

Jump Overcalls

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Degree of Difficulty: Beginner

Setting: 20 Minute Lecture **Flash Card Ref: #2**

Generally an opening bid that is a jump bid (any opening suit bid above 2♣) reveals a weak hand with length in the suit bid. A ‘weak hand’ generally implies 6-10 HCP. The same principal applies if you make a jump overcall: i.e. North opens 1♥ and you jump overcall with a suit bid of 2♠ or higher. This would be a weak jump overcall.

Example auctions:

1)

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1♠	3♦	

2)

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1♣	4♠	

3)

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1♦	4♣	

4)

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1♥	2♠	

5)

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
pass	1♥	3♣	1♦

6)

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
pass	2♣	3♠	1♥

Auction #1 S jump overcalls 3♦ showing a 7 card diamond suit and weakish hand.

Auction #2 S jumps in with 4♠ revealing an 8-card spade suit and weakish hand.

Auction #3 4♣ (shows a weak hand and an 8 bagger in clubs) while making life difficult for the opponents.

Auction #4 S hinders the auction a bit with her 2♠ overcall. (6-spades and a weak hand).

Auction #5 Even though both opponent’s have bid you can still pre-empt. S is weak with 7-cards in clubs.

Auction #6 S muddies the water for E/W with a 3♠ jump overcall.

Why Jump Overcall?

- 1) Same reason as you would open the bidding with a pre-emptive bid.
- 2) You are telling your partner that you are weak with a long suit
- 3) To disrupt any ease of auction the opponents might have had.

Suit Length & Quality?

The higher the bid - the longer the suit. Suit quality is a partnership agreement. Vulnerable I suggest a ‘chunky suit’ (AJ109 or KJ109) or 2 of the top 3 honours. Non-vulnerable the quality can be less but it is always nice to have intermediate sequences: i.e. QJ109 or K1098 or Q10987. Discuss this with partner and

‘Now try this and show off your knowledge of jump overcalls’

Right Hand Opponent Opens The Bidding 1♥ (Everyone is vulnerable) **Your Bid?**

1.
♠AQ10632
♥7
♦1063
♣732

2.
♠54
♥K65
♦KQJ10852
♣6

3.
♠1097543
♥3
♦AQ2
♣Q73

4.
♠AKJ842
♥6
♦54
♣K987

5.
♠KQ9854
♥A953
♦42
♣4

6.
♠4
♥Q3
♦103
♣AQ1098542

7.
♠KJ109876
♥J
♦K97
♣J3

8.
♠6
♥3
♦AQ10987643
♣73

9.
♠QJ106
♥---
♦AQ8763
♣J93

10.
♠KQ10974
♥---
♦K106432
♣3

11.
♠75
♥10932
♦6
♣AK10987

12.
♠4
♥KQJ987
♦87
♣J1093
