

System Card - Competitive Bids/Overcalls

Opposition Bids	You Have	Points	Bid	Example/Comments
1NT	Similar Hand	15-18	Double	You do not have to be balanced. If opposition and your partner passes becomes a Penalty Double .
	6+ in a suit	8+	2C	Cappelletti - Partner bids 2D (waiting) if opposition passes. Bid suit second round.
	5/5 or 5/4 in suits	10+	See Comments	Cappelletti - 2D - S & H, 2H - 5H & 4/5 minor, 2S - 5S & 4/5 minor, 2NT - D & C If bid 2H & partner no Hearts they bid 2NT then you bid second suit.
Bids	Same bid or less	Opening	Double	If Opposition opened 1S this is a Negative Double saying have 4+ Hearts.
Weak 2 or 3	A Good Hand	16+	Double	Partner can pass if a weak hand so becomes a Penalty Double
	5 card suit	12-15	Bid Suit	Your bid will be at the 2 or 3 level. Opposition is weak so worth having a go!
Bids at 1 level	Weak 2	6-10	Weak 2	Partner expects you to have 2 honours in suit and the 6-10 points. If you have opening points and opposition opens 1S then you could bid 2H with 5+ so only slight misleading of partner, Doubling would say you have 4+ Negative Double .
Bids to Contract	Good enough hand to interfere		Higher	Expect to lose by a trick or so but better points than letting opposition get contract. See Rule of 1-2-3 below. You might get doubled!

Rule of 1-2-3

Interfere with opponents bidding if you expect they will get their contract

Don't Overbid	You	Opposition
> 1 trick	Vulnerable	NOT Vulnerable
> 2 tricks	Equal Vulnerability	Equal Vulnerability
> 3 tricks	NOT Vulnerable	Vulnerable

Other Overbids

Western Cue Bid - Bid opponents suit at 3 level asking partner for cover in that suit for a 3NT bid.

Michaels Cue Bid - Used when you have 5/5 suits and 8+ points.