

Competitive Bidding Judgment

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Defensive or Constructive?

1. Presumption of Balance of Power
2. Nature of Defensive Bids

Constructive Bids

Opening at 1 level

Take Out Double

Natural NT Bid

Cue Bid

Defensive Bids

Opening at 2/3 level

Overcall

Defensive Raises

2 Suited Overcalls

The Benefits and Risks of Defensive Bidding

The Benefits

Enables Competition

Pre-emptive Value

Lead Direction

The Risks

Punishment

Helps Opps in the Bidding

Helps Opps in the Play

When you should Bid

- 1 Whose Hand is it?
- 2 Check for Benefits
- 3 Assess Working Points
- 4 Pre-emptive Value?
- 5 Has Partner already passed?
- 6 Pass if opps have bid your best suit!
- 7 Vulnerability Matters!

Competitive Bidding

- 1 The Take Out Double
- 2 The Simple Overcall
- 3 The 1NT Overcall
- 4 Two Suiters
- 5 Jump Overcalls
- 6 The Trap Pass

Overcalls

1NT **Balanced, 15-18, Guard, System On**

WJO **One Suited, 5-9, System On**

1 Level **5+ card suit, 10-18 HCP, 8 Losers or less**

2 Level **6+ card suit, 10-18 HCP, 7 Losers or less**

5+ card suit, 13-18 HCP, 7 Losers or Less

3 Level **7 card suit, 5-9, System On**

The Take Out Double

- 1 Opening Bid Strength
- 2 Three suited with shortage in Bid Suit
- 3 Balanced Hands Unsuitable for 1NT Overcall
- 4 5431 or 5422 hands with 5 card minor
- 5 Balanced 19+ hands
- 6 Unbalanced 19+ hands
- 7 Opening Bid Level
- 8 Vulnerability

S	W	N	E
1♥	?		

1) ♠ K J 8 7 2
 ♥ A 3
 ♦ J 8 2
 ♣ 10 7 2

2) ♠ K Q 9 2
 ♥ 7
 ♦ A 10 8 2
 ♣ K J 8 2

3) ♠ A 6
 ♥ A 7
 ♦ Q J 10 8 7 3
 ♣ J 7 2

4) ♠ A Q 10 8 2
 ♥ 2
 ♦ A 8 6 2
 ♣ K J 2

5) ♠ K J 10 8 5 2
 ♥ 2
 ♦ K 8 2
 ♣ 9 6 2

6) ♠ 2
 ♥ J 2
 ♦ K Q 10 9 6 4 2
 ♣ 10 7 2

S	W	N	E
1♣	?		

7) ♠ A K 10 8 3
♥ K J 10 5
♦ A 3
♣ Q 2

8) ♠ A 3
♥ A Q 10 8 3
♦ K 10 5
♣ K J 8

9) ♠ 2
♥ A K 2
♦ A K Q J 7 3
♣ K 7 2

10) ♠ A Q 10 8
♥ 2
♦ A 8 6
♣ Q J 9 8 3

11) ♠ J 8 7 5 2
♥ A Q J 8
♦ A Q 2
♣ 9

12) ♠ A Q 9 6
♥ K 10 8 3
♦ A 2
♣ 10 7 2

Responding to an Overcall

- 1 1NT is natural, 8-11
- 2 2NT, 3NT are natural, 11-13, 13-16
- 3 New suit is natural and F1
- 4 Raises are defensive (Use LTC/Level of Fit)
- 5 The Competitive Double
- 6 The Unassuming Cue
- 7 Splinters
- 8 Check FIT and Working Points
- 9 Use RHO's Bid

Supporting an Overcall

- 1 Single Level support may be very weak
- 2 Jump support with 4 cards and weak hand
- 3 The Unassuming Cue Bid
- 4 The level of Fit
- 5 Create Problems for Opps
- 6 Be wary of sacrificing
- 7 Check FIT and Working Points

S	W	N	E
1♣	1♠	Pass	?

13) ♠ 8 2
♥ A Q 10 7
♦ J 8 2
♣ K 10 7 2

14) ♠ K 10 8 6 2
♥ 7
♦ J 10 7 6 2
♣ A 2

15) ♠ A 6
♥ A J 10 7
♦ Q 8 7 3
♣ J 7 2

16) ♠ 2
♥ A Q J 9 6
♦ A 8 6 2
♣ 10 8 2

17) ♠ 2
♥ K Q 8 5 2
♦ Q 7 6 3 2
♣ Q 2

18) ♠ K Q 9 2
♥ A K 2
♦ 8 3
♣ 10 8 6 2

S	W	N	E
1♠	2♦	Pass	?

