



Overcalls after an opening bid at level one in a suit

Overcalls with a suit:

- At the 1 level as from 8HCP and a strong suit of at least 5 cards
- At the 2 level without a jump as from 10HCP and a strong six-card suit.
- At the 2 level in a major with jump, with a hand which could have opened a weak 2 (see level 2)
- At levels 3, 4 or 5 "preempts" with single-suiter hands.
- Michaels with two 5-5 suits (and not 4-5!)

S	W	N	E
			1 ♦
Pass			



Problem E3707 PASS ...IN SPITE OF THOSE 15HCP: you don't have a 5 card suit to call.

S	W	N	E
			1 ♣
1 ♥			



Problem E3753 1 ♥ :overcall as if you were opening with this strong 5 card suit.



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The takeout double

This is the most economic overcall and calls for the other 3 suits. It promises:

- either at least 12-13HCP and at least 3 cards in all the other suits. Don't double with a short-suited major that hasn't been called.
- or at least 18 HCP with any distribution

Careful! With a strong hand, always start by doubling...even with a very good suit.

S	W	N	E
			1 ♦
X			

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

Problem E3795 Double so as not to miss a possible fit in ♥ or ♠.

S	W	N	E
			1 ♣
X			

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

Problem E1064 Start by doubling. You will bid your ♠ on the next round.



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The overcall of 1NT

You can do this with a similar hand to that of a 1NT opening. It promises:

- about 15-17HCP.
- and a stopper in the opponent's suit

Careful! Never forget that your partner might have zero points! A weak overcall will be sanctioned by a penalty double

S	W	N	E
			1 ♦
1 NT			

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

Problem E1056 Since you would have opened with this 1NT hand...you can overcall 1NT (with a good stopper in hearts)

S	W	N	E
			1 ♦
Pass			

K	5	A	8	4	2	A	K	J	9	7	5	3
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problem E3707 Pass with these 15HCP and no ♥ stopper ...



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Pre-empts.

You need to have a strength of 10HCP max.

These are :

- Intervention at the 2 level and a jump raise in a major.
- Intervention at the 3,4 and even 5 level in a suit
- Intervention 3NT showing a good 7 card minor suit.
- Intervention 4NT showing a distribution with strengths in both minors

S	W	N	E
			1 ♦
1 ♠			

A	10	8	7	6	5	A	J	9	5	4	9	6
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦

Problem E4408 1 ♠ Avoid jumping to 2 ♠ when you have 2 aces.

S	W	N	E
			1 ♣
2 ♠			

Q	J	9	8	5	2	A	7	7	2	9	6	4
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problem E4405 2 ♠ An intervention in a major by jumping to the 2 level means 6 cards and 6-9HCP. Here your pre-empt is at the lower end of the scale.