

Intermediate Lesson 6: Competitive Bidding - when we open

Board 1
 North Deals
 None Vul

♠ Q 10 8 6 4
 ♥ A K Q 4
 ♦ K J
 ♣ 8 4

♠ 9 3
 ♥ J 10 9 3
 ♦ A 7 5 4 3
 ♣ 7 3

♠ K 5
 ♥ 8 7 5
 ♦ 8 2
 ♣ A K Q 9 6 5

♠ A J 7 2
 ♥ 6 2
 ♦ Q 10 9 6
 ♣ J 10 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	2 ♣	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
All pass			

After East's overall, South can raise to 2 ♠. North invites game with South accepting as they are maximum for their 2 ♠ call.

Board 5
 North Deals
 N-S Vul

♠ A
 ♥ J 5 4
 ♦ A J 10 7 4
 ♣ Q 8 6 4

♠ 9 6 4 2
 ♥ Q 10 3 2
 ♦ Q 9 3
 ♣ J 9

♠ K Q 8 3
 ♥ A 9 7 6
 ♦ 6 5
 ♣ K 7 3

♠ J 10 7 5
 ♥ K 8
 ♦ K 8 2
 ♣ A 10 5 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	Dbl	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	3 ♣
All pass			

Despite the East's take-out double, South should still bid 1 ♠ to show a suit and some values.

South's next bid of 3 ♣ shows 11-12 HCP.

With minimum HCP, North passes.

Board 2
 East Deals
 N-S Vul

♠ 5 2
 ♥ J 10 9 5
 ♦ Q 8 4 3
 ♣ K J 2

♠ K Q 9 4
 ♥ A 4 3
 ♦ 5
 ♣ Q 9 7 6 4

♠ 3
 ♥ K Q 7 6
 ♦ A J 9 7 6
 ♣ A 8 3

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1 ♦	2 ♠
		Dbl	All pass

West passes initially, as they would like to penalise South in 2 ♠ but a double at this stage is for takeout.

With a singleton spade, East has the ideal shape for a re-opening double asking partner to bid something. West happily passes converting the double into a penalty

The defence should beat this contract by two tricks

Board 6
 East Deals
 E-W Vul

♠ 7 2
 ♥ J 10 3 2
 ♦ K 8 5
 ♣ Q 6 5 4

♠ Q J 10 8 4
 ♥ 4
 ♦ A Q 4
 ♣ J 10 7 3

♠ A K 9 6
 ♥ Q 8 5
 ♦ J 10 9 7 6
 ♣ A

♠ 5 3
 ♥ A K 9 7 6
 ♦ 3 2
 ♣ K 9 8 2

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	2 ♥	1 ♦	1 ♥
4 ♠	All pass	2 ♠	Pass

With East supporting Spades, West bids to game with their 10 HCP and a singleton in the opposition's suit.

Board 3
 South Deals
 E-W Vul

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

♠ A K J 5
 ♥ 8 5
 ♦ Q J 10 6
 ♣ A J 5

♠ 9 6 4
 ♥ Q 9 7 6 3
 ♦ 9 3 2
 ♣ 6 3

♠ 7 3
 ♥ A J 10 4
 ♦ K 7
 ♣ K Q 9 8 4

West	North	East	South
1 NT	Dbl	2 ♥	Dbl
All pass			

When partner opens and the opposition overcall 1 NT, a double from you is for penalties.

In this hand, North has enough HCP to make a penalty double of 1 NT.

East must run to their long suit. With good hearts, South makes a penalty double.

Board 7
 South Deals
 Both Vul

♠ A 8 5
 ♥ 10 9 5 3
 ♦ J 7 6 4
 ♣ J 5

♠ K 9
 ♥ A J 7
 ♦ K Q 10 8
 ♣ A 9 6 2

♠ 7 6 4 3
 ♥ —
 ♦ 9 3 2
 ♣ K Q 10 8 7 4

♠ Q J 10 2
 ♥ K Q 8 6 4 2
 ♦ A 5
 ♣ 3

West	North	East	South
1 NT	2 ♥	3 ♣	1 ♥
All pass			3 ♥

North can raise to 2 ♥ despite West's strong no-trump overcall.

Both East and South are distributional enough to compete to the 3 level.

East may wish to compete to 4 ♣ which has a good chance of making.

Board 4
 West Deals
 Both Vul

♠ J 7
 ♥ A Q J 7 4 3
 ♦ Q 10 7 3
 ♣ 3

♠ A Q
 ♥ K 9 8
 ♦ 9 4
 ♣ A J 10 9 7 5

♠ K 6 3
 ♥ 6 5 2
 ♦ A 8
 ♣ K Q 8 6 2

♠ 10 9 8 5 4 2
 ♥ 10
 ♦ K J 6 5 2
 ♣ 4

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	2 ♥	3 ♥	Pass
3 NT	All pass		

East will be happy to play 3 NT as long as West has a heart hold.

East bids 3 ♥ to enquire if they have such a hold. West's 3 NT confirms the hold enabling 3 NT to make comfortably.

NB: If West did not have a hold they would have to bid something else. In this case they would repeat their Club suit.

Board 8
 West Deals
 None Vul

♠ K 4
 ♥ 8 7
 ♦ 9 6 3
 ♣ K Q J 8 6 2

♠ 6
 ♥ K J 10 3
 ♦ K Q 8 5 4
 ♣ A 7 4

♠ Q J 10 3
 ♥ A 6 5 2
 ♦ A J 2
 ♣ 9 5

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

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	3 ♣	Dbl	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

East makes a take-out double of 3 ♣ and is strong enough to raise to 4 ♥ once the fit has been established.