



Overcalls after a weak 2 opening

Overcalls after a weak 2 opening require either

- A good 3-suiter hand
- a strong and robust suit
- a hand rich in HCP

The different overcalls are :

- With a balanced hand bid a long suit or double
- With a balanced hand : 2 NT it also requires ...16 to 18HCP 18H and 2 stoppers in the opening suit!

Careful!

Michael's can only be used after a 1 level opening.

S	W	N	E
			2♥
Pass			

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

Problem E1257 PASS, your hand is not strong enough for a take-out double. No Ace and you ♥ honors are worth....nothing!

S	W	N	E
			2♥
2 NT			

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

Problem E1270 2 NT The key here is to stop the ♥. The lack of ♠ stopper is not an issue, Most of the time, your partner will take care of that !



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The take-out double

It requires :

- a 3-suiter
- honors in the suits called for by the double !

S	W	N	E
			2♥
X			

A♠	K♠	10♠	7♠	4♥	2♥	K♣	8♣	7♣	6♣	A♦	10♦	4♦
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Problem E1256 DOUBLE (take-out) Almost textbook with the 3 other suits !

S	W	N	E
			2♥
3♣			

K♠	10♠	7♠	4♠	7♥	6♥	2♥	A♣	K♣	Q♣	10♣	8♣	6♣
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Problem E1253 3♣ Don't double with a chicane in ♦, despite your 4 cards in ♠. Bid your robust 6 carder.



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Overcalling in a suit

It guarantees :

- A solid suit : with at least 5 cards at the 2 level 2 (ie 2♠ after a 2♥ opening 2♥), and preferably 6 cards at the 3 level 3
- The strength can vary considerably, depending on the vulnerabilities

S	W	N	E
			2♠
3♣			



Problem E4845 3♣ with that nice 6 carder, a balanced hand and 13HCP.



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The overcall at 2NT

It is done with a hand similar to that with which you would have overcalled 1NT on a 1 level opening. It shows :

- 15-17HCP .. avoid it with 15 'ugly' points
- And, a very good hold in the opps suit. 2 stoppers in the opps' suit are required !

Careful!

Don't forget your partner could have...zero point ! an overly light overcall may be punished with a double.