



After an opening of 1 in a major: the level of support

Your partner has opened 1 of a major suit.

He has at least 12HCP.
With 6HCP and 3 trumps, the priority is to support him !

- A single raise to level 2: with 6-10 and at least 3 cards in the major.
- A double raise to level 3: with 11-12 and 4 trumps.
- A triple raise to level 4: with 13-15 and 4 trumps
- Pass: with less than 4-5 points

S	W	N	E
		1 ♥	Pass
2 ♥			



Problem E2205 In the zone 6-10S with a heart fit of 3 cards (even with 4 very good spades) give a single raise to 2 hearts.

S	W	N	E
		1 ♥	Pass
3 ♥			



Problem E2215 Show your strength by jumping to level 3. This will make it harder for your opponents to bid. Your 7HCP are worth at least 11S! It's up to your opponents now to sort things out.



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Support points

If a fit has been found, you can add on extra points linked to the distribution of your hand:

- For the ninth trump, add 2 points. Above the ninth add 1 point for every trump.
- For a void: add 3 points
- For a singleton: add 2 points
- For a doubleton: add 1 point

On the other hand, you should devalue isolated honors which are often worth ... not much!

S	W	N	E
		1 ♥	Pass
3 ♥	Pass		

A	K	9	4	Q	10	9	3	5	4	2	6	4
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦

Problem E2243 Sure of a 9 card fit, support him !

S	W	N	E
		1 ♥	Pass
2 ♥			

J	4	3	K	4	3	2	J	6	3	K	J	5
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problem E2212 Here the count doesn't even come to 10HCP. Know how to devalue isolated small honors and to lower the value of an extremely well-balanced hand and you will be well on the way to acquiring an excellent judgement



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Exemple

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		1 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass		



Problem E2216 You each hold 5 heart cards so there are 10 on your side. Bid as many tricks as you hold trumps. It's the famous law of trump tricks ... respect it!