

BEGINNERS' LESSONS

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Lesson Seven

Overcalls



Reasons for Overcalling

- To get into the bidding ... make it hard for the opposition
- Express a genuine desire to play in a suit
- Suggest a lead for partner



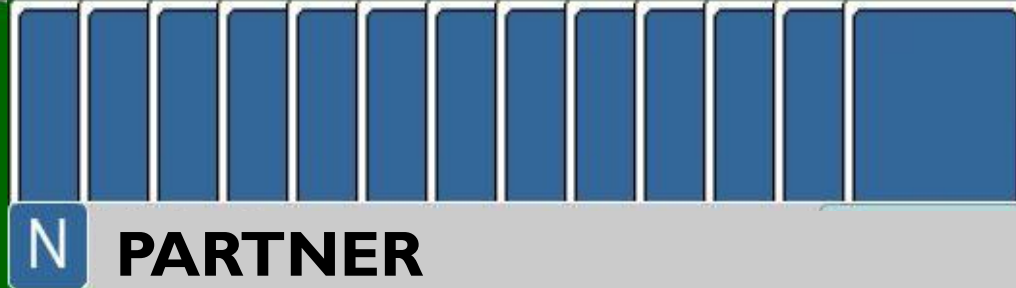
Rules to Overcall a suit



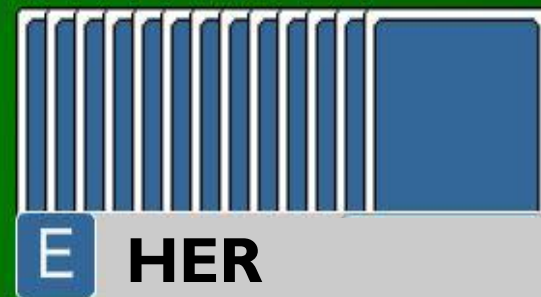
- MUST be a good 5+ card suit – at least 2 honours
- Point count should be close to opening values if overcalling at the 2-level



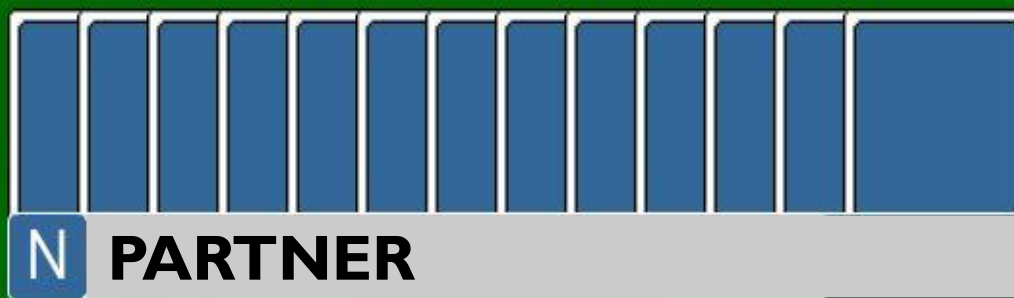
Overcalling a suit



W	N	E	S
		1♣	1♥
South has an Opening Hand with a GOOD 5-card suit (at least two honours in the suit)			



