

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 ♠ K Q 6 3
South Deals ♥ A 8 7 3
None Vul ♦ Q 8
 ♣ 8 4 2

♠ J 7 2 ♠ 5
♥ K Q ♥ J 10 5 2
♦ J 9 ♦ 10 6 5 4 3 2
♣ K J 10 9 7 6 ♣ Q 3

N
W E
S

11
11 3
15
 ♠ A 10 9 8 4
 ♥ 9 6 4
 ♦ A K 7
 ♣ A 5

West North East South
2 ♣ 3 ♣ Pass 1 ♠
Pass Pass Pass 4 ♠
4 ♠ by South

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

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 4 2	♦ A K 6 5 4	♥ A J 3	♣ 4 3
♥ J 10 2	♦ 10 6 2	♦ A K Q J 10 9 3	♦ 8
♣ A K 10 8 7 6	12 8 10 10	W N E S	♦ 9 8 7 5
			♣ 5
			♠ 8 5
			♥ Q 9 7 3
			♦ K Q 4
			♣ Q J 9 2

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

You have a limit raise in ♥s; if East 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 4South Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 7 5 2
 ♥ 9 6 2
 ♦ A 5
 ♣ 10 9 6

7
 9
 15



♠ A 3
 ♥ Q 8 7 4
 ♦ J 6 2
 ♣ 8 7 4 2

♠ 9 6 4

♥

A K J 5 3

♦

9 7 4

♣

A K

♠ J 10 8

♥ 10

♦ K Q 10 8 3

♣ Q J 5 3

West North East South

1 ♠ 3 ♥ Pass Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by South

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.