

Preemptive Bids

Part I

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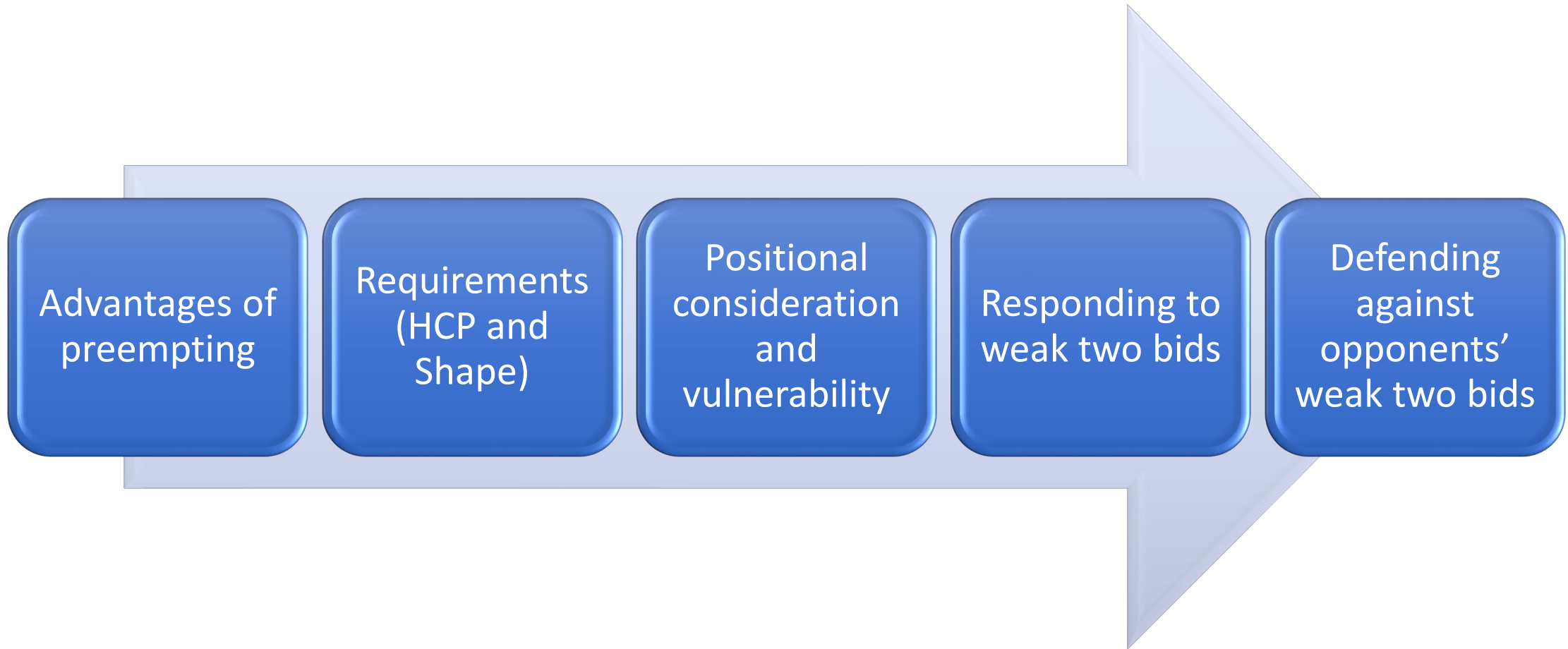


Convention Card

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Objectives



The Goals of Preemptive Bids

1. Limit the hand's strength
2. Describe the hand's shape immediately
3. Disrupt opponents' auctions by taking bidding space
4. Direct the opening lead



Three Factors To Consider When Preempting

Suit Quality

Position

Vulnerability



Position at the Table

Preempt aggressively in 1st and 3rd seat

Preempt conservatively in 2nd seat

In 4th seat, do not preempt

Vulnerability

*Preempt aggressively with Favorable vulnerability
(white vs. **red**)*

*Preempt conservatively with Unfavorable vulnerability
(**red** vs. white)*



Level of Preempts

- Weak two bids (2♦, 2♥, or 2♠) show a 6-card suit
- Weak three bids (3♣, 3♦, 3♥, or 3♠) show a 7-card suit
- Weak four bids (4♣, 4♦, 4♥, or 4♠) show an 8-card suit