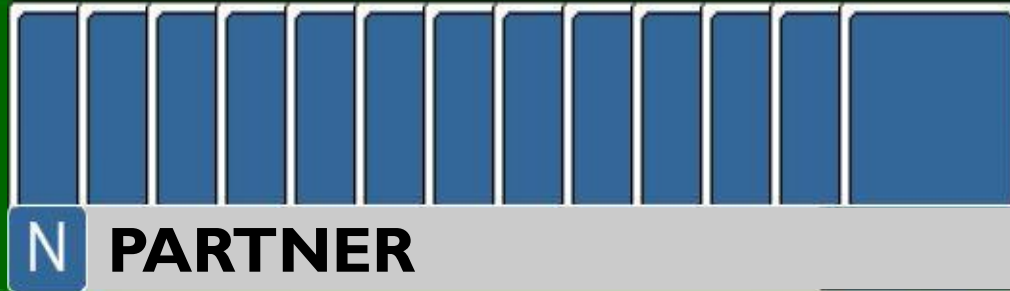
Overcalling a suit



W	N	E	S
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
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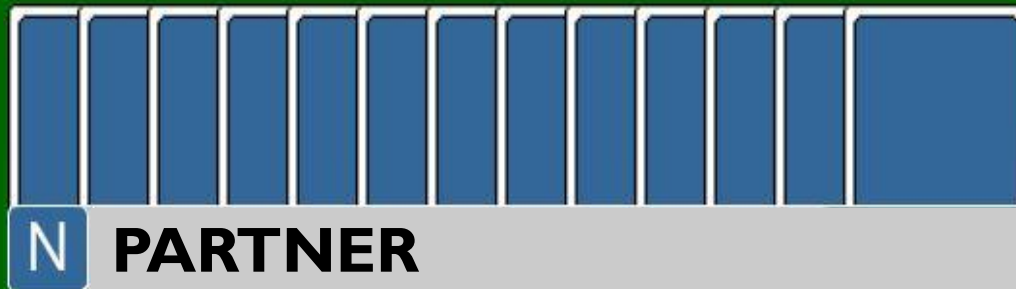
Overcalling a suit



W	N	E	S
		1♦	PASS
Opening Hand BUT a poor suit DO NOT BE TEMPTED to overcall			




Overcalling a suit



W	N	E	S
		1♠	2♥ or PASS
Opening Hand. Suit OK. Bidding will make it very difficult for the opposition but could be risky			



Response to Overcall of a suit

- Only bid with a fit (3+ support)
- Support partner if you can ... keeping in mind that partner has shown  of the suit – need 6+ points
- With 12+ points, jump in partner's suit



Response to a suit overcall

N

PARTNER

W

N

E

S

1♠

2♦

Pass

3♦

Show a minimum raise

Mainly to make it as hard as
possible for the opposition ...

you have a 10-card fit in
diamonds

W

HIM

E

HER



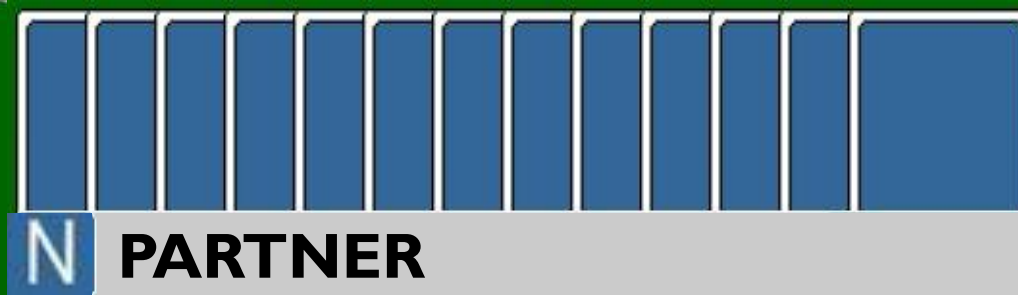
S



YOU




Response to a suit overcall



W	N	E	S
1♥	2♦	Pass	PASS
Cannot support diamonds DO NOT bid the spade suit as your hand is not good enough			



