



Third seat opening

Opening in third seat

- You can open in third position with a hand you would have made a "moderate overcall" with.
- It will at least give information to your partner for the lead...
- In third position, preempt rules are not the same. With an interesting hand, "upgrading" your preempt might be worth it.

When sitting in third position, you need at least 7-8 H and an interesting suit to open the bidding sequence.

S	W	N	E
		Pass	Pass
1 ♠			

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

In third seat, 1 ♠ has a double effect :

- it's embarrassing for your opponents
- it indicates your partner what to lead. You just need to dare....

S	W	N	E
		Pass	Pass
1 ♦			

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

Thanks to the two 3 card majors, you'll have the possibility to pass on your partner's possible major response. And, in case you end up defending, your partner will know what to lead.



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Preempt bids in third seat

In third (or fourth) position, preempt rules don't exist anymore... everything is possible !

You may preempt with two Aces, high honors beside your long suit, or even 4 cards in the other major suit.

S	W	N	E
		Pass	Pass
2♥			



Preempt with this hand, even with 4 ♠ cards. Don't forget : in third seat , everything is possible

S	W	N	E
		Pass	Pass
3♠			



In third seat , bid 3 ♠. Upgrade your preempt with this beautiful 6 carder. Now, West is really annoyed !



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Indicate the right lead

Opening in third seat gives you the opportunity to indicate the lead. In case you end up defending, your partner knows in which suit you would like to receive the lead.

S	W	N	E
		Pass	Pass
1 ♦			



Quiz 1

♦ indicates what to lead ! Your ♥ are weak. If you open 1♥, your partner might lead ♥ !

S	W	N	E
		Pass	Pass
1 ♥			



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♥, of course ! even with 4 cards (beautiful...) ! You avoid a 1♦ overcall and indicate your partner the right lead.... A ♣ lead would be terrible ...



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Bidding development

Most of the time, your partner will use the Drury convention in response to your major opening in third seat. He'll do that in order to check your strength.

Use the modern and efficient Drury ! With a weak hand, repeat your major, don't use the 2CA!

Have a look at the Drury convention (Technical document, Conventions, Drury 2♣)

S	W	N	E
		Pass	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠			

A	Q	10	8	6	K	9	8	8	3	2	7	4
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦

In response to your partner's Drury 2♣, repeat your ♠ to show a weak hand. Don't use the unefficient 2♦.