Responding After a 1 Overcall

Responder's Options and Partnership Agreements

1 (minor suit)... 1 🧡 ...?

- Pass is a legitimate bid with 0 to 7 or 8 points and no convenient bid.
- If partner has a really good hand, partner can make a bid or make a reopening double.
- In this situation a negative double promises exactly 4 spades.
 - Not 3.
 - Not 5
 - Exactly 4.

We've Discussed Negative Doubles

- Just remember.
 - Double with 4 spades
 - Bid spades with 5 or more.
 - You can negative double with a game forcing hand.
 - You make the negative double, partner bids and you make an aggressive rebid, to show your strength.

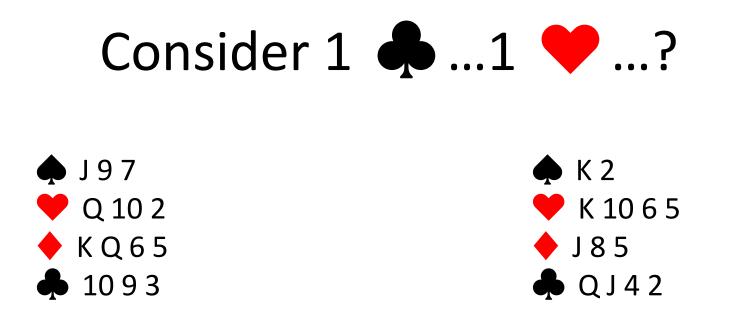




Double. If partner bids spades, you bid 4 \spadesuit . If partner bids anything else, bid 3 nt.



Bid 1 . This is forcing, of course. Partner will know you have 5 or more spades. Listen carefully to partner's rebid.



Bid 1 nt. Shows 6-9 points, fewer than 4 spades, and a stopper in hearts.

Consider 1 🔶 ... 1 🧡 ... 2 🔶



2 . 6-10 points, with fewer than 4 spades. If you play inverted minors and you leave them on after an overcall, the bid with this hand would be
3 .





. 10+ points, 5+ clubs and fewer than 4 spades. It is forcing for one round of bidding.



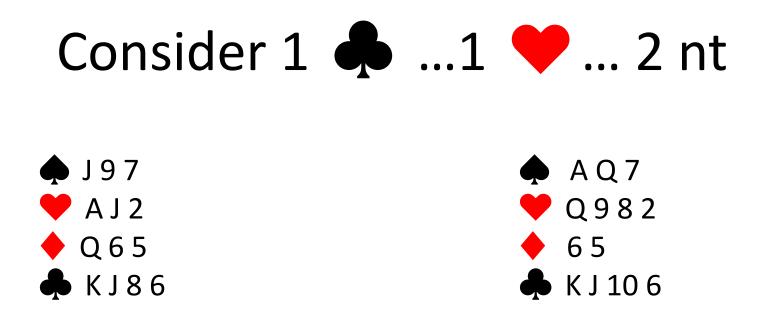


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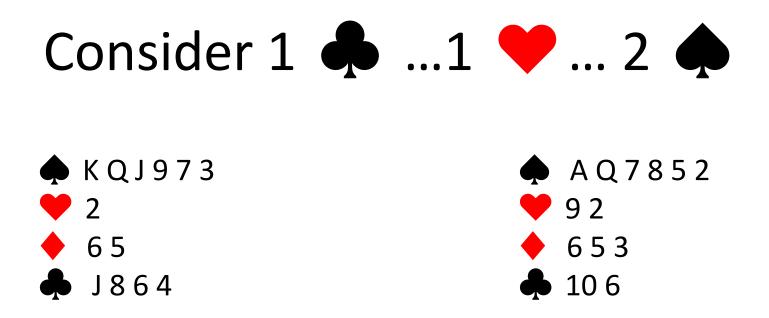
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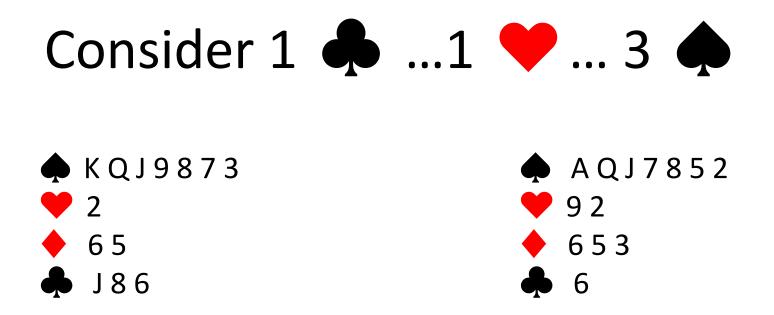
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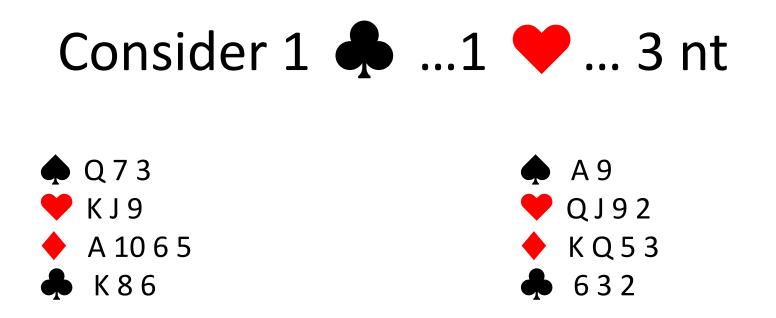
11 or 12 points. Invites 3 nt and denies 4 spades. Guarantees a stopper in hearts.



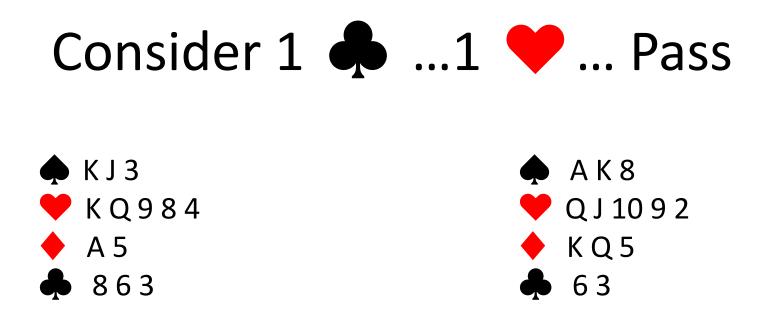
6 spades, with a weak hand. Don't do this without a partnership agreement.



Preemptive. I showed spades here, but applies to any <u>7-card</u> suit except hearts or the one opened by partner. Must have an agreement with partner.



13-15 points, hearts stopped, and no more than3 spades.



<u>Trap pass</u>. You have a heart stack and hope partner will reopen with a double, as takeout. You can pass again and convert partner's double to penalty. This is best when the opponents are vulnerable.

Quiz: 1 🔶 ...1 🧡 ... ???



<u>Double</u>...see if partner has 4 spades.

<u>1</u> ♠ ...show partner
5 spades. Heart suit
not good enough to
try for a penalty
double.

Quiz: 1 🔶 ...1 🧡 ... ???



<u>1 n</u>t ... 6-10 with hearts stopped.



3 as long as partner knows this is weak.