

A SIMPLE OVERCALL

5-CARD SUIT IS A MUST (PLUS SOME COLOUR)

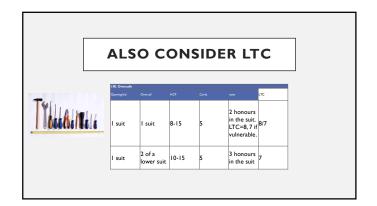
- \cdot a 5-card suit, and
- · some good colour (2 honours)
- if you can bid at the one level: 8-15 points
- if you have to bid at the 2 level: 10-15 points
- · more strength if the vulnerability is unfavourable, less if favourable

SQUAT = SUIT QUALITY TEST.

A USEFUL TOOL

- Add the number of honours to the number of cards.
- That's the number of tricks you can bid for.
- You can have one fewer honour if you have one more card.
- So with 5 cards and 3 honours, it's safe to bid for 8 tricks and bid at the 2-level.
- · This is especially important if vulnerable.





LETS PRACTICE SIMPLE OVERCALLING (TR35) – MAKE UP ON TABLE.



RESPONDING TO PARTNER'S SIMPLE OVERCALL IF YOU HAVE AT LEAST 3 CARDS IN PARTNER'S SUIT.

- With a weak hand and several cards in his suit, raise to the 'limit of the fit'. Be aggressive in your bidding to make things difficult for the opponents, particularly if they are vulnerable and you are not.
- If strong use the UCB (Unassuming Cue Bid) . Bid the suit that was bid by your opponent in order to tell partner that you have support for partner's suit (34 cards), good points (10+), and to *force him* to tell you if his hand is weak or strong. If strong partner will jump bid. If weak partner will rebid his suit at the lowest level.

RESPONDING TO PARTNER'S SIMPLE OVERCALL - WITHOUT SUPPORT

- With less than 3 cards in partner's suit pass
- Don't bid a new suit , simply because you hate partner's
- suit.

 You should only suggest a suit of your own if it's likely to be superior to his e.g. if he overcalls in a minor and you have AKQxx of a major. You may have a singleton in his suit . . .but remember he may well have a void in yours!

 Consider bidding No trumps if you are weak in partner's overcalled suit (let's say partner overcalled in e.g. bidding has gone 1 heart, 1 pass), but have support for the other suits, and in the opponents opening suit. You need to be stronger than the dustbin bid

□ 9-12 HCP,

☐ 2 or fewer cards in partner's overcall ♠ suit, and

semi-balanced shape

RESPONDING TO A 2 LEVEL OVERCALL

- A 2 level overcall promises a better hand and good suit.
- $\ensuremath{^{\circ}}$ You might be thinking of going to game.
- $^{\circ}\,$ However if you are strong and the overcall is a minor suit you may want to investigate a possible major fit or a notrump contract.
- · However if partner has overcalled with a major suit you should support if you can.

LETS PRACTICE RESPONDING TO SIMPLE OVERCALLING (TR36)- I, 2,4 East I diamond I spade pass

OVERCALLING INT

"I'VE GOT A <u>STRONG NO TRUMP</u> HAND, WITH A GOOD STOP IN OPPONENTS' SUIT"

- · You do need a strong hand, 15-18
- · Stoppers in opener's suit.
- · Ideally balanced.



RESPONDING TO A INT OVERCALL

- Respond as you usually would for a INT bid e.g stayman and transfers
- Remember partner has about 3 points more than a INT opening bid and take this into account when making a limit bid response ----

INT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES Opening Responses • 12-14 HCP • 10 or less points – PASS Balanced (no void, no singleton, not more than I doubleton) • 11-12HCP - 2NT

• 13+ HCP – 3NT

INT OVERCALL AND RESPONSES

Opening

Responses

 - 15-18 HCP
 - Less than 7 points – PASS

 - Balanced/Semi Balanced
 - 7-9 HCP – 2NT

 - At least one good stopper in opps suit
 - 10+ HCP – 3NT