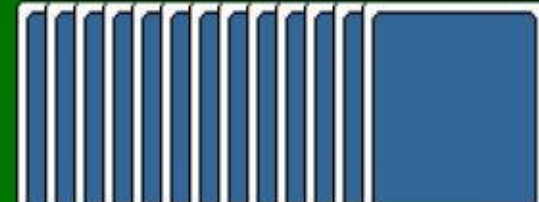
Response to a suit overcall


N PARTNER


W HIM

W	N	E	S
1♦	1♠	Pass	2♠

Support partner's 5-
card spade suit
You have a fit
Ignore your own heart suit


E HER


S  YOU

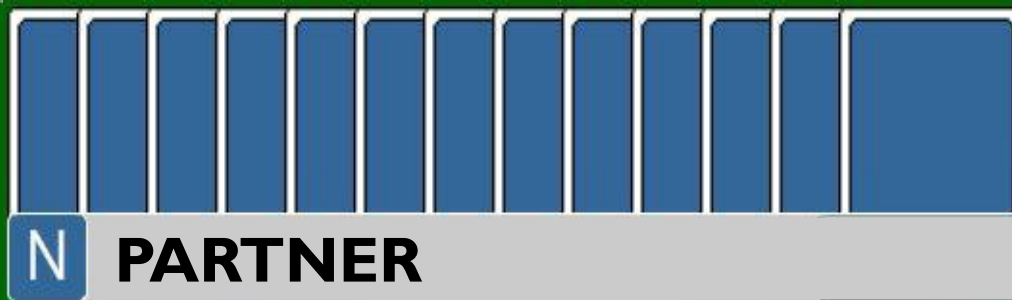


Rules to Overcall in NoTrumps

- Need BETTER points than opening INT
 - 16 – 18 points
- MUST have a cover in the opposition's suit



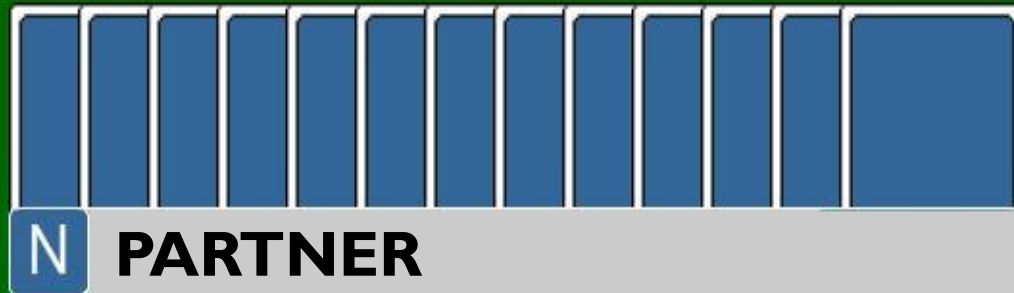
Overcalling INT



W	N	E	S
		1♦	1NT
18 points balanced hand with a diamond hold			



Overcalling INT



W	N	E	S
		1♠	1NT
16 points balanced hand with a spade hold			



Overcalling INT

N PARTNER

W HIM

W	N	E	S
		1♠	PASS
16 points balanced hand BUT no spade hold You cannot overcall INT			

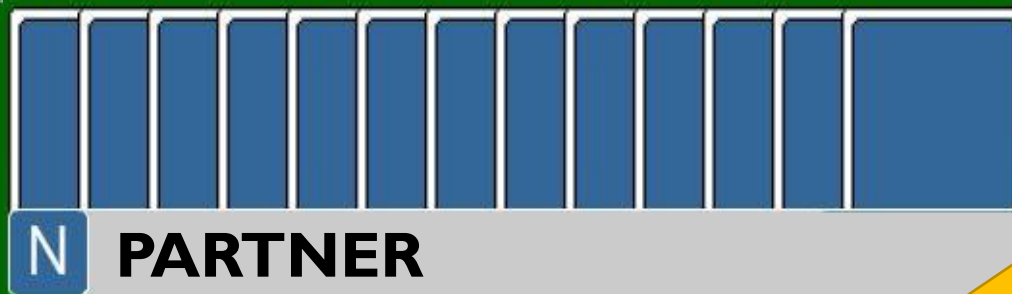
E HER

S YOU

8♠ 7♠ 3♠ A♥ 9♥ 8♥ K♣ 10♣ 4♣ A♦ K♦ Q♦ 8♦



Overcalling INT



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LESSON!**



W	N	E	S
		1♣	?
16 points balanced hand BUT no club hold You cannot overcall INT			



Response to Overcall of 1NT

Unbalanced Hand

Use same responses as for opening 1NT ... BUT adjust point count

- 0 – 7 points – bid your own suit
- 8+ points – bid your 5-card suit (major) at 3-level or bid your 6-card suit at GAME



