

# Overcalls after 2<sub>NT</sub> opening

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Over 2NT opening we overcall only with good shape: 5+5+xx. The convention is called **CRASH**: the consecutive bids ( $\times/3\clubsuit/3\diamondsuit$ ) show two suits of the same:

- **C**olor:  $\clubsuit\spadesuit$  OR  $\diamondsuit\heartsuit$
- **R**Ange:  $\clubsuit\diamondsuit$  OR  $\heartsuit\spadesuit$
- **S**Hape:  $\heartsuit\clubsuit$  OR  $\spadesuit\diamondsuit$

Overcall only with good quality suit, for example:

$$\spadesuit QJT9x \quad \heartsuit QJT9x \quad \diamondsuit xx \quad \clubsuit x \quad (6)$$

Do not overcall with:

$$\spadesuit Axxxx \quad \heartsuit Axxxx \quad \diamondsuit xx \quad \clubsuit x \quad (8)$$

(2NT) – ?

- $\times = \clubsuit\spadesuit$  OR  $\diamondsuit\heartsuit$
- $3\clubsuit = \clubsuit\diamondsuit$  OR  $\heartsuit\spadesuit$
- $3\diamondsuit = \heartsuit\clubsuit$  OR  $\spadesuit\diamondsuit$