19) ♠ 8 3
♥ K 9 6 3
♦ Q 8 2
♣ Q 10 7 2

20) ♠ A 8
♥ A 10 8 3
♦ Q 8 2
♣ 10 8 6 2

21) ♠ A Q 9 3
♥ K 8 2
♦ K 10 8
♣ J 7 2

22) ♠ 2
♥ A Q J 9 6
♦ A 8 6 2
♣ 10 8 2

23) ♠ J 3
♥ K Q 10 8 2
♦ 2
♣ J 9 8 7 2

24) ♠ A 3
♥ 10 9 6 2
♦ K J 10 8
♣ A K 8

S	W	N	E
1♠	2♦	2♥	?

25) ♠ K Q 10 9
 ♥ Q 10 9 4
 ♦ Q 8 2
 ♣ 9 2

26) ♠ 8 2
 ♥ 3
 ♦ K 10 8 3
 ♣ Q J 9 7 6 2

27) ♠ A 8 2
 ♥ 10 8 2
 ♦ K 3
 ♣ K J 8 4 2

28) ♠ 10 8 2
 ♥ A 6
 ♦ A 8 6 2
 ♣ Q 10 8 2

29) ♠ J 3 2
 ♥ 10 2
 ♦ Q 7 2
 ♣ K Q J 9 8

30) ♠ A 10 8
 ♥ K 2
 ♦ K J 8
 ♣ J 10 8 7 2

Responding to a Take Out Double

- 1 NT bids are natural, 5-9/10-12/13-15
- 2 Minimum Suit Bids show 0-9 HCP
- 3 Jump with 8-11 HCP and a fair suit
- 4 Opponent's suit shows 10+ but no suit
- 5 Double jump with weak hand and long suit
- 6 Responsive double if RHO bids
- 7 Pass with strong holding in opps' suit
- 8 Check FIT and Working Points

S	W	N	E
1♥	X	Pass	?

31) ♠ 10 8 7 2
 ♥ Q 3
 ♦ J 9 8 2
 ♣ 9 4 2

32) ♠ K J 9 7 2
 ♥ 3 2
 ♦ A 10 7
 ♣ 10 7 6

33) ♠ A 8 2
 ♥ J 8 2
 ♦ K 7 3
 ♣ J 10 8 4

34) ♠ K Q 8 2
 ♥ A 6
 ♦ Q 8 6 2
 ♣ 10 9 2

35) ♠ 2
 ♥ J 10 2
 ♦ A 7 3 2
 ♣ K Q 10 9 2

36) ♠ J 5
 ♥ K 10 8 2
 ♦ K 9 8
 ♣ Q 8 7 2

S	W	N	E
1♦	X	1♠	?

37) ♠ K 8 2
♥ A 10 8 3
♦ 9 3
♣ Q 9 4 2

38) ♠ 10 9 2
♥ K 10 8
♦ A 10 7 3
♣ 10 7 6

39) ♠ 9 8
♥ K J 9 7 2
♦ 7 3
♣ J 10 8 4

40) ♠ Q 2
♥ K Q J 3
♦ 9 8 6 2
♣ 10 9 2

41) ♠ Q J 9 4
♥ 5
♦ K J 10 2
♣ J 9 7 2

42) ♠ 5
♥ A Q 10 8 4
♦ 9 8
♣ K 9 8 7 2

Two Suited Overcalls

- 1 Unusual NT
- 2 The Cue
- 3 Ghestem
- 4 Responses
- 5 Check FIT and Working Points
- 6 After Both Opponents have bid

S	W	N	E
1♥	?		

43) ♠ 9 2
 ♥ 3
 ♦ Q J 9 8 2
 ♣ A J 10 4 2

44) ♠ Q 5
 ♥ 3
 ♦ Q 8 6 4 3
 ♣ K 7 5 4 2

45) ♠ A Q J 9 3
 ♥ 2
 ♦ K Q J 7 3
 ♣ J 4

46) ♠ K J 7 6 2
 ♥ Q 10 8 6 2
 ♦ 2
 ♣ 9 2

47) ♠ A J 10 8 2
 ♥ J 2
 ♦ 2
 ♣ K Q 10 8 2

48) ♠ 2
 ♥ 8
 ♦ A Q J 9 5 2
 ♣ K Q J 7 2

S	W	N	E
1♥	P	2♣	?

