

# COMPETITIVE BIDDING

## Week 4 Dealing with Interference



# RESPONDING AFTER OVERCALL

Your partner opens the bidding in a suit at the one level  
Your right hand opponent overcalls.

- You no longer need to bid in order for your partner to get another chance
- It is important to find a fit quickly if you can
- The overcall may have made it impossible to make the normal response
- The overcall gives the responder two extra bids that would not be available without the overcall: double and a cue bid in the opponent's suit



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- Some of responder's bids after the overcall are the same as they would be without the overcall e.g. raise of opener's suit, new suit at one level
- Some bids are similar but slightly different e.g. NT bids show a stopper in the opponent's suit, new suit at two level may be a bit weaker
- The double and cue bid of opponent's suit are new



# RESPONDING AFTER OVERCALL

## Raising opener's suit

1♥ - 1♠ - ? ♠ K 7 4 ♥ K 6 5 ♦ 9 7 4 3 2 ♣ 5 4 2♥. Just like no overcall	1♥ - 1♠ - ? ♠ K 7 4 ♥ K 6 5 ♦ K J 4 3 2 ♣ 5 4 3♥. Just like no overcall	1♥ - 1♠ - ? ♠ 6 ♥ K 8 6 3 2 ♦ 9 8 4 ♣ K 8 5 2 4♥. Just like no overcall	1♣ - 1♠ - ? ♠ 6 5 ♥ 5 ♦ K Q 5 4 3 ♣ J 9 8 7 4 2♣. Cannot bid 1♦
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# RESPONDING AFTER OVERCALL

## Bid new suit

1♣ - 1♥ - ? ♠ A 7 6 4 3 ♥ 8 4 ♦ Q 5 4 3 ♣ 8 2 1♠. Just like no overcall	1♣ - 1♥ - ? ♠ 5 3 ♥ J 7 5 ♦ A Q 9 3 2 ♣ K 4 2 2♦. Need to bid one level higher	1♠ - 2♦ - ? ♠ 2 ♥ A K J 8 7 ♦ 4 3 2 ♣ J 10 5 2 2♥. Can be 8+ HCP. Forcing	1♣ - 1♦ - ? ♠ J 9 4 2 ♥ K 7 6 ♦ K 7 3 ♣ 5 4 3 1♠. Only a 4 card suit
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# RESPONDING AFTER OVERCALL

## Negative Double

- According to most text books, the bid of a new suit after an overcall should show a 5 card suit (except as in last example).
- A double of an overcall is not for penalties. It shows a hand with some useful values but no obvious bid (e.g. no 5 card suit). It also shows 4+ cards in one unbid major (both at 1 level).



# RESPONDING AFTER OVERCALL

## Negative Double

1♣ - 1♦ - ? ♠ J 9 4 2 ♥ K 7 6 5 ♦ K 7 ♣ 5 4 3 X. Both 4 card majors. 6+ HCP	1♣ - 1♠ - ? ♠ K 3 ♥ Q 9 6 4 ♦ K 7 6 5 ♣ 9 4 2 X. Must have 4 hearts	1♣ - 1♠ - ? ♠ K 6 ♥ K Q 5 2 ♦ K 4 3 ♣ A J 6 5 X. Can be strong	1♦ - 2♣ - ? ♠ K Q 9 2 ♥ 6 5 3 ♦ 4 3 2 ♣ A Q 4 X. May have only one 4 card major
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# RESPONDING AFTER OVERCALL

## Negative Double

1♦ - 2♣ - ? ♠ K Q 6 5 3 2 ♥ J 6 5 ♦ 9 4 ♣ 9 5 X. Too weak to bid 2♠	1♥ - 2♣ - ? ♠ K Q 6 5 3 2 ♥ J 6 5 ♦ 9 4 ♣ 9 5 2♥. Raise opener's major	1♥ - 1♠ - ? ♠ 8 7 5 ♥ K 2 ♦ K Q 7 4 ♣ J 10 8 6 X. Should have 4-4 in minors	1♥ - 1♠ - ? ♠ 8 7 ♥ K 2 ♦ K Q 7 5 4 ♣ J 10 8 6 2♦. Don't double with natural bid
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# RESPONDING AFTER OVERCALL

## Bid NT

1♥ - 1♠ - ? ♠ K J 5 ♥ 8 7 ♦ Q 8 7 4 ♣ J 9 5 2 1NT. Shows 7-10 HCP and stopper	1♥ - 1♠ - ? ♠ K J 5 ♥ A 7 ♦ Q 8 7 4 ♣ J 9 5 2 2NT. Shows 10-12 HCP and stop	1♥ - 1♠ - ? ♠ K J 5 ♥ A 7 ♦ Q 8 7 4 ♣ A 9 5 2 3NT. Shows 13-15 HCP and stop	1♥ - 1♠ - ? ♠ 8 6 5 ♥ Q 7 ♦ K 9 2 ♣ Q 8 7 4 3 Pass. No stop. Too weak for 2♣
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# RESPONDING AFTER OVERCALL

## Strong hands

1♥ - 2♦ - ? ♠ K Q 9 ♥ J 10 8 2 ♦ A Q J 8 ♣ 4 2 3♦. Cue bid strong, game force	1♥ - 2♣ - ? ♠ K Q 9 7 ♥ Q ♦ A Q J 8 ♣ 9 6 4 3 3♣. Strong hand Unsure what next	1♥ - 1♠ - ? ♠ K Q 9 ♥ K 10 8 2 ♦ A Q J 8 ♣ Q 2 2♠. Too strong for 3NT	1♥ - 1♠ - ? ♠ 9 8 6 3 ♥ K Q 6 2 ♦ A Q J 5 ♣ 2 4♣. Splinter if you play them
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## RESPONDING AFTER JUMP OVERCALL

