

Audrey Grant Bridge Basics II

The Competitive Auction Chapter 4

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Responder's Action After an Overcall

How do you bid this hand?

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	1 ♥	?
	♠ J 9 2		
	♥ A J 10		
	♦ Q 6 2		
	♣ J 8 6 5		

Responder's Action After an Overcall

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	1 ♥	1 NT
	♠ J 9 2		
	♥ A J 10		
	♦ Q 6 2		
	♣ J 8 6 5		

1 No Trump – with 6-10 HCP's , and stoppers in the opponents suit, bid 1 NT.

Responder's Action After an Overcall

How do you bid this hand?

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	1 ♥	?
	♠ K Q 10 7 2		
	♥ 8 7 3		
	♦ Q 5		
	♣ 9 6 5		

Responder's Action After an Overcall

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	1 ♥	1 Spade
	♠	K Q 10 7 2	
	♥	8 7 3	
	♦	Q 5	
	♣	9 6 5	

1 Spade – South would have bid 1 spade had east passed. A new suit by responder is still forcing after an overcall and shows 6 or more points.

Responder's Action After an Overcall

How do you bid this hand?

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	1 ♠	?
	♠ 9 8 4		
	♥ A K J 9 2		
	♦ K 5		
	♣ Q 6 5		

Responder's Action After an Overcall

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	1 ♠	?
	♠ 9 8 4		
	♥ A K J 9 2		
	♦ K 5		
	♣ Q 6 5		

2 Hearts – With a good five card suit, south has enough strength to bid 2 hearts.

Responder's Action After an Overcall

How do you bid this hand?

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	2 ♣	?
	♠	Q 8 6	
	♥	J 6 3	
	♦	K 4	
	♣	J 7 5 3 2	

Responder's Action After an Overcall

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	2 ♣	Pass
	♠ 6 4		
	♥ K 9 7 5 3		
	♦ J 6		
	♣ Q 9 7 2		

Pass – South would have bid 1 NT with this hand but after the 2 club overcall, does not have enough strength to bid at the two level. This would show an invitational hand.

Responder's Action After an Overcall

Other Options:

Responder's Preemptive Jump Raise

Responder's cuebid

Responder's double

Responder's Action After an Overcall

Responder's Preemptive Jump Raise with Support and 6 – 9 Points

4 card support

Jump to the three level

5 card support

Jump to the game level

Preemptive Jump Raise

How do you bid this hand?

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	1 ♠	?

♠	4
♥	K 10 7 5 3
♦	6 2
♣	10 9 7 6 5

Preemptive Jump Raise

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	1 ♠	4 ♥
	♠ 4		
	♥ K 10 7 5 3		
	♦ 6 2		
	♣ 10 9 7 6 5		

- 4 hearts** – With **5** card support and a weak hand, south can make a preemptive jump raise all the way to the 4 level. This bid is descriptive (weak with four card support) and obstructive (keeps opponents out of the auction).

Preemptive Jump Raise

How do you bid this hand?

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	1 ♠	?

♠ Q 8
♥ A 9 5
♦ 10 7 4 2
♣ Q 8 6 2

Preemptive Jump Raise

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♥

♠ Q 8
♥ A 9 5
♦ 10 7 4 2
♣ Q 8 6 2

2 hearts – With **3** card support, south simply raises to the two level.

Responder's Action After an Overcall

Responder's Cuebid

Responder's Cuebid is a forcing bid, showing:

Support for opener's suit, three cards or more

At least invitational strength (10+ HCP)

Responder's Cuebid

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♠ (cuebid)
	1 ♥	1 ♠	3 ♥ (preemptive)

A **cuebid** of the opponent's suit shows an invitational hand (10+ points), at least 3 card support.

A **jump or raise of partner's suit** shows a weak hand with intent on competing at the part score level.

The cuebid shows a stronger hand than the simple raise or preemptive jump raise.

Responder's Cuebid

Invitational Strength or Better

How do you bid this hand?

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	1 ♠	?
	♠ 9 6		
	♥ K Q 7 5		
	♦ K Q 6 4		
	♣ J 4 3		

Responder's Cuebid

Invitational Strength or Better

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♠
	♠ 9 6		
	♥ K Q 7 5		
	♦ K Q 6 4		
	♣ J 4 3		

2 spades – With **11 HCP's**, plus **3** card support, south cue bids the opponents suit. With more than a minimum opening bid, north will accept and bid game in **hearts**.

Responder's Action After an Overcall

Responder's Negative Double

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	1 ♠	Double

Support for both unbid suits – ideally 4 card support in the unbid suits (always in the major suit)

Enough Strength to compete – the strength depends upon the level to which opener will be forced to bid. At least 7 points at the 1 level.

