

# Beginner Bridge

NG34Bridge

## Practise Responding to Partner's Overcall

<b>Hand: 1</b> <b>Dealer:</b> West <b>Vul:</b> None <b>West North East South</b> 1♠ 2♥ Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ 6 2 ♥ A 9 8 2 ♦ J 5 4 2 ♣ K Q 3
<b>Hand: 2</b> <b>Dealer:</b> West <b>Vul:</b> None <b>West North East South</b> 1♣ 1♥ Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ 6 ♥ A 9 8 6 2 ♦ A J 4 2 ♣ K Q 3
<b>Hand: 3</b> <b>Dealer:</b> West <b>Vul:</b> None <b>West North East South</b> 1♣ 1♥ 3♣ ?	<b>South</b> ♠ 9 7 6 ♥ J 9 7 4 2 ♦ 5 4 3 2 ♣ 6
<b>Hand: 4</b> <b>Dealer:</b> West <b>Vul:</b> None <b>West North East South</b> 1♦ 1♥ Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ K 8 7 2 ♥ 7 3 ♦ A J 7 ♣ K 6 5 2
<b>Hand: 5</b> <b>Dealer:</b> West <b>Vul:</b> None <b>West North East South</b> 1♣ 1♥ Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ A J 9 8 ♥ T 2 ♦ A 6 4 2 ♣ A J 2
<b>Hand: 6</b> <b>Dealer:</b> West <b>Vul:</b> None <b>West North East South</b> 1♣ 1♥ Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ Q 9 8 2 ♥ 2 ♦ K Q 9 5 3 ♣ 8 7 6
<b>Hand: 7</b> <b>Dealer:</b> West <b>Vul:</b> None <b>West North East South</b> 1♣ 1♥ Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ K 5 4 3 ♥ A Q ♦ 8 6 4 2 ♣ 7 6 2
<b>Hand: 8</b> <b>Dealer:</b> West <b>Vul:</b> None <b>West North East South</b> 1♦ 1NT Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ 9 7 4 ♥ Q 9 8 5 2 ♦ 7 ♣ J 9 4 2
<b>Hand: 9</b> <b>Dealer:</b> West <b>Vul:</b> EW <b>West North East South</b> 1♥ 1NT Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ Q 9 8 4 ♥ J 4 2 ♦ K Q 2 ♣ 7 6 4

**Answer: 4♥**

North should have six hearts for her 2-level overcall. Bid to the level of the fit.

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Bid to the level of the fit: 5 + 5 = ten hearts so bid to make ten tricks. You have 17 points including shortage and should make game.

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Only one honour point, but still bid to the level of your heart fit (5+4). The opponents can probably make 5♣ but may not risk it.

**Answer: 1NT**

A 1NT response to a 1-level overcall shows 9-12 points and a stopper in the opponent's (diamond) suit.

**Answer: 2NT**

A 2NT in response to partner's 1-level overcall shows about 13-14 points and promises a stopper in opener's (club) suit.

**Answer: Pass**

We shouldn't rescue partner just because we are short in partner's suit. We need a much stronger hand than this one. Without support for partner or a hand suitable for a 1NT overcall it is usually better to pass.

**Answer: Pass**

A change of suit in response to partner's overcall shows at least 5 cards so we pass.

**Answer: 2♥**

1NT could be horrible here. Our hand is likely to provide only one trick (if that) in no trumps. We should make a weak takeout into our 5 card suit. Partner's bid promises at least two hearts so we have a 7+ card fit.

**Answer: 2NT**

North has shown 16-18 HCP. South has 8 HCP, enough to invite game. If North is at the top end of the range then the partnership has enough for 3NT to have good chances.