

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 2
♥ K 10 9
♦ 10 8 5 3 2
♣ 10 7 5 4

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♠ 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	♥ A K 6 5 4
12	♦ A J 3
	♣ 4 3

West	North	East	South
			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**♠ K Q 7 5 2****♥ 9 6 2****♦ A 5****♣ 10 9 6****♠ 9 6 4****♥ A K J 5 3****♦ 9 7 4****♣ A K****9
15 7
9**

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♠ 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***West**North**East**South*

1 ♥

1 ♠

3 ♥

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 5North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 4 2
 ♥ A J 2
 ♦ 10 5 3
 ♣ A J 7 4

12
11 **10**
 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	3 ♠

3 ♠ by North

♠ A Q 8 7 6

♥ 7 3
 ♦ K Q J 7
 ♣ 9 2

♠ 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.