

OVERCALLS

An overcall shows 5+ in the suit bid and also shows quality in the suit bid

Eg KQ954, AJT52 AQT96

A guide is to have two of the top 4 honours in the suit bid or 1 honour followed by an internal sequence eg: AT983

One level overcalls non vul show 9+ points

One level overcalls vul show 11+ points

Two level overcall non vul shows 11+ points

Two level overcall vul shows an opening hand

Single Jump overcalls shows a 6 card suit eg 1♥ (2♠)

6-10 points non vul

11-15 points vul

Double Jump overcall shows a 7 card suit eg: 1♦ (3♥)

Pre emptive 6-10 points

Bidding after partners overcall if opponents pass

0-6HCP pass

7-11 HCP

1. Support partners suit if possible
2. 1NT with good stop in openers suit
3. New suit of your own. No more than 2 of partners suit and 5+ of suit bid.
Not recommended unless you have a Major and partner has overcalled a minor suit

12+ HCP

1. New suit of your own. No more than 2 of partners suit and 5+ of suit bid
2. 2NT with good stop in openers suit

Partner responses

1. rebidding their suit minimum hand
2. Cue of openers suit asks for stop in suit for NT and shows partial stop.
3. A new suit or NT with a stop in openers suit showing a good overcall

Bidding after partners overcall if opponents bid a new suit

The only bids you can make is support partner or double to show 8+ points or pass

Work out the point count, The minimum points showing are:

Opener	Partner	Responder
12+ points	9+ points	8+ points bid of a new suit 8+ points support of partners suit

Always check the point count for supporting openers overcall as some partnerships play barrage bids which means their bids are a lot weaker than normal

Bidding Over opponents overcall of partners Opening bid

1. 8+ points New suit 5 of the suit bid and no more than 3 of partners suit
2. 8+ points 1NT no more than 3 of partners suit
3. 6-9 Raise partner to 2 level shows 4 card support
4. 10-12 Raise partner to 3 level shows 4 card support
5. 13+ Cue of oppositions suit asks for hold in their suit