

Bidding Over Pre-empts



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Time for Some Jokes

I just got out of the hospital. The last thing I remember was walking along the sidewalk and stepping in some poop. I was wiping my shoe off in the grass when this big dude came along and stepped in it too.

I said, "I just did that."

That's the last thing I remember.

My wife said marrying me was like the ultimate vacation. Her exact words were, "Getting married to me was the last resort."

OVERCALLING LOGIC

Start Here



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Did your opponent pre-empt?

Did your opponent open 1NT?

They bid 1 of a suit

Can you bid 1NT (15-17 HCPs)?

Bid 1NT

Do you have a single-suited (6+ or longer) hand?

Do you have 2 suits that are 5+ long?

Consider using Michaels Cue Bid or the Unusual No Trump

NB: You need less HCPs to bid in the Balancing Seat.

Do you have enough HCPs and shape to bid at that level?

Pass

Consider using Cappelletti

Use the Rule of 2 and 3

With little defense, pre-empt or pass. Overcall with enough HCPs.

Do you have enough HCPs to overcall?

1 level: 9+
2 level: 12+

Do you have a good 5+ long suit?

Bid it, or with 17+ HCPs dbl, then bid it

Do you have at least 3-card support for the other 3 suits?

Make a take-out double

Can you bid some level of NT?

Bid NT

Make a take-out double

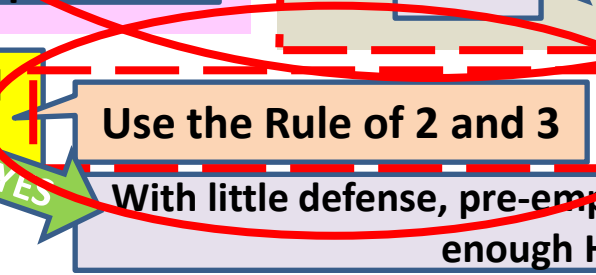
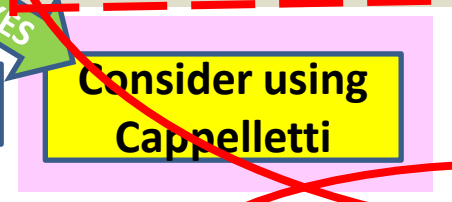
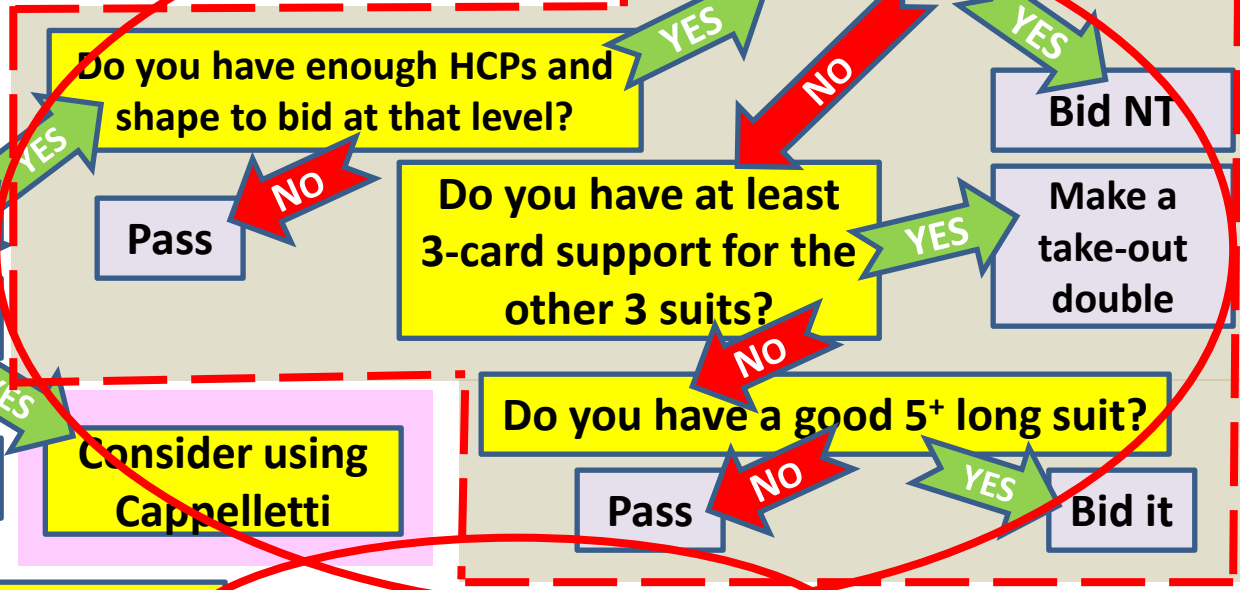
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Pass

