

OVERCALLING WEAK TWO BIDS

YOU'RE MUCH MORE EXPOSED AFTER A PRE-EMPTIVE BID ON YOUR RIGHT. REMEMBER, LHO KNOWS HIS PARTNER'S HAND WITHIN FAIRLY WELL-DEFINED PARAMETERS.

REASONS FOR OVERCALLING ARE ALSO VERY DIFFERENT. LHO WILL HAVE NO PROBLEM MAKING A PENALTY DOUBLE WHEN YOU MAKE A POOR OVERCALL OF A WEAK TWO OPENING BID.

2 HEARTS – 2 SPADES BY YOU – DOUBLE IS PENALTY, NEGATIVE DOUBLES DON'T APPLY.

IF RHO OPENED 1 HEART, IT'S NORMAL TO OVERCALL 1 SPADE WITH:
AJ1075 86 K765 Q4 OVER 2 HEARTS THIS IS NOT AN OVERCALL

WHEN PARTNER OVERCALLS IN A MAJOR YOU WILL USUALLY HAVE THREE OPTIONS: A. MAKE AN INVITATIONAL RAISE B. INTRODUCE A SUIT OF YOUR OWN C. BID NO TRUMP D. PASS

LHO OPENS 2 HEARTS, PARTNER BIDS 2 SPADES, RHO PASSES, 1. YOU HOLD: J6 Q7 AKJ764 K53 BID 3 DIAMONDS – THIS IS FORCING
2. YOU HOLD: Q KQ97 AQ75 K1075 BID 3 NO TRUMP

YOU CAN'T PREEMPT A PREEMPT, RHO OPENS 2 HEARTS, YOU HOLD:
AQJ1076 54 AK4 K5 BID 3 SPADES, SHOWS THIS HAND
YOU HOLD: KJ10743 86 K4 Q4- HAVE TO PASS OVER 2 HEARTS

UNUSUAL 2 NT DOESN'T APPLY, 2 NT SHOWS A 1 NT HAND WITH A STOPPER, THEY TOOK UP YOUR 1 LEVEL, STAYMAN AND SYSTEMS ON

YOU CAN BID MICHAELS OVER A WEAK TWO IN THE MAJORS: RHO OPENS 2 SPADES, YOU HOLD: 7 AQJ86 A6 KQJ105 BID 3 SPADES (IF PARTNER BIDS 4 CLUBS, PASS OR CORRECT IN YOUR MINOR)

TAKE OUT DOUBLE OF A WEAK TWO

REQUIREMENTS FOR A TAKE-OUT DOUBLE AT THE TWO LEVEL:

- 1. OPENING BID+ STRENGTH**
- 2. SUPPORT FOR ALL THE UNBID SUITS**
- 3. SHORTNESS IN THE OPENER'S SUIT**
- 4. OR A HAND TOO STRONG TO OVERCALL – DOUBLE, THEN BID**

**MARGINAL HANDS ON WHICH YOU MIGHT RISK A ONE-LEVEL TAKE-OUT DOUBLE WILL HAVE TO BE PASSED WHEN YOUR RHO PREEMPTS
EX. YOU HOLD: K4 KJ52 Q875 Q64 PASS OVER 2 SPADES WEAK**

WHY IT'S DANGEROUS TO COME IN WHEN RHO HAS MADE A WEAK 2:

- 1. EASIER FOR OPENER'S PARTNER TO DOUBLE YOU FOR PENALTY**
- 2. ACTION IS MORE DIFFICULT FOR YOUR PARTNER**

DOUBLE OF WEAK TWO OPENING BIDS SHOULD BE PLAYED AS SHOWING SOUND VALUES WITH SHAPE. REMEMBER, PARTNER'S BIDDING AT THE 3 LEVEL.

WHEN PARTNER MAKES A TAKEOUT DOUBLE OVER A WEAK TWO, YOU HAVE 0 – 7 POINTS, MAKE THE CHEAPEST BID POSSIBLE, YOU HAVE 8-10 POINTS AND 5 IN THE OTHER MAJOR, JUMP 1 LEVEL, YOU HAVE A GOOD 11+ H.C.P. BID GAME. IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE OTHER MAJOR, HOLD KJ9 IN THE OPPONENT'S SUIT, BID 2 NT

YOU'RE ALLOWED TO CONVERT THE TAKEOUT DOUBLE TO PENALTY WITH GOOD TRUMP AND A FEW OUTSIDE VALUES: YOU HOLD: KJ96 Q4 KJ53 875, OPPONENT OPENS 2 SPADES, PARTNER DOUBLES, PASS TO YOU, I WOULD PASS, CONVERT TO PENALTY

		KQJ1075		
		73	DEALER 2 SPADES	
		Q62		PASS
		J6		
82				A643
AKQJ94				1086
J7	3 HEARTS			A84 PASS
KQ3				1072 4 HEARTS
		9		
		52		
		K10963	PASS	
		A9854		

		543	DEALER 3 HEARTS	
		KQJ10732		
		86		
		3		
KQ1087				AJ62
A9	BID ??			86 DOUBLE
Q53				AJ72
852				A106
		9		
		54	PASS	
		K1094		
		KQJ974		

WHAT DO YOU BID WHEN PARTNER MAKES A TAKEOUT DOUBLE

		QJ10865		
		986	DEALER 2 SPADES	
		J97		
		A		
A9				K2 2 NT
KQ4				AJ32
542	3 NT			AQ63
J9876				Q105
		743		
		1075	PASS	
		K108		
		K432		

3 OF SPADES LEAD - PLAY THE HAND???

		8	DEALER 2 HEARTS	
		AJ10643	PASS	
		K854		
		65		
K7632				AQ104
72	PASS			98 DOUBLE
732	???			A96 DOUBLE
K84				AQJ10
		J95		
		KQ5	3 HEARTS	
		QJ10	PASS	
		9732		

WHAT'S YOUR BID???

		5		DEALER 2 HEARTS
		KQ10863		PASS
		J952		PASS
		Q8		
Q874				AKJ93
94	4 SPADES			AJ DOUBLE
AKQ4	5 CLUBS			763 4 NT
753				AK2 6 SPADES
		1062		
		752	PASS	
		108	PASS	
		J10964	PASS	

JUST FOR FUN – HOW DO WE ASK ABOUT THE TRUMP QUEEN?

		KQ9762		
		9		DEALER 2 SPADES
		K97		
		J84		
J10				A53 3 HEARTS
10765				AKQJ4
QJ3	4 HEARTS			86
AQ102				653
		84		
		832	PASS	
		A10542		
		K97		