Responder's Negative Double

How do you bid this hand?

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	1 ♠	?
	♠ 6 4 3		
	♥ K J 8 5		
	♦ 9 6		
	♣ A 10 8 2		

Responder's Negative Double

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	1 ♠	Double
	♠ 6 4 3		
	♥ K J 8 5		
	♦ 9 6		
	♣ A 10 8 2		

Double – With 8 high card points and two four card suits in the unbid suits, a negative double perfectly describes responder's hand.

This is a classic negative double. You won't always have 2 four card suits, but you must always have the "other" major when making a negative double.

Play Hand #13

Play Hand #15

Responder's Negative Double

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	1 ♠	Double

Shows 4 card heart suit, possibly 4 clubs.

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	1 ♠	2 hearts

Shows at least 5 card heart suit

Responder's Negative Double

How do you bid this hand?

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	2 ♦	?
	♠	Q 9 7 4	
	♥	8 6	
	♦	Q 6 3	
	♣	J 7 5 2	

Responder's Negative Double

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	2 ♦	Pass
	♠	Q 9 7 4	
	♥	8 6	
	♦	Q 6 3	
	♣	J 7 5 2	

Pass – With only four points, plus only 2 cards in the heart suit, it is best to pass quickly!

Responder's Action After A Takeout Double

Almost the same as an overcall but not quite

As the opponent has shown the equivalent of an opening hand, the chances of your team having game is less likely.

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Double	?

Responder's Redouble

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Double	Redouble

Shows **10+ high card points**

Says essentially,

“I think the contract belongs to our side”

Responder's Redouble

How do you bid this hand?

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Double	?

♠ Q 2
♥ K 9 4
♦ A K J 7 5 3
♣ 9 5

Responder's Redouble

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Double	Redouble
	♠ Q 2		
	♥ K 9 4		
	♦ A K J 7 5 3		
	♣ 9 5		

Redouble – with 13 HCP's, plus 2 length points, south starts with a redouble. A redouble can show a variety of hands. A balanced hand, a long suit, or support for partner's suit.

Responder's Redouble

Impact of the Redouble

Responder's other responses can now be used to show weaker hands.

The Impact of Responder's Redouble

How do you bid this hand?

West North East South

1 ♠

Double

?

♠ K J 8 5

♥ 3

♦ 8 7 5 3 2

♣ 9 6 2

The Impact of Responder's Redouble

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Double	3 spades

♠ K J 8 5
♥ 3
♦ 8 7 5 3 2
♣ 9 6 2

3 Spades – with 4 HCP's, plus 3 dummy points, south can now make a preemptive jump raise to show a weak hand. With a stronger hand, south would have started with a redouble.

Advancing an overcall if Responder bids

How do you bid this hand?

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♥	?

♠ K 10 5
♥ 9 7
♦ K Q 6 4 3
♣ 10 7 5

Advancing an overcall if Responder bids

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♥	2 spades

♠ K 10 5
♥ 9 7
♦ K Q 6 4 3
♣ 10 7 5

2 spades – with 3 card support for partner's suit and 8 HCP's, south would have raised to 2 spades if east had passed.

Advancing an overcall if Responder bids

How do you bid this hand?

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♥	?

♠ Q J 7 3
♥ 9
♦ 7 4 2
♣ K 8 6 5 3

Advancing an overcall if Responder bids

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♥	3 spades
	♠ Q J 7 3		
	♥ 9		
	♦ 7 4 2		
	♣ K 8 6 5 3		

3 spades – with 4 card support for partner's suit and a weak hand, south makes a preemptive jump raise.

With enough support to make an invitational raise of Partner's suit, advancer would make a cuebid of 3 hearts!

Advancing a Takeout Double if Responder bids

How do you bid this hand?

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Double	2 ♥	?

♠ K J 7 4 3
♥ Q 2
♦ 8 6 2
♣ 7 5 2

Advancing an Takeout Double if Responder bids

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Double	2 ♥	2 spades

♠ K J 7 4 3
♥ Q 2
♦ 8 6 2
♣ 7 5 2

2 Spades – South is not required to bid, but with a good five card suit and 6 HCP's, bids 2 spades. Partner has promised at least an opening hand as the dummy, so the partnership should have half the points.

Opener's Action in a Competitive Auction

How do you bid this hand?

West	North	East	South
1 ♦ ?	1 ♠	Double	Pass

♠ A 8 3
♥ Q 7 5 2
♦ A J 9 8
♣ K 5

Opener's Action in a Competitive Auction

How do you bid this hand?

