


# Bidding When the Opponents Preempt


30 Minute Mini Lesson


# Mike Lawrence: Rule of 7

- Your RHO Opens 3  What would you do with this hand?

 K J 7 6 4

 A 10

 A 9 8 5

 4

 Q 5

 K 9 7 5

 J 6 3

 J 7 4

# Think About It This way

- The preemptor has about 7 to 10 points.
- You have 14. About 18-20 remaining out there.
- Why can't you partner have at least 7?

# The Rule Of 7 Applies When Considering a Takeout Double

- Should you make a takeout Double with this hand.


♠ K 6 4 2





♥ K J 3



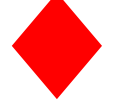

♦ K Q J 2

♣ 7 4

- Again RHO opens 3 ♣





Imagine This Hand. RHO Opens 3  .  
Should you make a takeout double?

 K Q 4 2  
 A J 3  
 K Q J 2  
 7 4



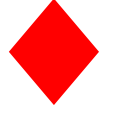

 A 7 5 3  
 Q 4 2  
 8 7 5  
 J 6 2

# One More Example RHO Opens 3

19 points

 2  
 K Q 10 8  
 A K J 2  
 A Q 10 7

7 points

 8 7 5  
 A 9 3 2  
 Q 8  
 J 6 3 2





# The Rule of 7 Also Helps Partner

- If partner overcalls or doubles a preempt by the opponents and you know partner is counting on you for 7 points.
  - If you have the 7 nondescript points, you can pass with reasonable confidence.
  - If you have 3 or 4 points more than 7, partner expects, you can consider raising a level.
  - If you have fewer than the 7 partner expects, you can put your hand down as dummy and apologize to partner for not being dealt enough points.


# Consider the Following

LHO opens 3  . Partner overcalls  
3  .

Pass

 9 4 2  
 K 4 3  
 5 2  
 K J 10 7 4

4 

 A 9 4 2  
 Q 10 9 3 2  
 9 3 2  
 7



# Two More Examples – LHO 3

Partner 3 

4 

 K 4 2

 A 10 8 4 3





 8 5 2

 K 4

# Two More Examples – LHO 3

Partner 3 

Pass? - 3nt ?



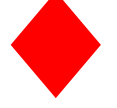

	3
	K J 7 3 2
	K 3 2
	A 8 5 2





# The No Trump Option

- If an opponent overcalls at the 3 level and you are thinking of bidding 4 of a minor, give some hard thought to 3 no trump.
- We are assuming you need a little help from partner to make 4 of the minor.
- If partner has the kind of help you need and you have a stopper in the opponent's suit, you can often make 3 no trump.

# The No Trump Option





Opener 3 

 K 2  
 A 3  
 A Q 8 5  
 K Q J 9 4



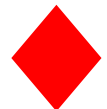

 4 2  
 A 3  
 A K 5 2  
 K Q J 9 4

# The No Trump Option


Opener 3 

 J 2  
 Q J 3  
 A J  
 A Q J 9 5 4 2

Opener 3 

 K 2  
 5  
 A K Q 10 7 5  
 K Q 10 9

# A Jump Overcall

- If you have a long suit and a relatively weak hand when an opponent preempts with 2  .
- Should you make a jump overcall in your suit?
- Why do you preempt an opponent's normal opening bid?
- When you preempt a preemptive bid, who are you preempting?

# A Jump Overcall

- A jump overcall of a preemptive bid is strong

♠ 9 2

♥ K Q J 8 7 3

♦ A Q 9

♣ A 5

- An opponent opens 2 ♦ , you might bid 3 ♥ .





# A Jump Overcall





- When we make a non-jump overcall of a preemptive bid, we ask partner to pass with 7 or fewer points.
- When we make a jump overcall of a preemptive bid we ask partner to raise our bid with 7 points and reasonable trump support.



# Jump Overcall Examples RHO Opens


2 

 K 2  
 A Q J 8 7 3  
 8 5  
 A Q 3

 K Q 10 7 4  
 A J 3  
 5  
 A K J 3

# One More Example

RHO Opens 2 

 A Q J 10 7 4 2

 3

 A Q 5


 A 3


Bid 4  Even a jump overcall is not adequate with this powerhouse.

# Example from the Common Game

RHO Opens 3 

 A K Q 9

 Q J 10 9 7 5

 Q 10 9



 10 8 6

 K 6 2

 A K 8 4 2

 4 2