



Overcalls after a 1NT opening

The main overcalls after a 1NT opening are:

- a suit normally with 6 cards
 - 2 clubs (Landy convention) with the majors at least 5-4
 - 2NT calling for the minors with preferably 6-5
 - Double showing a long minor and a major of at least 4 cards
 - Preempts with suits of 7 or 8 cards.
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To overcall in a suit you need

- a 6-card suit
- and an unbalanced distribution.

The hand's distribution is more important than the number of points HCP.

S	W	N	E
			1 NT
Pass			

A	J	9	3	2	K	Q	9	7	6	4	Q	J
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦

Problem E31484 **PASS** Your 13HCP are hardly worth anything!



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2 clubs Landy

This is a very efficient and economic overcall promising

- at least 5-4 in the majors
- and opening points

The bidding after 2 clubs:

- 2 diamonds shows a weak hand asking Partner to choose his best major
- 3 hearts or 3 spades proposes game

S	W	N	E
			1 NT
2 ♣			

A ♠	J ♠	10 ♠	8 ♠	K ♥	10 ♥	9 ♥	8 ♥	6 ♥	2 ♣	K ♦	9 ♦	8 ♦
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Problem E31504 2 clubs Landy to announce your 2 major suits



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2NT calling for the minors

2NT shows a hand with 10 or so HCP and, preferably, 6-5 in the minors (the 1NT opener is more likely to have strong minors than majors...)

In response to this overcall, Partner bids his best minor.














DOUBLE : showing a long minor and a major of at least 4 cards. This overcall is much more frequent than the Landy or 2NT. See the corresponding information note.

S	W	N	E
			1 NT
2 NT			

2	4	A	J	10	9	7	6	K	Q	10	9	8
												

Problem E1493 2NT showing a minort 2-suiter at least 5-5

S	W	N	E
			1 NT
X			

4	A	K	9	7	A	9	4	Q	J	10	9	7
												

Problem E5611 X showing a long minor and a major at least 4th