

Rotative Sputnik

Rotative Sputnik.

This convention is used by a large number of players worldwide. It's a type of Texas bid by the Responder when the Opp has overcalled with $1 \blacklozenge$ or $1 \blacktriangledown$. The aim is for the Overcaller to be on lead... After an overcall, Responder can bid the following:

- X always promises a minimum of 4 cards in the major immediately after the overcalled suit :
 - On an 1♦ overcall X promises a minimum of 4♥ cards
 - On a 1♥ overcall X promises a minimum of 4♠ cards
- bidding 1♥ promises a minimum of 4 ♠ cards
- bidding 1♠ denies 4♠ cards but gives the possibility of a 1NT bid



Problem E9655

The X from Responder promises at least 4 cards in the suit ranked one level higher than that of Overcaller's suit. In this instance it's COs.



Problem E9662

1♥ showing at least 4 ♠ cards, in this case it's 5 cards.





Rotative Sputnik

Rotative Sputnik; Responder's bids

- After an overcall of 1 ♦ , Responder promises :
 - with X a minimum of 4 ♥ cards (suit that is ranked one level higher than ♦)
 - with the bid 1♥ a minimum of 4 ♠ cards
 - ∘ with the bid of 1♠ neither 4 ♥ cards, nor 4 ♠ cards and no desire to bid 1NT!
- After a 1♥ overcall, Responder promises :
 - with X a minimum of 4 ♠ cards (suit that is ranked one level higher than ♥)
 - with a bid of 1♠ denies 4♠ cards, no desire to bid 1NT and no changing suit to the other minor at the 2 level



Problem E9676

1♠: denies 4 ♠ cards and no desire to bid 1NT



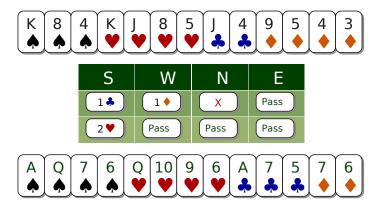


Rotative Sputnik

Rotative Sputnik: Opener's rebid

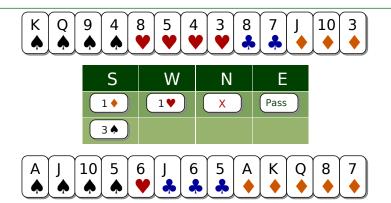
With a rebid, Opener describes his hand and a possible fit.

- By bidding Responder's suit without a jump, Opener shows a 3 card fit, no stopper in Overcaller's suit (and possibly not 4 cards in the other major)
- a non jump bid in Responder's suit promises a fit and a 1st zone opening
- a double jump bid in Responder's suit promises a fit and a 2nd zone opening
- 1NT shows a regular hand and 1st zone opening with a stopper in Overcaller's suit
- X from Opener shows 3 cards in Responder's suit and a "nice" opening



Problem E9656

2♥: non jump bid in Responder's suit shows a 4 card fit and a 1st zone hand.



Problem E9669

3 • : double-jump bid in Responder's suit show a minimum 4 card fit and a 2nd zone hand.