

OVERCALLS

Requirements to Overcall

- 5 card good suit
- 8-16 HCP (10-17 total points)
- Overcalls at 2 level – opening hand, good 5 card or a 6-card suit
- Overcall of 1NT – balanced hand, 15-18 points, stoppers in opponent's bid suit

Advancing (responding to) an overcall:

- 0-6 Pass
- *With 3+ support:*
 - 7-9 **Raise** partners suit using Law of Total Tricks (3 card support, raise to 2; 4-card support, raise to 3, etc.)
 - 10+ **Cuebid** in opponent's suit
- *Without support:*
 - Bid as usual – by partnership agreement, may not be forcing

TAKEOUT DOUBLES

Doubling for takeout

1. Neither the doubler nor doubler's partner have previously bid (previous passes are okay).
2. The opposing partnership has bid either one or two suits (notrump is not a suit).
3. It is either the doubler's first or second turn to bid. *Otherwise, a double is for penalty.*

Requirements for a takeout double

- Support for any of the unbid suits, especially the unbid major suit(s).
- At least the strength for an opening bid
(13 or more total points **valued using dummy points**).

OR

- 18+ total points - too strong for a simple overcall. – BIG DOUBLE

Advancing (responding) after a takeout double (*give priority to major suits*)

0 to 8 total points

Bid 4-card major **or** longest suit at cheapest level
If opponents make an intervening bid, bid only with 6-8.

9 to 11 total points

Jump in 4-card major or longest suit.

12 or more total points

Jump to game in a four-card or longer unbid major suit **OR**
Cuebid.

Notrump advances after a takeout double

- 1 NT= 8-10 HCP at least one stopper in the opponent's suit.
- 2NT =11-12 HCP at least one stopper in the opponent's suit.
- 3 NT =13 HCP or more and at least one stopper in the opponent's suit.

Rebids by the takeout doubler

If the advancer makes a minimum bid, the takeout doubler

- passes with a minimum hand (12-15 total points)
- raises with a medium hand (16-17 total points)
- jump raises with a maximum hand (18+ total points).
- ANY new suit by the takeout doubler indicates the BIG DOUBLE

OVERCALLS PART 1.

BIDDING: 1H ?

1. ♠A K J 8 5

♥7 4

♦K J 6 2

♣8 3

2. ♠7 3

♥K 4

♦A Q 10 8 6 3

♣A 9 6

3. ♠A J 10 9 3

♥2

♦8 6 3

♣K 10 9 4

4. ♠A 4

♥Q 9 3

♦J 6 2

♣Q 8 7 6 2

5. ♠9

♥J 6

♦A Q 10 8 4

♣A Q J 7 3

6. ♠7 3

♥A K J 10 8

♦A J 5

♣8 7 3

7. ♠A 8 3

♥K Q 9

♦Q 10 5

♣A J 10 7

8. ♠A K J 10 8 5

♥5

♦7 6 3

♣9 5 4

9. ♠10 8 3

♥9 6

♦5

♣A Q J 10 7 4 3

PART 2.

BIDDING: 1D 1H Pass ?

1. ♠J 9 7 4 3

♥4

♦Q 8 2

♣10 7 6 3

2. ♠7 3

♥J 9 4

♦J 8 4

♣A J 7 5 3

3. ♠5

♥Q 10 8 5

♦8 6 5 3

♣K 7 4 2

4. ♠10 8 7 4 2

♥K 9 6 3

♦8 7 3

♣...

5. ♠K 10 4

♥K J 6

♦Q 10

♣J 9 7 4

6. ♠J 4

♥A 10 8

♦A 8 6 2

♣K Q 7 5

PART 3.

BIDDING: 1D 1S Pass 2D
Pass ?

1. ♠A J 10 8 5

♥K 3

♦10 9 2

♣J 7 3

2. ♠A K J 10 7 3

♥K Q 4

♦8 4

♣7 3

3. ♠K J 10 7 5

♥J 5

♦5

♣A K J 7 5

BIDDING: 1C 1H Pass 1S
Pass ?

4. ♠8 6

♥Q J 10 8 5

♦A J 5

♣8 6 2

5. ♠K 8 4

♥A Q 10 7 3

♦K 4

♣10 6 2

6. ♠8

♥A K 10 9 5

♦A Q J 3

♣7 5 2

ANSWERS:

Overcalls:

Part 1. 1. 1S, 2. 2D, 3. 1S, 4. Pass, 5. 2D, 6. Pass, 7. 1NT, 8. 2S (1S), 9. 3C

Part 2. 1. Pass, 2. 2H, 3. 3H, 4. 4H, 5. 2D, 6. 2D

Part 3. 1. 2S, 2. 3S, 3. 3C, 4. Pass, 5. 2S, 6. 2D

Takeout Doubles:

Part 1. 1. Double, 2. 1S, 3. Double, 4. Pass, 5. Double, 6. Pass

Part 2. 1. 1H, 2. 2NT, 3. 1S, 4. 2H, 3. 2NT, 4. 2H, 5. 3NT, 6. 2D, 7. 1NT, 8. 2C, 9. 4S

Quiz Examples and Answers are from Audrey Grant's *Bridge Basics 2 – Competitive Bidding*.

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TAKEOUT DOUBLES PART 1.

BIDDING: 1H ?

1. ♠K 10 7 5

♥7

♦A J 6 2

♣A 9 8 3

2. ♠A Q J 10 4

♥4 2

♦K 8 4

♣K 9 7

3. ♠Q 10 9 7

♥...

♦A 10 8 3

♣K J 8 6 2

4. ♠Q 8 7

♥5 3

♦A 9 6

♣K 10 7 6

5. ♠A 10 8 3

♥9 4

♦Q 9 5

♣A Q 7 4

6. ♠9

♥A 9 5 3

♦A J 6 2

♣K J 7 6

PART 2.

BIDDING

1D

X

Pass

?

1. ♠9 5

♥10 7 6 4 2

♦J 7 3

♣J 6 4

2. ♠8 6 4

♥Q 7 3

♦K Q 10

♣A 7 2

3. ♠K 6 3 2

♥8 4

♦6 5 3

♣A 10 8 4

4. ♠6 2

♥A Q 10 4 3

♦9 5 4

♣K 8 4

5. ♠9 8 6

♥K 5

♦A K J 5

♣K 7 5 2

6. ♠A Q 7 5

♥K Q J 3

♦8 3

♣J 6 2

7. ♠8 6 3

♥9 5 4

♦A Q 7 4

♣J 6 2

8. ♠10 3 2

♥Q 4

♦8 7 4

♣K 8 7 6 5

9. ♠A K J 7 4 2

♥Q 3

♦J 8 4

♣6 3