

Cuebids by Advancer

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Responding to an Overcall

(Advancing)

- * The auction: (1♣)-1♠-(P)-???
- * Partner has: 6-16 HCPs and 5+♠s.
- * What should we bid with:
- * A: ♠x ♥QJTxxx ♦Axx ♣xxx
- * B: ♠Axx ♥Kxxx ♦xxx ♣xxx
- * C: ♠KQx ♥KQxxx ♦Kx ♣xxx

Partnership Agreements

with respect to Overcalls

- * How Strong?
- * Responses Forcing or not?
- * Modern Style:
 - * At the One-level, usually 6-16 HCPs
 - * At the Two-level, 10-16 nVul., 13-16 Vul.
 - * Responses: Non-Forcing Constructive
 - * Cuebid by Advancer: Only Forcing Bid

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 6 to 16 HCP (usually)
often 4 cards very light style

Responses

New Suit: Forcing NFConst NF
Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak
Cue=10+, JumpCue=ConstRaise

Bidding by Advancer

(non-forcing bids)

* The auction: (1♣)-1♠-(P)-???

* A: ♠x ♥QJTxxx ♦Axx ♣xxx

* Bid 2♥, non-forcing, NOT encouraging

* just trying to find a better contract

* B: ♠Axx ♥Kxxxx ♦xxx ♣xx

* Bid 2♠, non-forcing, NOT invitational

* modest values, may buy the contract

Cuebidding by Advancer

(forcing bids)

- * The auction: (1♣)-1♠-(P)-???
- * C: ♠KQx ♥KQxxx ♦Kx ♣xxx
 - * Bid 2♣, forcing, at least invitational
 - * Advancer may/may not have support
 - * Overcaller rebids 2♠ with less than opening, else something descriptive

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(a forcing example)

* Your hand: ♠ KQxx ♥ Axxx ♦ xx ♣ Kxx

* The Auction:

* (1♦)_{partner} 1♠-

6-16 HCPs, 5+♠s

* (P)_{you} 2♦-

10+ HCPs, ...

* (P)_{partner} 3♣-

13+ HCPs, 4+♣s

* (P)_{you} 4♠-(P)-P-(P)

* Partner: ♠ Axxxx ♥ xx ♦ Kx ♣ AQJx

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(another forcing example)

* Your hand: ♠AKJxx ♥xx ♦xx ♣AKJx

* The Auction:

* (1♦)-_{partner} 1♥-

6-16 HCPs, 5+♥s

* (P)-_{you} 2♦-

10+ HCPs, ...

* (P)-_{partner} 2♥-

6-11 HCPs

* (P)-_{you} 2♠-(P)-_{partner} 4♠

* Partner: ♠xxx ♥AJTxx ♦Kxx ♣Qx

Jump Bidding by Advancer

what are those partnership agreements?

* The Auction: (1 ♥)-1 ♠-(2 ♥)-3 ♠

* weak (probably 4 ♠s)

* e.g. ♠ QJT_x ♥ J_{xx} ♦ JT_{xxx} ♣ _x

* The Auction: (1 ♥)-1 ♠-(P)-3 ♣

* if 2 ♣ is to play, then 3 ♣ must be stronger

* highly invitational

* expect good suit plus 13+ HCPs

* e.g. ♠ Q ♥ AJT ♦ J_x ♣ KQJ_{xxxx}

Jump Cuebidding by Advancer

what are those partnership agreements?

- * The Auction: (1 ♥)-1 ♠-(P)-3 ♥-
- * definitely NOT Western
- * it could be a useful splinter
- * e.g. ♠JTxx ♥- ♦KQxxx ♣AQxx
- * OR it could be a constructive raise!
- * e.g. ♠JTxx ♥JT ♦Kxx ♣Axxx

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(bidding summary)

* The auction: (1♣)-1♠-(P)-???

* 1NT - 6-9, nf, ♣ stop

* 2♣ - 10+, forcing

* 2♦ - to play, good ♦

* 2♥ - to play, good ♥

* 2♠ - to play, ♠ support

* 2NT - 10-12, nf, ♣ stop

* 3♣ - 8-9, ♣ support

* 3♦ - inv, nt, good ♦

* 3♥ - inv, nt, good ♥

* 3♠ - weak, 4♠

* 3NT - to play

* 4♠ - to play

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When is it natural?

* SAYC: When the opponents have bid two suits, a cuebid is natural

* (1 ♣)-P-(1 ♥)-2 ♣/2 ♥-

(opener: ♣xxx, responder: ♥xxxx, advancer: AKJxxx)

* 1 ♣-(1 ♠)-P-(P)-

X-(P)-P-(2 ♦)- (responder has good ♠s)

P-(P)-2 ♠

* (1 ♠)-X-(P)-P- (advancer has good ♠s)

(2 ♣)-P-(P)-2 ♠

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When is a cuebid game forcing?

* 1♣-(1♦)-1♠-(P)-
2♣-(P)-2♦

* like 4th suit forcing

* (1♦)-X-(P)-1♥-
(P)-2♦

* dbl & bid = strong, dbl & cue = demand

* (1♥)-X-(P)-2♥

* overcaller is 13+ HCPs, so is advancer,
but does not promise 4 card ♠s