

Collected Table of Overcalls

BID	DEFENCE TO 1NT	OVERCALLS WHEN THE OPPONENTS HAVE BID ONE SUIT AT LEAST SEMI-NATURALLY, NOT COUNTING NO-TRUMPS	OVERCALLS WHEN THE OPPONENTS HAVE BID TWO DIFFERENT SUITS NATURALLY (ISH)
Any bid in the pass-out seat	A king weaker than when bid directly, EXCEPT for double.	A king weaker than when bid directly.	
Double	the majors	One of two hand types. DEFAULT ASSUMPTION: take-out, opening strength, support for unbid suits. This is a "say it once and shut up" bid that thereafter leaves all competitive decisions to partner and the doubler is not expected to bid again unless partner finds a bid that asks them to do so. To do so shows extreme strength (17+) and previous assumptions about shape no longer apply. NOTE: this bid promises proper opening values (i.e. you'd been going to open the bidding if the opponents had passed) AND support for the unbid suits. Opening a 4441 10-count "because the shape is perfect" is a violation of all that is good and will cause cancer in kittens.	
Double from a non-passed hand against a known weak or super-weak no-trump, i.e. an average point count below 15 points	Strong, for penalties. Promises at least two points more than the average point count for an opening 1NT in the opponents' system. IMPORTANT: not shaded by three points in the protective seat, because responder's pass could still be strong-ish and usually isn't a disaster area. However this is a unique situation and "transfer a king" still applies in all other protective positions.		
Cue bid			natural overcall, to play
Cue bid of major		Michaels, 5-5 shape, the other major and a minor	

Suit overcall (minors)		5-card suit, strength depends on vulnerability and level	
Suit overcall (majors)		5-card suit, strength depends on vulnerability and level	
Jump suit overcall		Weak Two, 6-10 and a 6-card suit	
Suit jump in the pass-out seat		10-14 actual points (i.e. no transferred king), 6+ trumps, denies a four-card major side-suit, like a fourth-seat 2H opening.	
Suit jump in spades in the pass-out seat		8-12 (i.e. no transferred king), 6+ trumps, denies four hearts, like a fourth-seat 2S opening.	
Greater jump suit overcall		Pre-emptive	
Suit (any level)	Natural		
minimum club bid	clubs and a major		
minimum diamond bid	diamonds and a major		
No-trumps (any level)	the minors		
1NT from a passed hand (protective)		Stretching with a good eleven-count and the usual transferred-king principle.	
1NT from a passed hand (non-protective)		5-5 shape and a distribution that can't be shown with either Unusual 2NT or Michaels, e.g. the black suits after a diamond opening. If there's no such unshowable distribution (i.e. after a major opening), it's the LOWER of the two Michaels options, i.e. (1S) passed-hand-1NT would show clubs+hearts.	
1NT		15-17, natural, with a useful holding in any opposition suits. Responses are the same as after a 1NT opening bid.	
2C cue bid		Natural club overcall. This remains true even if the opponents are playing a natural system and their 1C actually shows clubs. Our 2C overcall retains the same meaning irrespective of that.	

2D over one of a minor		Michaels, 5-5 in the majors	
2NT		5-5 in the lowest two unbid suits, Unusual 2NT	5-5 in the two unbid suits
Jump to 3-level cue bid		asking partner to bid 3NT if they have a stopper in this suit	
Jump to 3NT	to play, with a long minor	To play, long running minor.	
4NT		Acol 4NT, asking for specific aces	
5NT		asking for specific kings	

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