

Review

1) Bidding your shape

a) To show a 5-4 shape we normally bid two suits and it is *assumed* that the first suit is longer than the second

e.g	1H-----1NT	Ax ----- xxx
	2D -----2H	AQxxx xxx
		KJxx Qxx
		xx AKxx

To show 5-5 distribution we rebid the second suit

e.g	1S-----1Nt	AKxxx ----- xx
	2H-----2S	AQxxx xxx
	3H-----4H	KJ Qxx
		x AKxxx

b) Replying 1NT with a six card suit

e.g	1S-----1NT	Axxxx ----- xx
	2D -----2H	AQ KJxxxx
		KJxx Qx
		xx xxx

Responder cannot reply

2H to 1Sp as that would

show 10 + pts; responder replies 1NT initially *and then* introduces the Hrt suit.

2) Overcalls

An overcall is a statement of intent ! If you overcall you are saying that you expect to make *or get close to making* the contract you have just bid.

{ this is entirely different from an opening bid for instance where a bid is often just a first probe }.

If you are hoping to make your overcall then you need *playing tricks*.

Long good suits are the order of the day backed up by 10+ pts.

If the opponents opened 1NT you should overcall on the first two hands here and NOT the third .

{i}	AKJxxx	{ii}	x	{iii}	Axx
	xx		QJ109xx		AQxxx
	Kxxx		xx		Qxx
	x		AKxx		Qx

Overcalls at the 1 level are often made with 5 card suits but overcalls at the 2 level seldom have less than a six card suit.