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Pre-empting

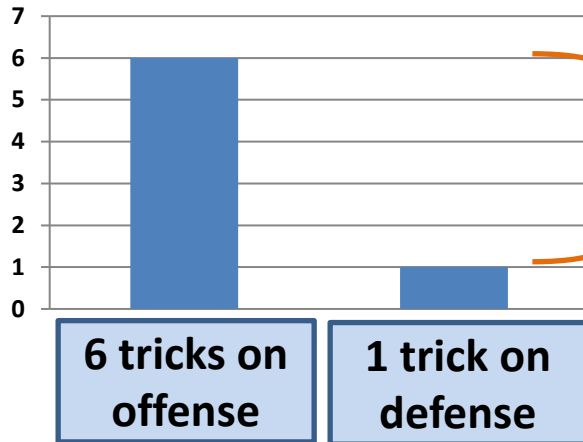
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When you can take at least **4 more tricks** playing in your long suit than you can defending, pre-empt!

♠ AQJ10874 ♥ 853 ♦ J2 ♣ 5 **South**

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1D	3S*	



5 trick difference

A sacrifice is outbidding the opponents, but losing less points going down, even if doubled.

Pre-empting helps you by:

- 1) Disrupting the opponents' bidding.
- 2) Finding sacrifices.
- 3) Helping your partner to lead.

Pre-empting can be broken into 4 categories:

	If Partner Pre-empts	If They Pre-empt
1) Pre-empting 6-card suits using the <u>Weak Two Bid</u>	Feature Asking Bid or <u>Rule of 17</u>	<u>Rule of 7</u>
2) Pre-empting 7+ long suits	Rule of 2 or 3	<u>Rule of 7</u>
3) Pre-empting with 2 long suits	---	Unusual vs. Un.
4) Pre-empting after your partner has opened	---	---

Responding to Partner's Weak 2 Bid

The Rule of 17:

If partner opens 2♥ or 2♠, add your HCPs to your number of partner's major. If it comes to 17 or more, you can look for a game or slam:

**With 17-21, invite him;
with 22-25, bid game; and
with 26+, look for a slam or a grand.**

Start by using 2NT* - the Feature Asking Bid.

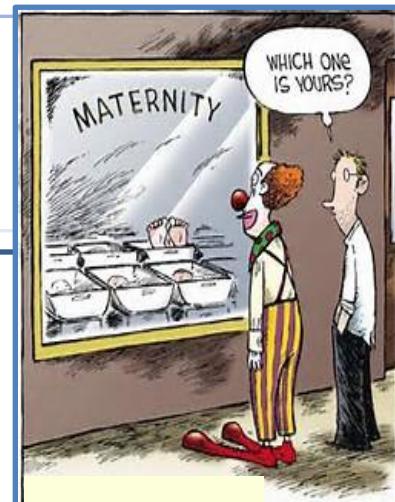


The RULE of 17

				South					
<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	♠K4	♥Q54	♦AQJ43	♣K87	15 + 2	2NT*
2S	Pass	???		♠5	♥KQ98	♦AQ98	♣KJ43	15 + 1	Pass

With 17-21, invite
 with 22-25, bid game
 with 26+, look for slam

Practice the Rule of 17



Examples:

1)

Vul:
Nil

North	East	South	West
	2S	Pass	???

