

Defence to Weak Twos

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Overcaller's Options After a Weak Two

Do not bid pre-emptively over the opponents' pre-empt. You should bid constructively, looking for a making contract your way.

1. Overcall: Opening values (Rule of 20); 5+ cards to overcall at the 2 level, or a good 6+ card suit if you have to overcall at the 3 level.
2. Takeout Double: opening values, shortage in the Weak 2 suit and at least 3 cards in all the unbid suits.
3. Bid 2NT: 16 (or good 15) -18 and stopper in opener's suit
4. Bid 3NT: 19+ and two stoppers in opener's suit
5. Pass with balanced hand up to 15 points if no other suitable bid.

Responding to Suit Overcall

With support, bid game or make an invitational raise.

Without support:

1. Bid a new suit with a good hand and 6+ card suit (or very good 5 card suit). It is forcing
2. Bid 3NT or 2NT (invitational) with a stopper (preferable two stoppers) in the Weak Two suit.
3. Pass with weak misfitting hand with no good suit of your own.