



## The responder after an overcall (with a major fit)

With a fit in the opener's major, the responder's bids are hardly affected by the second seat overcaller.

- **PASS** with less than 4-5HCP.
- **Support bids:**
  - at the low level with 3+ trumps and more than 4-5HCP
  - propose game with 4+ trumps and 8-9HCP
  - go to game with 11HCP
- **Make a forcing jump shift with 11HCP or more and a five-card suit**
- **Cue bid** (showing a strong hand with a long proposal)

S	W	N	E
		1♥	1♠
Pass			

  

Q♠	J♠	7♠	8♥	5♥	4♥	10♣	8♣	3♣	2♣	J♦	7♦	5♦
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[Problème E4888](#)

PASS with 4 totally ineffective HCP.

S	W	N	E
		1♥	2♦
2♥			

  

10♠	4♠	3♠	K♥	9♥	7♥	K♣	J♣	10♣	6♣	2♣	4♦	3♦
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[Problème E4889](#)

2 hearts A weak support



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### Supporting bids

In a competitive auction and with a hand limited to 10-11HCP, you must give immediate support at the right level.

Give polite support at the lowest level with at least 4-5HCP

Propose game at three level with four trumps and more than 8-9HCP

Go to game with four trumps and 10-11HCP.

S	W	N	E
		1 ♥	2 ♦
3 ♥			

  

10 ♠	4 ♠	3 ♠	K ♥	Q ♥	7 ♥	2 ♥	A ♣	10 ♣	7 ♣	6 ♣	4 ♦	3 ♦
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#### Problème E4890

3 hearts Game proposal with 9 strong HCP

S	W	N	E
		1 ♥	2 ♦
4 ♥			

  

K ♠	Q ♠	J ♠	7 ♠	K ♥	Q ♥	9 ♥	7 ♥	6 ♣	2 ♣	9 ♦	7 ♦	6 ♦
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#### Problème E4891

4 hearts Game support with 11 strong HCP



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### The other bids

Jump shifts at the two level are forcing. They promise: 11HCP or more and at least five cards in the new suit.

S	W	N	E
		1 ♦	2 ♣
2 ♥			



#### Problème E1254

2 hearts With at least 11HCP and a five-card suit, jump shift at the two level.



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### Cue bidding the overcall

Be careful!

All direct supporting bids are limited to 10-11HCP maximum. With more than that, cue bid the overcall to show strength and to look for slam.

S	W	N	E
		1 ♥	2 ♣
3 ♣			

  

A ♠	K ♠	J ♠	9 ♠	A ♥	10 ♥	8 ♥	6 ♥	J ♣	7 ♣	10 ♦	7 ♦	4 ♦
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#### Problème E4893

3 clubs Begin with a cue bid to show your strength (and often a fit, although not necessarily)