Pass

West

♠K3 ♥4 ♦AJ973 ♣AQ874

Not quite enough: $14+2=16$.

2)

Vul:
N/S

North	East	South	West
	2H	2S	???

4H

West

♠K3 ♥K72 ♦AQ6 ♣KQ92

$17+3=20$. Some play 2NT* as inviting.

3)

Vul:
Nil

North	East	South	West
	2H	Pass	???

2NT*

West

♠AK9 ♥K ♦K854 ♣AQ1084

$19+3=22$. 4-level is OK. Try 3H (forcing).

4)

Vul:
Nil

North	East	South	West
	2D	Pass	???

3H

West

♠Q3 ♥AQJ82 ♦AJ8 ♣KQ8

Time for More Jokes

My favorite exercise is a cross between a lunge and a crunch. I call it a lunch.

My psychiatrist said, "You'll never get better until you get over your phobias."

I replied, "I was afraid you would say that!"

What do you call cheese that doesn't belong to you?"

Nacho cheese.

I bought a thesaurus but when I got it home, all of the pages were blank. I have no words to describe how angry I was.

8+ card fits need these HCPs to make:

2 Level – 21 HCPs

3 Level – 23 HCPs

4 Level – 26 HCPs

Bidding Over Their Pre-empts – Rule of 7



The Rule of 7: When an opponent pre-empts, you have the right to expect an ordinary 7 HCP hand from your partner.

Examples:

1)

Vul:
Both

North	East	South	West
	2H	???	

Dbl

South

♠K1084 ♥83 ♦AJ8 ♣AQ98

Also Dbl with one less ♠ and one more ♦.

2)

Vul:
Nil

North	East	South	West
	2H	???	

2S

South

♠KJ1042 ♥532 ♦A8 ♣AK9

3)

Vul:
Nil

North	East	South	West
	2S	???	

2NT

South

♠KQ7 ♥98 ♦AK98 ♣KQ83

But you *would* bid 1S over RHO's 1D bid.

4)

Vul:
Both

North	East	South	West
	2D	???	

Pass

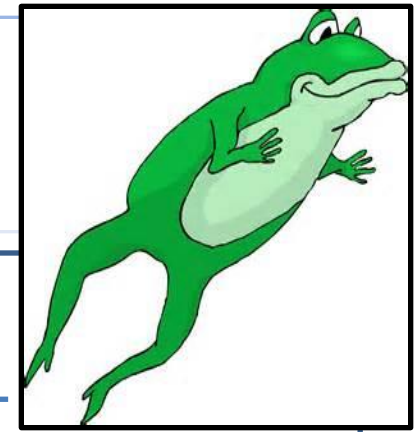
South

♠KQ763 ♥Q8 ♦Q43 ♣K52

Suit contracts need a total of these to make:

- 2 Level – 21 HCPs
- 3 Level – 23 HCPs
- 4 Level – 26 HCPs

Practice for the Rule of 7 (Cont'd)



Hint: The one with shortness in the pre-empted suit usually gets the partnership into the bidding.

Examples:

5)

Vul:
Nil

North East South West

2S

???

Pass

South

♠K3 ♥4 ♦A9873 ♣KJ874

Not enough HCPs for 3C or 3D contracts.

6)

Vul:
N/S

North East South West

2D

???

3H

South

♠AK ♥KQJ972 ♦3 ♣QJ92

7)

Vul:
Nil

North East South West

2D

???

4H

South

♠AK ♥AQJ10874 ♦3 ♣A104

If you don't bid it, who will?

8)

Vul:
Nil

North East South West

3H

???