Response
to 1NT
overcall

N

PARTNER



W

N

E

S

1♣

1NT

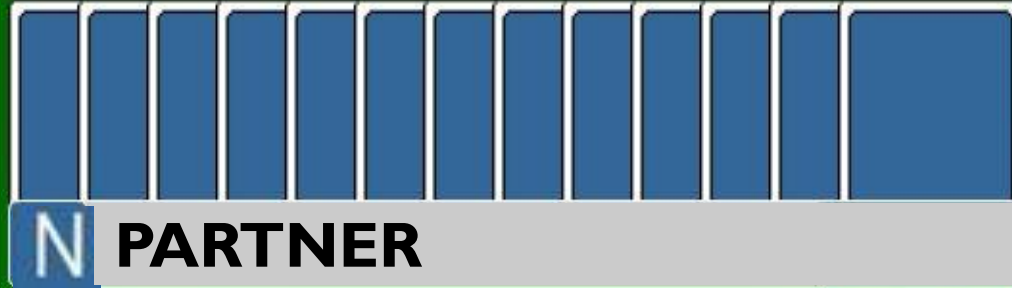
Pass

2♠

Unbalanced hand
not enough points for game,
therefore, bid your long suit
(weak takeout)

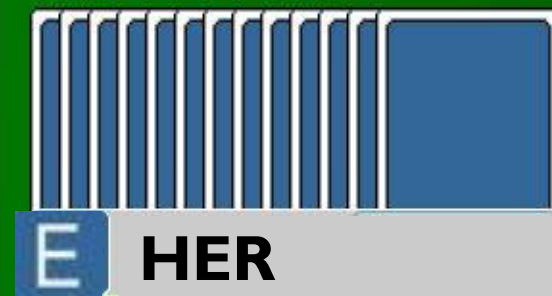


Response
to 1NT
overcall



W	N	E	S
1♥	1NT	Pass	3♠

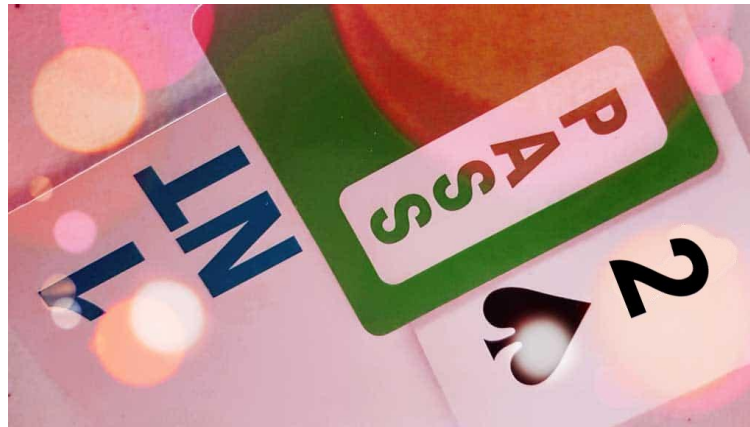
UNBALANCED HAND
with points for GAME
Show your 5-card suit by bidding
at the 3-level



