



Third seat openings

Third seat openings at the one level

Open in third position with hands that would justify a "little overcall".
For a "weak" opening in third position you need: :

- a minimum of 7-8HCP
- and an interesting suit

S	W	N	E
		Pass	Pass
1 ♠			

K	Q	J	10	2	2	A	9	8	6	9	7	4
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problem 1152 In third seat, a 1 spade opening has a double effect: it makes things difficult for the opponents and also indicates the only good lead. You just have to dare ...

S	W	N	E
		Pass	Pass
1 ♦			

K	8	4	J	9	7	7	4	A	Q	10	9	8
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problem 1153 NB Thanks to the two 3-card majors it's possible to pass after your partner's 1 heart or 1 spade response. Also, your partner knows which suit to lead if necessary.



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Pre-empt openings in third seat .

In third (and fourth) position the criteria for pre-empt openings don't exist...you can do anything!

In particular you can open pre-empt with two aces, with high honors outside the suit, or with four cards in the other major.

S	W	N	E
		Pass	Pass
2♥			

Q♠	J♠	10♠	6♠	K♥	Q♥	J♥	10♥	8♥	2♥	8♣	7♦	4♦
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Problem 4949 Because this hand must be considered a pre-empt in spite of the four spades. Don't forget, in third seat you can do anything!



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Indicate the good lead

When you open in third seat, if your side is defending, you have the opportunity of indicating the good lead to your partner. If in doubt, bid the suit in which you would like to receive the lead.

S	W	N	E
		Pass	Pass
1 ♦			

K ♠	8 ♠	4 ♠	J ♥	9 ♥	7 ♥	7 ♣	4 ♣	A ♦	Q ♦	10 ♦	9 ♦	8 ♦
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The opening which indicates the good lead, and, thanks to the two 3-card majors, it will be possible to pass after your partner's response of 1 heart or 1 spade.



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The ensuing bids

Often, after your major opening in third seat , your partner will use the Drury convention to check the strength of your opening.

You can consult the Drury card (card index summary, then Conventions, then 2 clubs Drury)