49) ♠ K Q 8 2
 ♥ 3
 ♦ Q J 9 8 2
 ♣ A J 2

50) ♠ Q J 10 8 2
 ♥ 3
 ♦ A Q J 4 3
 ♣ K 2

51) ♠ Q 8 7 5 2
 ♥ 2
 ♦ K 9 8 4 3
 ♣ J 4

52) ♠ K Q J 10 2
 ♥ 2
 ♦ J 10 8 6 2
 ♣ 8 2

53) ♠ A J 10 8 2
 ♥ J 2
 ♦ Q J 10 8 2
 ♣ 4

54) ♠ 2
 ♥ K Q 2
 ♦ K 10 8 7 5 2
 ♣ K Q 8

Defence to 1NT

- 1 2♣ For Majors, 10-15
- 2 Overcalls show 6 card suits, 10-15
- 3 Double shows 15+
- 4 3 of a suit is weak with very good suit
- 4 Multi-Landy?

S	W	N	E
1NT	?		

55) ♠ K Q 10 8 6 2
 ♥ 3
 ♦ A Q 2
 ♣ 8 6 2

56) ♠ Q J 10 8
 ♥ K J 8 6 3
 ♦ A 3
 ♣ 9 2

57) ♠ K J 8
 ♥ K Q 2
 ♦ K 10 9 7 2
 ♣ A 2

58) ♠ K Q J 10 8 6 2
 ♥ 2
 ♦ J 10 8 6
 ♣ 8

59) ♠ A Q J 7
 ♥ 2
 ♦ K Q 10 8 2
 ♣ J 10 7

60) ♠ None
 ♥ K 2
 ♦ K 10 8 7 5 2
 ♣ A Q J 8 2

S	W	N	E
1NT	X	2♣	?

61) ♠ J 9 8 6 2
♥ K 3
♦ 10 4 2
♣ 8 6 2

62) ♠ Q J 10 8
♥ K J 8 6
♦ Q 8 7 3
♣ 2

63) ♠ J 8 7
♥ 9 8 6 2
♦ A 2
♣ Q 7 6 2

64) ♠ A J 10 8 3
♥ 7 2
♦ K 10 8 6 2
♣ 8

65) ♠ J 2
♥ 6 5
♦ K Q J 10 8 2
♣ K 7 3

66) ♠ K J 10 9 8 2
♥ Q 2
♦ 10 8 7 2
♣ 8

Doubles - A Quick Intro

- 1 Take-Out Doubles
- 2 Penalty Doubles
- 3 Competitive Doubles
- 4 Doubles of Artificial Bids

Balancing (Protecting)

- 1 The Principle of the Transferred King
- 2 Balancing after 1NT
- 3 Balancing after Opponents' Fit
- 4 Balancing after Opponents' Misfit

S	W	N	E
1♠	Pass	Pass	?

67) ♠ J 9 4
♥ A Q 7
♦ K 10 8 6
♣ K 10 7

68) ♠ 7 2
♥ A J 10 7
♦ J 10 7 6
♣ A 7 3

69) ♠ A 6 2
♥ K J 9 7 6 2
♦ 10 3
♣ 7 2

70) ♠ K Q 10
♥ A 7
♦ A Q J 9
♣ K 9 8 2

71) ♠ 2
♥ K Q 10 8 2
♦ A J 10 8 2
♣ Q 2

72) ♠ K Q J 9 2
♥ A 2
♦ 8 3
♣ A 8 6 2

S	W	N	E
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	?		

73) ♠ Q 9 4 2
 ♥ A 7
 ♦ K 10 8 6
 ♣ 10 9 7

74) ♠ A 2
 ♥ 8 7 5 2
 ♦ K J 10 7 2
 ♣ 7 3

75) ♠ 2
 ♥ K 7 2
 ♦ Q J 9 7 2
 ♣ K 10 8 7

76) ♠ Q J 8 7 2
 ♥ 5
 ♦ A 8 2
 ♣ 10 9 8 2

77) ♠ A Q 4
 ♥ K Q 10 8
 ♦ 6 2
 ♣ K 8 6 2

78) ♠ Q 10 8 2
 ♥ A 5 2
 ♦ K 10 8 6 2
 ♣ 2

Summary

- 1 Do a SWOT Analysis
- 2 Take Out Doubles show Good Hands
- 3 The Level of the Fit
- 4 Don't Sacrifice except on Double Fit Hands
- 5 Balancing Freely