

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 2
♥ K 10 9
♦ 10 8 5 3 2
♣ 10 7 5 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q 8 7 6
♥ 7 3
♦ K Q J 7
♣ Q 2

♠ J 5 4
♥ A Q J 8 5 2
♦ 9
♣ A 6 3

♠ K 10 9 3
♥ 6 4
♦ A 6 4
♣ K J 9 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	2 ♥	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

4 ♠ by North

You have a limit raise in ♠s; if East had not overcalled you would have bid 3 ♠.

Instead, you cue-bid 3 ♥, promising at least 11 points and support for ♠s. Partner bids the game.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 6 3
 ♥ A 8 7 3
 ♦ Q 8
 ♣ 8 4 2

3
 11 15
 11

♠ 5
 ♥ J 10 5 2
 ♦ 10 6 5 4 3 2
 ♣ Q 3

♠ A 10 9 8 4
 ♥ 9 6 4
 ♦ A K 7
 ♣ A 5

♠ J 7 2
 ♥ K Q
 ♦ J 9
 ♣ K J 10 9 7 6

West

North

East

South

1 ♠
 2 ♣

3 ♣
 Pass
 Pass
 4 ♠ by East

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♠s.

With your 17 revalued points you know that your side has at least enough for game, so bid 4 ♠.

Deal 3

South Deals	♦ 8 5
None Vul	♥ Q 9 7 3
	♦ K Q 4
	♣ Q J 9 2

♠ A K Q J 10 9 3	♠ 6
♥ 8	♥ J 10 2
♦ 9 8 7 5	♦ 10 6 2
♣ 5	♣ A K 10 8 7 6



10	♠ 7 4 2
10 8	♥ A K 6 5 4
12	♦ A J 3
	♣ 4 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
1 ♠	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 ♥ by South			

You have a limit raise in ♥s; if West had not overcalled you would have bid 3 ♥.

Instead, you cue-bid 2 ♠, promising at least 11 points and support for ♥s. Partner bids 3 ♥. What do you say?

Pass. Partner indicates a minimum hand and you don't have enough extra to bid more.

Deal 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 6 4
 ♥ A K J 5 3
 ♦ 9 7 4
 ♣ A K

9
 15 7
 9

♠ K Q 7 5 2
 ♥ 9 6 2
 ♦ A 5
 ♣ 10 9 6

W N
 S E

♠ A 3
 ♥ Q 8 7 4
 ♦ J 6 2
 ♣ 8 7 4 2

♠ J 10 8
 ♥ 10
 ♦ K Q 10 8 3
 ♣ Q J 5 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	1 ♠	3 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
3 ♥ by West			

You have a pretty good hand and if partner has a limit raise or better you should bid 4 ♥.

But partner doesn't have a limit raise - if he did he would have cue-bid. So you pass.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 4 2
♥ A J 2
♦ 10 5 3
♣ A J 7 4

12
11 **10**
 7

West North East South
Pass Pass Pass 3 ♠
3 ♠ by North

♠ A Q 8 7 6

♥ 7 3
♦ K Q J 7
♣ 9 2

W N
 E
S

♠ 5
♥ K Q 10 9 8 5
♦ 9 8 2
♣ K Q 5

♠ K 10 9 3
♥ 6 4
♦ A 6 4
♣ 10 8 6 3

You would have bid 2 ♠ if East had not overcalled.

Instead, with 4 trumps you can jump to 3 ♠ as a preemptive measure. Partner will not mistake this for a limit raise since you would have cue-bid with 11+ points and support.

The jump to 3 is based on the Law of Total Tricks - bidding to a trick level equal to the number of your side's trumps.

Deal 6

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 4 3
♥ K 10 6 4
♦ A Q 5
♣ Q 9 3

11 7
10 12

♠ Q 10 9

♥ A

♦ 10 9 8 6 2

♣ J 10 4 2

W	N
S	E

♠ J 6
♥ Q J 9 7 5
♦ J 7 4
♣ A K 5

♠ A K 7 5 2

♥ 8 3 2

♦ K 3

♣ 8 7 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♥	1 ♠
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
3 ♥ by East			

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♥s, 11 points or more.

You, however, have a bare-bones minimum. So you rebid a minimum 3 ♥, which partner passes.