Opening a Weak Two Bid

- 5-9/10 hcp
- A 6-card suit in 1st and 2nd seat (may be a good five in 3rd and favorable vulnerability)
- Usually, 2/3 or 3/5 top honors
 - **KQ9865; AQ9764; AJT743; QJT852**
- 2 of the top 5 with good intermediates (98 or 97)
 - **AJ984; KJ9765; KT9864**
- Suit strength can vary with **vulnerability and position**
- It is okay to open a weak two with a void or an outside Ace
- Don't open a weak two with a good side four-card major



What's your opening bid in 1st seat, None VUL?

1. ♠ J76542 ♥ KQ43 ♦ 65 ♣ 3

PASS

2. ♠ QJT965 ♥ A3 ♦ 7654 ♣ 2

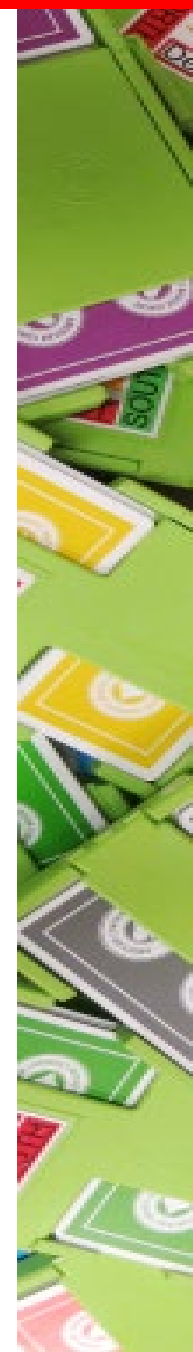
2♠

3. ♠ KJT654 ♥ - ♦ AQ65 ♣ JT3

1♠

4. ♠ 765 ♥ 876 ♦ KQT987 ♣ 4

2♦



What's your opening bid in 2nd seat, VUL. vs. NV?

5. ♠ 7 6 ♥ K J 6 5 4 2 ♦ K 3 2 ♣ 3 2

PASS

6. ♠ 8 7 4 ♥ 2 ♦ K J T 9 8 5 ♣ 5 2

2♦

7. ♠ K Q J 8 7 4 ♥ 9 4 3 2 ♦ - ♣ K T 9

2♠



What's your opening bid in 3rd seat – NV. vs. VUL?

8. ♠ JT9876 ♥ 43 ♦ K32 ♣ 87

2♠

9. ♠ K85 ♥ AJT95 ♦ Q7 ♣ 984

1♥

10. ♠ 7 ♥ 652 ♦ KQJT9 ♣ QJT9

2♦

11. ♠ - ♥ 7542 ♦ QT9 ♣ KQJT98

3♣



What's your opening bid after three passes?

11. ♠ 87 ♥ KJ9765 ♦ Q87 ♣ Q2

PASS

12. ♠ AQJT87 ♥ 7 ♦ K32 ♣ Q92

2♠



IN 4th SEAT

Pass — Pass — Pass — YOU?

You do not preempt in 4th seat

2♠ shows

- 12-14 points
- 6-card suit

♠ KQT953

♥ KQJ

♦ 85

♣ J2

2♠



THE Guideline OF 500

- This also known as the **Rule of Two and Three**
- When you preempt the opponents from reaching a game, make sure you only go **down two** when vulnerable and **down three** when non-vulnerable
- Be more cautious when vulnerable



Guidelines For Responding to Preemptive Bids

Once you preempted,
don't bid again unless
forced by partner

Responder is the
captain of the auction

The degree of trump
fit is more critical than
points

Compete immediately
to the number of
combined trumps held
by the partnership

Further the preempt
as high as you dare as
fast as you dare

Responder needs 16+
HCP to force opener to
bid again



Responding to a Weak Two Bid



Non-Forcing

Tactical raise to the 3-level to use bidding space, it's to play

Depends on degree of fit and shape, not hcp

Raise to game to further the preempt

Law of total tricks

Mel's Guideline of 17

Add hcp+ number of cards in weak suit, if 17 bid game

Forcing

Bid a new suit at level three to show 6+ cards and 16+ points

Responder supports with 2 cards, raise to game with 3 cards and 8-9 hcp, or rebid the weak two bid suit at the 3-level without support

