



St Annes Bridge Club

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Suit Overcall Recap

A one level overcall shows at least 8 points and a good 5+ card suit

A two level overcall shows at least 10 points and a good 6+ card suit (or very good 5 card suit)

Good means at least 2 honours

If you have a fit (3+) for partners overcall respond aggressively if not be cautious

Consider vulnerability.

Takeout Doubles - Recap

Double of the enemy suit is not for penalties it is for *takeout*.
If opposition do not bid partner *must* bid. Partner bids:

Hand	Bid
Weak (0-8 pts),	Bid 4 card suit, 3 if necessary
Intermediate (9-11pts)	Jump bid in 4+ suit (preferably a major)
Strong (12+ pts)	Jump to game or cue bid enemy suit
6-9 pts stop in enemy suit	Bid 1 NT
10-12 pts usually 2 stops in enemy suit	Bid 2 NT
13-15 pts at least 2 stop in enemy suit	Bid 3 NT

Responses after Partner's opening has been doubled

If you can make the bid you would have made, make it.

If you have a fit be aggressive (bid 1 more than normal)

1♥ dble ? You hold:

♠ K J 8 7
♥ 6 5 4
♦ A 10 8 5
♣ J 9

♠ 6 2
♥ Q 6 5 4
♦ 7 6 2
♣ J 5 3 2

♠ 6 2
♥ Q 6 5 4
♦ Q 6 2
♣ A 5 3 2

Respond 1♠

Respond 2♥

Respond 3♥

Responses after Partner's opening has been doubled

If you have a fit be aggressive (bid 1 more than normal)

You therefore need a bid to show a **sound** raise to 3.

The bid of 2NT is used to show a sound raise to 3 after a double

1♥ dble ?

♠	6 2
♥	Q 6 5 4
♦	Q 6 2
♣	A 5 3 2

Respond 3♥

♠	6 2
♥	K Q 6 5
♦	Q 6 2
♣	A 5 3 2

Respond 2NT

Opener will bid either 3♥ or 4♥

This is an example of a *conventional* bid and is *alertable*

Competitive bidding: 1 NT overcall

When the opponents open the bidding with a suit, an overcall of 1NT shows a balanced hand with 16-18 pts including some strength (preferably 2 stoppers) in the opponents suit.eg

♠	K 2
♥	A Q 5
♦	Q J 9 8 7
♣	K J 2

West	North (you)
1 ♥	1 NT

Opening 1 NT requires 12-14 pts. More points are needed to *overcall* 1 NT (16-18). The opposition have already opened, therefore there are fewer points available for your partner

Responding to a 1 NT Overcall

Respond as you would to an opening bid of 1 NT, but take into account the extra points your partner has (16-18 cf. 12-14)

Therefore options are:

- A raise in NT (2 NT with 7-8 pts, 3 NT with 9+)
- A weakness takeout into 2 of your suit (5+ suit, 0-6 pts)
- A raise to 3 in a major (5 card suit, 8+ pts) forcing
- A raise to game in a major (6+ suit, 8+ pts)
- A raise to 3 in a minor, distributional hand 8+ pts, forcing
- Stayman (more later)
- Pass

Responding to partners suit after 1 NT Overcall

Eg.	West	North	East (You)
	1 ♥	1 NT	?

- Raise openers suit (normal raises but require good support)
- Double (penalties) on 9+ pts
- A new suit (6 card or very good 5) 5-8 pts. Not forcing.
- Pass

After opponents 1 NT overcall. Double for penalties if your side has the majority of points. Otherwise bid naturally

HAND 1

North

♠ A J 6 5 4 3

♥ K 9 4 3

♦ A 2

♣ 7

1 S

pass

pass

West

♠ 9 2

♥ J 10 2

♦ K 8 7

♣ K J 10 5 4

2 NT

pass

East

♠ K 10 8 7

♥ A Q 8

♦ Q 9 3

♣ A Q 9

1 NT

3 NT

South

♠ Q

♥ 7 6 5

♦ J 10 6 5 4

♣ 8 6 3 2

pass

pass

HAND 2

North

♠ 6 5

pass

♥ 7 5

♦ 10 9 8 5

♣ Q 10 8 5 4

West

♠ A Q 10 9 7 3

♥ 2

♦ 7 6 4 2

♣ 9 3

2 S

East

♠ J 8

♥ A J 9 6 4 3

♦ A K

♣ J 7 2

1 H

pass

South

♠ K 4 2

♥ K Q 10 8

♦ Q J 3

♣ A K 6

1 NT

pass

HAND 3

North

♠ K J 7 6 5 3

♥ 8

♦ K 9

♣ 10 9 7 5

2 S

pass

West

♠ Q 8 2

♥ K Q 10

♦ Q J 8 7

♣ A Q 4

1 NT

pass

East

♠ 4

♥ 9 7 4 3

♦ 10 6 5 4 2

♣ 6 3 2

pass

pass

South

♠ A 10 9

♥ A J 6 5 2

♦ A 3

♣ K J 8

1 H

4 S

HAND 4

North

♠ K J 7

♥ K 9 5

♦ K 9 7

♣ A K 6 2

1 NT

4 H

pass

West

♠ Q 10 9 4 3

♥ J 7

♦ A Q 3 2

♣ Q J

1 S

pass

pass

East

♠ 5 2

♥ 10 3 2

♦ 6 5 4

♣ 10 9 8 7 3

pass

pass

pass

South

♠ A 8 6

♥ A Q 8 6 4

♦ J 10 8

♣ 5 4

3 H

pass

HAND 5

North

♠ Q 7 6 3
♥ 7
♦ 10 9 8 7 6 5
♣ 9 8

2 D

West

♠ A 10 9
♥ 8 5 2
♦ 4 2
♣ K 10 5 4 3

pass

pass

South

♠ K 5 4 2
♥ K Q 10
♦ Q J
♣ A Q 6 2

1 NT

pass

East

♠ J 8
♥ A J 9 6 4 3
♦ A K 3
♣ J 7

1 H

pass

Homework

- Read Pgs Stayman 115 - 120