

## Simple Overcalls: 1NT and 2NT over a Weak 2

We treat direct 1NT overcalls and 2NT overcalls over an opponent's Weak 2 bid similarly as 15-18 HCP balanced hands with our NT conventions ON.

### Direct 1NT Overcall

- 15 to 18 HCP, balanced hand, opponent's suit stopped.
- Systems On (Stayman, Jacoby Transfers, etc) as if you had opened 1NT.

### 2NT Overcall over Opponent's Weak 2 Opener (Direct or Pass Out Seat)

- 15 to 18 HCP, balanced hand, opponent's suit stopped.
- Systems On (Stayman, Jacoby Transfers, etc) as if you had opened 2NT.

### 1NT Overcall in the Pass Out Seat (1X – P – P - ?)

- 11 to 14 HCP, balanced hand, opponent's suit stopped.
- Partner likely has values but no suit to overcall. 1NT is often the right contract.
- Systems On (Stayman, Jacoby Transfers, etc) as if you had opened 1NT.

### Example Hand #1: Right Hand Opponent opens 1♥ and you have:

♠AJ87 ♥K J4 ♦A64 ♣K54

You have 16 HCP and the opener's suit stopped. You can overcall 1NT.

### Example Hand #2: Right Hand Opponent opens 2♠ and you have:

♠A87 ♥AQ104 ♦A64 ♣KJ4

You have 18 HCP and the opener's suit stopped. You can overcall 2NT. If partner has 4 hearts they can bid Stayman (3♣).

### Example Hand #3: Left Hand Opponent opens 1♣ and you have:

♠A87 ♥J104 ♦A64 ♣KJ94

You have 13 HCP and the opener's suit stopped. You can overcall 1NT in the pass out seat only.

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What is your bid with the following hands if the right hand opponent opens 1♦?

**Hand #1:** ♠A87 ♥J104 ♦A64 ♣KJ94

**Hand #2:** ♠AK87 ♥J104 ♦A64 ♣KJ4

**Hand #3:** ♠J7 ♥KQJ42 ♦A64 ♣A83

What is your bid with the following hands if the right hand opponent opens 2♥?

**Hand #4:** ♠A7 ♥K1042 ♦Q64 ♣K943

**Hand #5:** ♠AKJ87 ♥K104 ♦A84 ♣42

**Hand #6:** ♠KJ107 ♥AQ4 ♦AK4 ♣864

What is your bid with the following hands if the left hand opponent opens 1♣ and it goes pass, pass to you?

**Hand #7:** ♠A7 ♥K1042 ♦Q64 ♣K943

**Hand #8:** ♠K2 ♥KQJ64 ♦Q84 ♣K42

**Hand #9:** ♠KJ7 ♥AQ4 ♦1042 ♣K1064

### Answers

Hand #1: Pass. You have only 13 HCP, no suit to overcall and too many diamonds to do a takeout double. Look for partner to get in the auction or do a reopening double later in the auction.

Hand #2: 1NT

Hand #3: 1♥, you have 15 HCP but 1♥ is a better description of your hand.

Hand #4: Pass, with 12 HCP you do not have enough to overcall 2NT. If partner gets in the bidding look for 3NT with your stoppers in the hearts suit.

Hand #5: 2♠, you have 15 HCP but 2♠ is a better description of your hand.

Hand #6: 2NT, yes there is no club stopper but just like with 1NT that is ok.

Hand #7: 1NT, with 12 HCP and clubs stopped you can bid 1NT in the pass out seat.

Hand #8: 1♥, do not bid 1NT when you have a major you can overcall.

Hand #9: 1NT, you do not need stoppers in all suits, a balanced hand with the opener's suit stopped and 11-14 is ok.