Bid 2NT* (artificial) to show 16+ points and ask opener for an outside feature, an Ace or King

Opener shows a feature with 8-9 hcp, rebid suit with less points

Opener

♠ 7

♥ A94

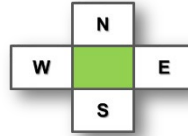
♦ KQT875

♣ 962

2♦

3♥

Pass

You

♠ AKJ5

♥ K83

♦ J9

♣ KJ75

2NT

3NT

Opener

♠ 7

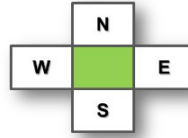
♥ K94

♦ QT9875

♣ 962

2♦

3♦



2NT

Pass

You

♠ AKJ5

♥ A83

♦ 64

♣ KJ75

Opener

♠ 84
♥ QJT986
♦ K72
♣ 86

2♥



3♥

Pass

You

♠ KQ5
♥ A75
♦ J953
♣ T42

Opener

♠ 3

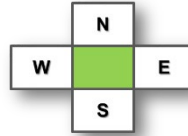
♥ AK9863

♦ 862

♣ 964

2♥

3♥

no support

2♠

Forcing

P

You

♠ AQJ976

♥ 9

♦ AK74

♣ Q2

Opener

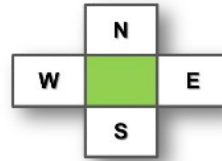
♠ T3

♥ AK9863

♦ 862

♣ 64

2♥



3♠

*Shows 2-card
support*

2♠

Forcing

4♠

You

♠ AQJ976

♥ 9

♦ AK74

♣ Q2

Opener

♠ KT3

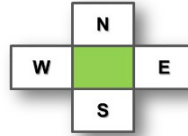
♥ AJ9863

♦ 862

♣ 6

2♥

4♠

*3-card support
& shape*

2♠

*Forcing*You

♠ AQJ976

♥ 9

♦ AK74

♣ Q2

♠ 7 2

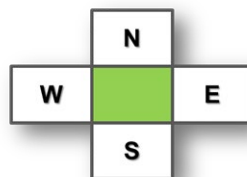
♥ 9 2

♦ A K Q 8 6 3

♣ 9 4 3

2♦

3NT



2NT

♠ K 8

♥ A 8 7

♦ T 5 2

♣ A K 9 4 3

*With a max and a suit headed by
AKQ, or AKJ bid game*

Defense Against Weak Two Bids

Do not preempt over a preempt

A Takeout double of a major promises opening values and 4 cards in the other major

A takeout double of 2♦ promises at least seven cards in the majors

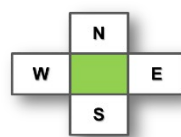
A double followed by bidding notrump, or a new suit shows a 19+ hands

An overcall of 2NT shows 15-18 HCP and stoppers (Stayman and Jacoby Transfers are on)

Overcall, promises a 5- 6 cards and opening values

Cuebid to ask for a stopper to play in 3NT





(2♥)

RHO

You

1

♠ KQJ542

♥ 96

♦ A87

♣ K9

2♠

2

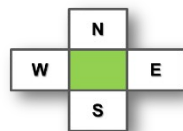
♠ 965

♥ AQT

♦ KJT

♣ AQJ8

2NT



You

(2♠)

RHO

1

♠ 7

♥ AQJ654

♦ J54

♣ A94

3♥

2

♠ 73

♥ AQJ65

♦ KQ4

♣ AK4

DBL

Cuebid to ask for a stopper

(2♥) - YOU

♠ A43

♥ 6

♦ AKQJT64

♣ KQ

3♥

(2♠) - YOU

♠ 96

♥ AQT

♦ KQ

♣ AQJT97

3♠