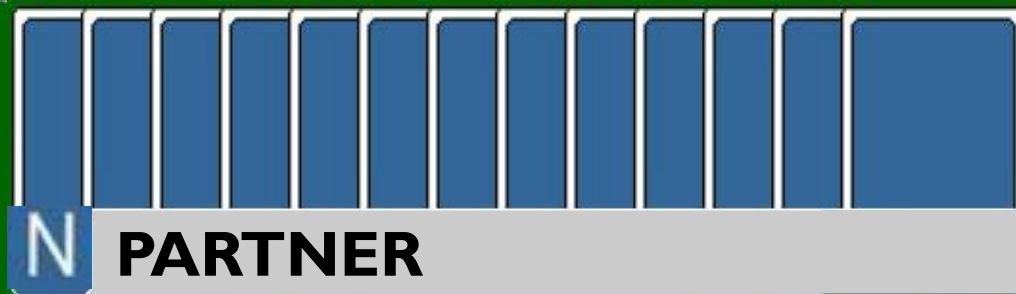
Response to Overcall of INT

Balanced Hand

- 0 – 7 points – PASS
- 8 points – 2NT (inviting to game)
- 9+ points – 3NT (wanting to be in game)



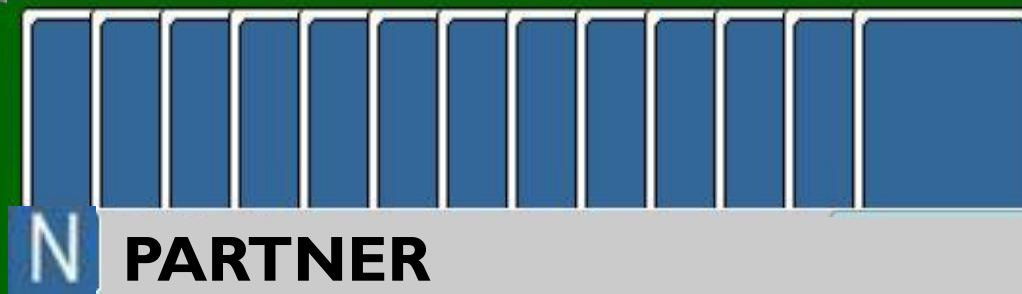
Response
to 1NT
overcall



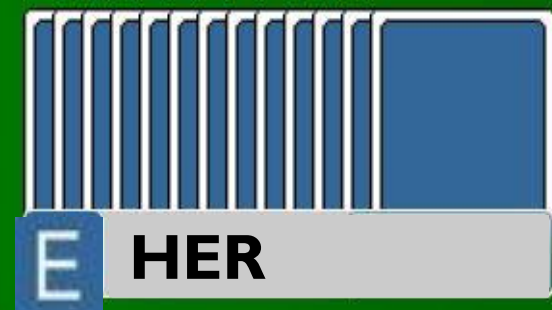
W	N	E	S
1♦	1NT	Pass	PASS
BALANCED HAND not enough points for game, therefore, PASS			



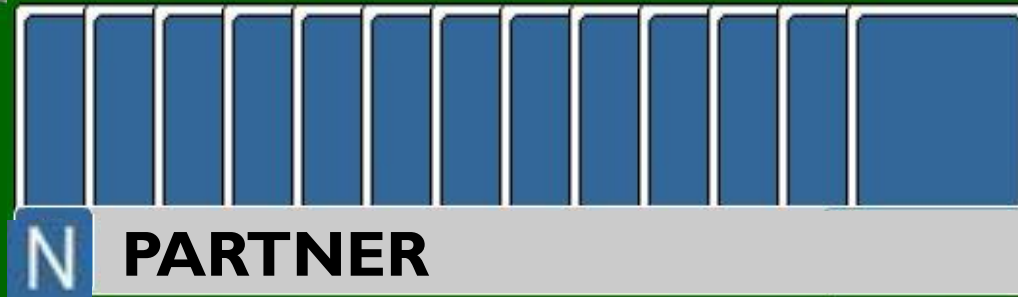
Response to
Overall of
INT



W	N	E	S
1♦	1NT	Pass	3NT
BALANCED HAND points for game bid 3NT			



Response
to 1NT
overcall



W	N	E	S
1♣	1NT	Pass	2NT
<p>BALANCED HAND</p> <p>with 8 points you are close to game. 2NT invites partner. If they have 17 or 18 they bid to game</p>			



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