♠ K 4

♥ A Q 10 8

♦ K 7 3

♣ K J 10 5

- Show your no trump opening strength.
- Partner will know what to do.
- Play systems on.

The Three No-Trump Overcall

- To play. A running suit with a stopper.

RHO opens 2  .

 A 4 3

 A 5

 K 4

 A K Q J 7 6

A Cue Bid of Opener's Suit

- Talk it over with partner.
 - A strong Michaels Cue.
- RHO opens 2 ♠.
- ♠ K 4
- ♥ A K 10 8 5
- ♦ 3
- ♣ K Q J 10 7
- You want partner to choose one of your suits.

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 - A strong Michaels Cue.

RHO opens 2  .

 K Q 4 3 2

 A K 10 8 5

 3

 A 5

- You want partner to choose a major.
- You will bid the game.

When You are In The Balancing Seat

Guidelines:

- The bidding Weak 2x... pass... pass ... Your bid.
 - Stretch your hand to compete. Add about 4 points, then make the same bid you would make in the direct seat.
 - Make a takeout double, even with as little as 10 hcps.
 - Partner has some values. Why is he not bidding?
 - If you are short in the opener's suit, partner may have a trump stack.

Responding After Partner Makes a Takeout Double

- Use a version of Lebensol when responding to partner's takeout double.
- Any two-level bid is to play.
- Two no trump is a relay to 3 ♣, after which you will bid your suit to play.
- Non-jump bids at the 3 level are invitational, showing 8-10 points.
- Jump bids are forcing (11+ points).
- If you use the 2 nt – 3 ♣ relay then bid a suit you could have bid at the two level, it is invitational (8-10 points).

You are Sitting in 4th Seat – Partner Doubles. Example 1

North East South West

2 ♦ dble pass ??

♠ K 4 2

♥ Q 10 8 5

♦ 7 6 4

♣ J 7 6

- Bid 2 ♥ .
- A non-jump bid at the two level is to play.
- Partner will pass.

You are Sitting in 4th Seat – Partner Doubles. Example 2

North	East	South	West
2 ♦	dble	pass	??

♠ K 4 2

♥ A 10 8 5

♦ 7 6 4

♣ Q 7 6

- Bid 2nt, then after partner bids 3 ♣, you will bid 3 ♥.
- Using the 2nt—3 ♣ relay shows a hand with 8-10 points.
- An invitational bid.
- Partner will bid accordingly.

You are Sitting in 4th Seat – Partner Doubles. Example 3

North East South West

2 ♦ dble pass ??

♠ A Q 2

♥ A 10 8 5

♦ 7 6

♣ K 7 6 3

- Bid 3♥.
- A jump bid shows 12+ points and is game forcing.
- Partner will make the correct bid.

You are Sitting in 4th Seat – Partner Doubles. Example 4

North	East	South	West
2 ♠	double	pass	??

♠ Q 4 2

♥ A 10 8 5

♦ 7 6

♣ 9 7 6 3

- Bid 2nt. After partner bids 3♣, bid 3♥.
- Using the 2nt—3♣ Relay, then bidding a suit at the three level (one which could not have been bid at the two level) is to play.
- Partner will pass.

You are Sitting in 4th Seat – Partner Doubles. Example 5

North	East	South	West
2 ♠	double	pass	??
♠ 4 2			
♥ K 10 8 5			
♦ Q 10 6			
♣ A J 6 3			

- Bid 3 ♥.
- A non-jump bid at the 3 level shows a hand with 9-11 points.
- It is an invitational bid.
- Partner will know what to do.

Final Thoughts

- A preemptive bid is an obstructive bid.
- Opponents are trying to get in your way.
- If they do that, they are doing exactly what they are supposed to do.
- It's what you will do to them if you are dealt the right hand.
- Know your system.
- Talk it over with partner.
- Be prepared and you will do well.