

Protective Bidding

You are in the *protective position* when the auction is about to be passed out, leaving your opponents buying the contract. It is called the protective position because your partner might have had no suitable bid with as many as 15 HCP, so you must protect him. You must try to bid with hands that you would not have considered bidding if you had been seated immediately over the opening bidder (called the immediate position).

To decide whether to bid in the **protective** position add a useful hypothetical king to your hand and make the bid your hand would have been worth in the immediate position. So:

<i>Love all</i>				<i>Love all</i>					
(i)	South	West	North	East	(ii)	South	West	North	East
	1♥	?				1♥	P	P	?
1♠ (1-level overcall)	= 8-17 HCP				1♠ (1-level overcall)	= 5-14 HCP			
2♣ (2-level overcall)	= 10-18 HCP				2♣ (2-level overcall)	= 7-15 HCP			
2♠ (2-level jump overcall)	= 13-16: 6 spades				2♠ (2-level jump overcall)	= 10-13			
Double (takeout)	= 11+ HCP				Double (takeout)	= 8+ HCP			
1NT	= 15-18 HCP				1NT	= 11-14 HCP			

Note that it is safe to bid with fewer points. If, for example, you have only 7 points you know your partner must have quite a few, otherwise why are the opponents passing the hand out at the one level?

So what should you bid with hands (a) – (h) after auctions (i) and (ii)?

<i>Love all</i>				<i>Love all</i>					
(i)	South	West	North	East	(ii)	South	West	North	East
	1♥	?				1♥	P	P	?
(a)	♠ A 10 9 4 3		(b)	♠ J 6 4 3 2	(c)	♠ 5 2			
	♥ 7 4 3			♥ A J 2		♥ K 3 2			
	♦ J 6 3			♦ Q 7 3		♦ 5 2			
	♣ 6 3			♣ 6 3		♣ A J 8 4 3 2			
(d)	♠ A K 10 9 2		(e)	♠ K Q 4 3	(f)	♠ A Q J 6 4 2			
	♥ A 2			♥ 9 4		♥ 9 4			
	♦ K Q 4			♦ A 8 7 6 5		♦ A J 9			
	♣ 10 9 5			♣ K 8		♣ 8 6			

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| (g) | ♠ K J 6 3 | (h) | ♠ K J 6 | (i) | ♠ 7 |
| | ♥ 8 | | ♥ J 5 4 | | ♥ K J 10 8 7 2 |
| | ♦ A 9 8 5 | | ♦ A J 4 2 | | ♦ A 7 5 |
| | ♣ J 5 3 2 | | ♣ Q 6 5 | | ♣ Q J 2 |

After auction (i)

- (a) Pass (b) Pass. The spades are too poor to overcall on an 8 point hand
 (c) Pass. (d) 1♠ (e) Pass. No sensible bid. (f) 1♠
 (g) Pass (h) Pass (i) Pass

After auction (ii)

- (a) 1♠ (b) 1♠ (c) 2♣
 (d) Dbl. Too strong for 1♠. Bid spades on the next round
 (e) Dbl. You will have to either pass or bid 2♦ over a 2♣ response.
 (f) 2♠ (g) Double
 (h) 1NT. Such is your desire to compete that you don't necessarily even need a stopper in their suit!
 (i) Pass. The time to pass is when you are very strong in their suit. You cannot be sure they cannot make 4♠!

The protector's partner

If your partner adds a king then you must correspondingly subtract a king.

What would you bid with hands (j), (k) and (l) after auctions (i) and (ii)?

	<i>Love all</i>					<i>Love all</i>			
(iii)	South	West	North	East	(iv)	South	West	North	East
	1♥	Dbl	P	?		1♥	P	P	Dbl
						P	?		

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|-----|-----------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------|
| (j) | ♠ A 10 9 | (k) | ♠ J 6 2 | (l) | ♠ 5 3 2 |
| | ♥ K Q 4 3 | | ♥ 8 7 3 | | ♥ K J 9 3 2 |
| | ♦ Q 6 3 | | ♦ A Q 4 3 2 | | ♦ A 2 |
| | ♣ 6 3 2 | | ♣ K 3 | | ♣ A J 8 |

After auction (i)

- (j) 2NT, showing 10-12 HCP (k) 3♦. 8-11 HCP

(l) 3NT. It would be wrong to pass with your hearts sitting under declarer.

After auction (ii)

(j) 1NT is enough. Remember partner only needs 8 HCP to double protectively

(k) 2♦ is enough. (l) Why not pass? Your hearts are sitting over declarer's hearts so you can hope for a juicy penalty.

Other protective positions

If your opponents have found a fit but seem happy to let the bidding drop at a low level, your side is likely to have approximately as many HCP as they have. If they have a fit, you probably have a fit as well so you must really strain to try to get into the bidding. There are many hands where the points are divided roughly 20-20 between the two sides and each side can make a 2-level part-score.

What would you bid with hands (m), (n) and (o) after auction (v)?

Game all

(v) South West North East
 1♥ P 2♥ P
 P ?

(m) ♠ J 8 6 5 4
 ♥ 7 6
 ♦ A 6 4
 ♣ Q 7 5

(n) ♠ A Q 10 8
 ♥ 8 6 4
 ♦ K 8 2
 ♣ 10 9 6

(o) ♠ K J 5 3
 ♥ 8 6
 ♦ 8 4 3
 ♣ A J 5 2

(p) ♠ 9 7
 ♥ 4
 ♦ K J 6 4 3
 ♣ Q 10 5 3 2

(q) ♠ A 9 8 6
 ♥ 8 7
 ♦ A 9 5 4 3
 ♣ 4 2

(r) ♠ 6 2
 ♥ K Q J 9 7
 ♦ A 7 6
 ♣ A 4 3

With (m) bid 2♠.

With (n) it would not be wrong to pass, but 2♠ has a lot to recommend it.

With (o) make a takeout double

With (p) bid 2NT. For the minors.

With (q) try double. If partner bids 3♣ you persevere with 3♦. This cannot show a strong hand because you passed first time.

With (r) pass. You don't have a penalty double available

Finally, what would you bid with hand (s) after auctions (vi) and (vii)?

Love all

(vi)	South	West	North	East
	1♥	P	2♥	P
	P	Dbl	P	?

Love all

(vii)	South	West	North	East
	1♥	P	2♥	P
	P	Dbl	3♥	?

- (s) ♠ K 6 3 2
♥ 9 5
♦ A 9 3 2
♣ Q 7 4

The principle is that: *If your partner protects after initially passing, don't get over enthusiastic.*

Remember, partner is likely to have something like (o). otherwise he would have bid on the first round. Do you want to play in 3♠ opposite hand (o)?

After auction (vi) bid a simple 2♠.

After auction (vii) feel grateful that he has pushed them to the 3-level and pass!

<p>♠ J8 ♥ AQJ106 ♦ KQ4 ♣ K42</p> <p>♠ Q10954 ♠ AK32 ♥ 2 ♥ 87543 ♦ A862 ♦ - ♣ 1093 ♣ AQJ8</p> <p>♠ 76 ♥ K9 ♦ J109753 ♣ 765</p>	<p>Board 1 : Dealer North : Love all</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>West</td> <td>North</td> <td>East</td> <td>South</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1♥</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1♠</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>4♠</td> <td>All Pass</td> </tr> </table> <p>East has a sound opening bid but there is no remotely suitable bid he can make immediately over 1♥. West's protective 1♠ shows 5-13 points. With excellent spade support East bids game and with the club finesse right declarer may make 12 tricks despite having only 20 points between the two hands.</p>	West	North	East	South		1♥	Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass				
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