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	1 ♠	Double	pass
2 hearts			

♠ A 8 3
♥ Q 7 5 2
♦ A J 9 8
♣ K 5

2 hearts – Partner made a negative double promising 4 card heart support as well as club support. West should bid hearts at the cheapest level.

Opener's Action in a Competitive Auction

How do you bid this hand?

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♠	Pass
?			

♠ Q 9 7
♥ K J 6 5 2
♦ A 8 3
♣ Q 8

Opener's Action in a Competitive Auction

How do you bid this hand?

West	North	East	South 1
1 ♥ ?	1 ♠	2 ♠	Pass

♠ Q 9 7
♥ K J 6 5 2
♦ A 8 3
♣ Q 8

3 hearts – East's cuebid of the overcalled suit shows support for hearts and a hand with 11 or more points. With a minimum opening bid, west bids 3 hearts. If west had 15 or more points, he should bid game.

Opener's Action in a Competitive Auction

How do you bid this hand?

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Double	3 ♠	pass
?			

♠ A Q 7 6 3
♥ K 4
♦ K Q 8 5
♣ Q 8

Opener's Action in a Competitive Auction

How do you bid this hand?

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Double	3 ♠	pass
Pass			

♠ A Q 7 6 3
♥ K 4
♦ K Q 8 5
♣ Q 8

Pass – East's jump overcall is weak.

Opener's Action in a Competitive Auction

How do you bid this hand?

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥
?			

♠ A K 10 8
♥ 6
♦ K Q 8 5
♣ A Q J 6

Opener's Action in a Competitive Auction

How do you bid this hand?

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥
Double			
	♠ A K 10 8		
	♥ 6		
	♦ K Q 8 5		
	♣ A Q J 6		

Double – A double at this point is for takeout. It is telling partner that west has enough points to compete and to bid his best suit (outside of the heart suit).

Action After Making an Overcall or Takeout Double

How do you bid this hand?

West	North	East	South
1 ♠ ?	2 ♦	3 ♦	1 ♦ Pass

♠ A J 10 9 7 5
♥ A 4
♦ 7 3
♣ K Q 5

Action After Making an Overcall or Takeout Double

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	2 ♦	3 ♦	1 ♦
4 Spades			Pass

♠ A J 10 9 7 5
♥ A 4
♦ 7 3
♣ K Q 5

4 Spades – East's cuebid shows at least 10 points and support for partner's suit. West must raise to 4 spades as game is likely.

Action After Making an Overcall or Takeout Double

How do you bid this hand?

West	North	East	South
Double	2 ♦	Pass	1 ♦
?			Pass

♠ A Q 10 9
♥ A K J 5
♦ 4
♣ K J 9 5

Action After Making an Overcall or Takeout Double

West	North	East	South
			1 ♦
Double	2 ♦	Pass	Pass
Double			

♠ A Q 10 9
♥ A K J 5
♦ 4
♣ K J 9 5

Double – East's pass was a 'free bid'. So, west does not expect much in the way of points. However, west doubles again to ask partner to bid his best suit (besides diamonds). As west has 18 HCP's and 3 dummy points and should be able to compete at the 2 or 3 level.

The Penalty Double

Although the double is used frequently to get partner to bid, it can also be used as a penalty.

Keeps the opponents from bidding frivolously

A deterrent against overbidding

The Penalty Double – Downside

**The opponents will make an increased score
if they make their contract**

**It is risky to double the opponents in a
part score contract unless you are certain
you can defeat them.**

Takeout or Penalty?

Doubles of the opponents' 1 NT or 2 NT opening bids are for penalty

Doubles of the opponents' bids at the game level or higher are for penalty

Takeout or Penalty?

How do you bid this hand?

West

North

East

South

1 NT

?

♠ A 9 5

♥ K Q J 10 9

♦ A K 8

♣ K 3

Takeout or Penalty?

West North East South
1 NT

Double

♠ A 9 5
♥ K Q J 10 9
♦ A K 8
♣ K 3

Double – This double is for penalty. With 15- 17 points, west
Expects to defeat south by one or two tricks.

Takeout or Penalty

How do you bid this hand?

West

North

East

South

2 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

?

♠ K Q

♥ A K 6

♦ A 10 5 2

♣ A J 7 3

Takeout or Penalty?

West	North	East	South
	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
?			

♠ K Q
♥ A K 6
♦ A 10 5 2
♣ A J 7 3

Double – North has opened a weak bid and south's jump is preemptive also. This double is for penalty.

Play Hand #14

Play Hand #16