3NT

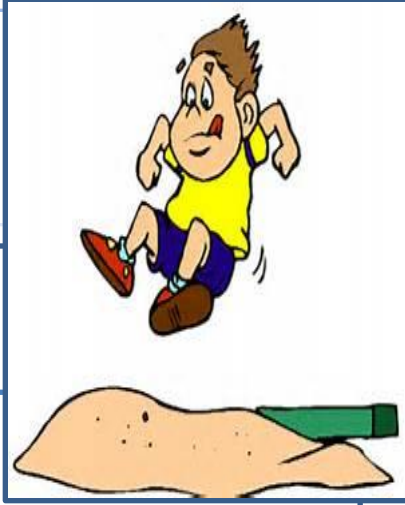
South

♠J3 ♥AQ98 ♦AQJ8 ♣KQ8

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More Practice for the Rule of 7 (Cont'd)



Hint: You need less HCPs to bid over a pre-empt in the pass-out (balancing) seat.

Examples:

9)

Vul:
Both

North	East	South	West
	3H	???	

Pass

South

♠AQ976 ♥53 ♦A1043 ♣Q5

12 HCPs and pard's 7 isn't enough for 3S.

10)

Vul:
N/S

North	East	South	West
	3S	???	

Pass

South

♠65 ♥AQJ1083 ♦KJ2 ♣109

Even if you find a fit!

11)

Vul:
Nil

North	East	South	West
	4H	???	

4NT

South

♠5 ♥4 ♦KQJ109 ♣AQJ987

Or Dbl and bid 2NT over pard's 2S bid.

12)

Vul:
Nil

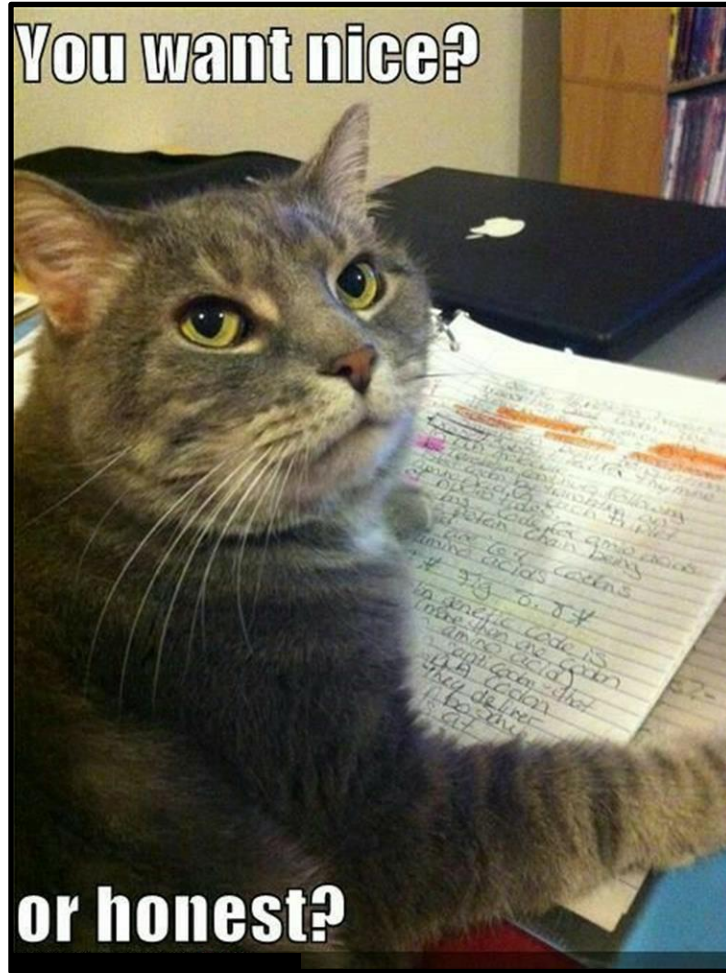
North	East	South	West
???	2D	Pass	Pass

3NT

North

♠J3 ♥AQ98 ♦AQJ8 ♣KQ8

You want nice?



or honest?

Time to Play