



Overcalls after a 1NT opening Kit Woolsey's convention

Using the Woolsey convention, the main overcalls after a 1NT opening are:

- 2 clubs (Landy convention) with the majors at least 5-4
- 2 diamonds a suit normally with 6 cards
- 2NT calling for the minors with preferably 6-5 (quite rare)
- 2 ♥ or 2 ♠ with a 5 card major and a minor 4th
- Double showing a long minor and a major of at least 4 cards

Don't forget to check who is vulnerable and that your distribution is more important than your HCP. Your honors should be concentrated in the suits signaled.

S	W	N	E
			1 NT
Pass			

A	Q	8	6	4	K	7	Q	7	5	Q	8	6
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problem E5477 PASS.. with your honors dispersed your hand is much too defensive to overcall .Everything would change if you had a ♥ singleton.

S	W	N	E
			1 NT
2 ♥			

7	K	Q	10	8	6	A	K	7	5	7	6	5
♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problem E9189 2 COAn overcall of 2 ♥ or 2 ♠ needs a solid 5 card major and a irregular hand. Ideally you should also have a 4 or 5 cards in a minor.



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2 ♦ overall and the following bids.

- Partner bids a major depending on his strength. If weak, he bids his weakest major, if necessary the overcaller rectifies.
- If he wants to know the overcaller's major, he bids 2NT.: The overcaller bids 3 ♣ for ♥ and 3 ♦ for ♠ and minimum points.
- With maximum points the overcaller bids 3 ♥ for ♠ and 3 ♠ for ♥ ! (Be careful !)

S	W	N	E
			1 NT
2 ♦			



Problem E9209 2 ♦ this shows a 6 card major.

S	W	N	E
	1 NT	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥			



Problem E9393 ? Pass or correct to 2 ♠ by North.



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2NT signalling 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.

The 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
♠	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦

2 NT showing a minors two-suiter at least 5-5.

S	W	N	E
			1 NT
X			

Q	J	7	3	Q	10	6	4	5	A	K	10	8
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

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

Problem E5494 double With this convention, a double on a 1NT opening shows a long minor and a 4 card major.



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2 ♣ Landy

This is a very efficient and economic overcall promising

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

The bidding after 2 TR:

- 2 ♥ shows a weak hand asking Partner to choose his best major
- 3 ♥ or 3 ♠ game proposal

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 E1504 2 ♣ Landy : to show your major two-suiter

S	W	N	E
			1 NT
3 ♣			

4 ♠	7 ♥	6 ♥	A ♣	Q ♣	J ♣	10 ♣	8 ♣	6 ♣	K ♦	10 ♦	9 ♦	7 ♦
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3 ♣ careful ! 2 ♣ is Landy promising the 2 majors . You need 5 ♦ cards to bid 2 NT (minors two-suiter)