

Q1. Name THREE requirements for making a 1 level suit overcall

Q3. How does the Suit Quality Overcall Test (SQOT) guideline help you decide the level of your overcall?

Q5. What should Advancer do with the hand below after the following bidding sequence where partner Overcalls 1♥?
1♦ - 1♥ - 1♠ - ? (ignore vulnerability)

♠ A962 ♥ J8632 ♦ 962 ♣ 6

Q7. What should Advancer do with the hand below after the following bidding sequence where partner Overcalls 1♥?
1♦ - 1♥ - 1♠ - ? (ignore vulnerability)

♠ 43 ♥ KJ5 ♦ 9742 ♣ 8432

Q9.

a - What is an Unassuming Cue Bid (UCB)?

b - When might Advancer make a UCB?

c – What are Overcaller's options after Advancer makes a UCB?

Q2.

Name THREE key reasons for overcalling

Q4. What does it mean that Advancer should 'Bid to the level of the fit'?

Q6. What should Advancer do with the hand below after the following bidding sequence where partner Overcalls 1♥?
1♦ - 1♥ - 1♠ - ? (ignore vulnerability)

♠ 963 ♥ J8432 ♦ Q62 ♣ K4

Q8. What should Advancer do with the hand below after the following bidding sequence where partner Overcalls 1♥?
1♦ - 1♥ - 1♠ - ? (ignore vulnerability)

♠ KJT ♥ 984 ♦ QJ2 ♣ Q974

Q10. What are your options as Responder when your right hand opponent overcalls a suit?

A2.

- 1 To interfere in the bidding – make life difficult for the. opposition!
- 2 To steal the contract and play.
- 3 To suggest a lead if defending

- A1.** 1 - A good 5+ card suit
2 - 8+ HCP

- 3 - Meets the SQOT
(eg 5 cards + 2 honours = 7
for a 1 level overcall)

A4. Overcaller has 5+ cards in his bid suit. Advancer adds 5 to the number he holds in the suit and bids accordingly
e.g. 5+ 3 = 2 level bid;
5+4 = 3 level bid etc.

A3. The number of cards in suit (5+) added to the number of Honours (AKQJT) in that suit = the level of the Overcall
e.g. 5 + 4 = 9
for a three level Overcall

A6. 3♥ – a flat hand with defensive values

In spite of having ten hearts, your flattish hand does not really warrant a 4♥ bid. While 4♥ is not 'wrong' if the opposition are pushed to 3♠ you will be happy defending!

A5. 4♥ – bid to the level of the fit - ten hearts - so bid for ten tricks. If opponents want to bid on, fine; if they want to double, fine. (Hopefully partner will go down less than the value of their making contract). The point is, you've forced them to "take the last guess"

A8. Pass - a hand more suited for defence! Although you have an eight card Heart fit, what's the point of bidding when you don't want partner bidding on - nor do you want a Heart lead.

A7. 2♥ – a rubbish hand but with 3 cards and honours in partner's suit. More importantly, you've told partner to lead a Heart.

A10. Make your intended bid if you can. Bid NT at the appropriate level with a stop in the overcalled suit.
A 2 over 1 change of suit bid by responder is a Forcing Bid

A9. A - A bid of the opponents bid suit made by Advancer after Partner has Overcalled.
b – If Advancer has a strong hand and enquires if a game is on
c - Rebids his suit at the lowest level if weak and bids to game if strong.