

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 5 4

♥ A Q J 8 5 2

♦ 9

♣ A 6 3

11
12 3
14

West

2 ♥

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ K 10 9 3

♥ 6 4

♦ A 6 4

♣ K J 9 8



♠ A Q 8 7 6

♥ 7 3

♦ K Q J 7

♣ Q 2

North

3 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 ♠

You have a limit raise in ♠s; if West 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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7 2

♥ K Q

♦ J 9

♣ K J 10 9 7 6

11

11 3

15

West

2 ♣

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ K Q 6 3

♥ A 8 7 3

♦ Q 8

♣ 8 4 2

♠ A 10 9 8 4

♥ 9 6 4

♦ A K 7

♣ A 5

North

3 ♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 ♠



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

None Vul

♠ A K Q J 10 9 3

♥ 8

♦ 9 8 7 5

♣ 5

10
10 8
12

West

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♥ by South

North

2 ♠

Pass

♠ 8 5

♥ Q 9 7 3

♦ K Q 4

♣ Q J 9 2



♠ 7 4 2

♥ A K 6 5 4

♦ A J 3

♣ 4 3

East

Pass

Pass

♠ 6

♥ J 10 2

♦ 10 6 2

♣ A K 10 8 7 6

South

1 ♥

3 ♥

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 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 7 5 2

♥ 9 6 2

♦ A 5

♣ 10 9 6

7
9 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

1 ♥

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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 5		♠ J 4 2
♥ K Q 10 9 8 5		♥ A J 2
♦ 9 8 2		♦ 10 5 3
♣ K Q 5		♣ A J 7 4

7
10 11
12

♠ A Q 8 7 6
♥ 7 3
♦ K Q J 7
♣ 9 2

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

You would have bid 2 ♠ if West 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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 7 5 2

♥ 8 3 2

♦ K 3

♣ 8 7 6

11
10 7
12

West

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♥ by South

♠ 8 4 3

♥ K 10 6 4

♦ A Q 5

♣ Q 9 3



♠ J 6

♥ Q J 9 7 5

♦ J 7 4

♣ A K 5

North

2 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

3 ♥

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.