



GBC Online Lessons
Distributional Hands – 2-3-4 Level Preempts
Practice

Hand 1

North Deals
 None Vul

♠ A J 10 7 6 5 4											
♥ 4											
♦ 9 5											
♣ 10 9 6											
♠ K 9 2	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 8 3
	N										
W		E									
	S										
♥ 9 7		♥ K J 8 3 2									
♦ A K Q		♦ 8 6 3									
♣ J 8 7 4 3		♣ A K Q									
♠ Q ♥ A Q 10 6 5 ♦ J 10 7 4 2 ♣ 5 2											

N/S are not vulnerable. North has 7 spades and 5HCP. In addition, the shape of the hand is favorable towards opening a 3 level preempt. This is a defensive move forcing the opponents to the 4 level if they are to join the auction. Even though E/W have 26 points, the preempt successfully blocks them bidding NT.

W	N	E	S
	3♠	P	P
P			

Hand 2

East Deals
 E-W Vul

♠ K 6 5 3											
♥ Q 6											
♦ 5 4 3											
♣ K 8 7 6											
♠ A Q J 8	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 9 4
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♣ A 4		♣ J 5									
♠ 10 7 2 ♥ A 8 ♦ Q 9 2 ♣ Q 10 9 3 2											

North/South are Vulnerable. East opens a 2♥ preempt. West, with 15HCP and three hearts, applies the Rule of 17 and bids game.

W	N	E	S
		2♥	P
4♥			



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Hand 3

North Deals
 None Vul

<p>♠ J 6 3 ♥ J 7 6 5 3 ♦ Q 8 ♣ A Q 5</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ K 2 ♥ K 4 ♦ A K 10 7 3 ♣ J 10 4 3</p>
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<p>♠ A Q 9 7 5 4 ♥ 10 2 ♦ 9 5 2 ♣ 8 7</p>											

South bids a weak 2 after East opens a diamond. West, with no attractive options, passes as does North.

W	N	E	S
	P	1♦	2♠
P	P	P	

Hand 4

North Deals
 None Vul

<p>♠ Q 7 3 2 ♥ 10 8 ♦ J 5 4 2 ♣ J 6 4</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ A K 10 9 8 6 ♥ 4 ♦ 9 6 3 ♣ 9 8 7</p> <p>♠ 5 4 ♥ A Q 9 6 5 ♦ K 8 ♣ A K 3 2</p>
	N										
W		E									
	S										
<p>♠ J ♥ K J 7 3 2 ♦ A Q 10 7 ♣ Q 10 5</p>											

North opens with a preempt in spades. East, holding 16HCP and shortness in spades, bids 3♥. South, also short in spades but long in hearts doubles. West has no bid. North, with 1 heart in her hand, deduces South has hearts and leaves the double in. South leads the J of spades and E/W go down 3!

W	N	E	S
	2♠	3♥	X
P	P	P	



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Hand 5

East Deals
 E-W Vul

♠ 3	♠ A J 10 7 2	♠ K Q 9 8 6 4
♥ 9 6 5 3 2	♥ A 10	♥ J 7
♦ J 10 3 2	♦ K 6 4	♦ Q 7 5
♣ Q 8 2	♣ K 10 3	♣ 9 5

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



W	N	E	S
		2♠	X
P	P	P	

E/W are Vulnerable. This is the reverse of the previous hand. East opens with a 2 level preempt in spades. With a singleton spade, South doubles. West also has a singleton spade and 3HCP. West passes. North knows that South has enough HCP to support a 3 level bid because of her double. North with 15HCP and 5 spades leaves the double in. E/W go down 4 tricks for -1100. This is a perfect example of why you need to consider vulnerability before preempting.