<p>1♥-2♠-?</p> <p>♠ 763 ♥ K75 ♦ A9764 ♣ 86</p> <p>3♥. Need to be more aggressive</p>	<p>1♥-3♠-?</p> <p>♠ 763 ♥ K75 ♦ AQJ64 ♣ 86</p> <p>4♥. Need to be more aggressive</p>	<p>1♥-2♠-?</p> <p>♠ 763 ♥ K5 ♦ AQJ64 ♣ Q86</p> <p>3♦. No fit found yet. Need 12 HCP</p>	<p>1♥-2♠-?</p> <p>♠ 763 ♥ K5 ♦ AJ864 ♣ Q86</p> <p>Pass. Not strong enough</p>
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## REBIDS BY OPENER

- Follow normal bidding system if you can.
- After a negative double by your partner, bid as you would if they had bid the suit(s) the double shows with 6+ HCP.
- Cue bid the opponent's suit with about 19+ HCP and no obvious bid (i.e. no spade stop, no support for responder's suit, no good suit).



## RESPONDING AFTER TAKEOUT X

- You no longer need to bid in order for your partner to get another chance
- All raises of opener's suit are weak in high cards
- Redouble shows 10+ HCP
- All new suit bids at 2 level or higher show less than 10 HCP
- *2NT after 1♥ or 1♠ with support and 11+ TP*



## RESPONDING AFTER TAKEOUT X

Raising opener's suit

<p>1♥-X-?</p> <p>♠ K4 ♥ 432 ♦ K987 ♣ J743</p> <p>2♥. Normal weak heart raise</p>	<p>1♥-X-?</p> <p>♠ 4 ♥ J432 ♦ K987 ♣ J743</p> <p>3♥. More hearts, shortage</p>	<p>1♥-X-?</p> <p>♠ 4 ♥ J5432 ♦ K987 ♣ J73</p> <p>4♥. Even more hearts, shortage</p>	<p>1♣-X-?</p> <p>♠ 5 ♥ 532 ♦ 432 ♣ QJ8432</p> <p>3♣. Being obstructive</p>
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## RESPONDING AFTER TAKEOUT X

Bidding new suit or 1NT

<p>1♣-X-?</p> <p>♠ K109542 ♥ 42 ♦ 864 ♣ 94</p> <p>1♣. Forcing at 1 level</p>	<p>1♣-X-?</p> <p>♠ AK865 ♥ 3 ♦ QJ86 ♣ 654</p> <p>1♣. Forcing at 1 level</p>	<p>1♥-X-?</p> <p>♠ 42 ♥ 42 ♦ 765 ♣ AQJ987</p> <p>2♣. Non-forcing under 10 HCP</p>	<p>1♥-X-?</p> <p>♠ 762 ♥ 43 ♦ Q743 ♣ KQ63</p> <p>1NT. 6-9 HCP, no support or suit</p>
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## RESPONDING AFTER TAKEOUT X

Redouble (10+ HCP)

<p>1♥-X-?</p> <p>♠ AQ76 ♥ KQ ♦ J1098 ♣ 1043</p> <p>XX. For doubling opponents.</p>	<p>1♠-X-?</p> <p>♠ 7 ♥ K10876 ♦ K64 ♣ AJ53</p> <p>XX. For doubling opponents.</p>	<p>1♠-X-?</p> <p>♠ Q8 ♥ AQ82 ♦ K52 ♣ 8764</p> <p>XX. Would bid 2NT without X</p>	<p>1♠-X-?</p> <p>♠ Q9 ♥ AQJ954 ♦ 6 ♣ K872</p> <p>XX. Bid hearts later (forcing)</p>
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## RESPONDING AFTER TAKEOUT X

Jump in new suit

<p>1♦-X-?</p> <p>♠ QJ10765 ♥ 3 ♦ J32 ♣ 1092</p> <p>2♠. Weak, long suit, obstructive</p>	<p>1♦-X-?</p> <p>♠ 754 ♥ 72 ♦ — ♣ AKQJ9874</p> <p>3♣. Strong when 2♣ not forcing</p>	<p>1♠-X-?</p> <p>♠ 3 ♥ 74 ♦ KQJ7642 ♣ A63</p> <p>3♦. Bid ♦ now, not at high level</p>	<p>1♣-X-?</p> <p>♠ 3 ♥ 74 ♦ KQJ7642 ♣ A63</p> <p>1♦. Forcing but 2♦ non-forcing</p>
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## RESPONDING AFTER TAKEOUT X

2NT after 1♥ or 1♠ opening

<p>1♥-X-?</p> <p>♠ 82 ♥ K84 ♦ AQJ ♣ 98765</p> <p>2NT. 11+ TP, 3+ card support</p>	<p>1♥-X-?</p> <p>♠ 6 ♥ KJ64 ♦ AQ62 ♣ Q642</p> <p>2NT. Can be strong</p>	<p>1♥-X-2NT-P?</p> <p>♠ 43 ♥ AQ432 ♦ J32 ♣ KQ7</p> <p>3♥. Minimum opening.</p>	<p>1♥-X-2NT-P?</p> <p>♠ 43 ♥ AQ432 ♦ 32 ♣ AKJ7</p> <p>4♥. Stronger.</p>
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