

Young Chelsea Bridge Club  
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**Board 1**

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

The opponent opened 2S. You have a really good hand and have to bid, else your side will miss game. In general you want

- 8+ points for a one level overcall (and a five card suit)
- 10+ points for a two level overcall (and a five card suit)

This is a three level overcall so you want a bit more, but with 17 points you can comfortably bid 3H.

**Board 3**

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

Partner opened 1 Spade. Opening bids promise 4+ cards in the suit.

You have three Spades, too few to raise Spades (you want at least 8 trumps between you).

But you have a good hand, so should either

- bid an immediate 3NT
- bid 2C. A new suit response at the two level shows 10+ points, so your partner must bid again

**Board 5**

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

Partner opened 1NT (12-14). You have 9 points, so together there is not enough for game. You correctly passed.

Opposite a 1NT opener you need at least 11 to try for game (or a weak hand with a long major which can transfer into 2H/2S then pass).

**Board 6**

♠ 7 2  
♥ J 10  
♦ K J 9 7 4  
♣ K 8 6 4

You chose to lead a Diamond. Leading from a good suit like that (good means at least one *honour* in it) start with a low card (the 4). Leading a high card (the 9 of Diamonds) shows shortage in the suit.

Leading from a good suit with KJ973 will work well if partner has something in the suit, but will give declarer a cheap trick if partner has nothing. A safer lead is something like a Spade. If you were to lead Spades you would choose the 7, as you have nothing good in Spades.

**Board 8**

♠ A 10 2  
♥ K 9  
♦ 10 9 6 4  
♣ 10 8 3 2

Partner lead the Queen of Hearts. This must be from the top of a sequence (he had QJTxx). You correctly overtook with the King, so you could continue the suit with your nine.

### Board 17



Partner opened 1H. You have four card support so should raise Hearts.

When you have support for partner the scale is:

2H – 6-9 points    3H- 10-12 points    4H- 13+ points

You have 15 here so should bid an immediate 4H. If you only bid 2H partner will think you are weak and may pass, missing an easy game.

### Board 17

  

W	NORTH	E
E	17	S
T	SOUTH	T

  

You were declarer in 4H. It looks like you should lose 3 Clubs – but you threw away two of them on the extra AQ of Spades.

### QUIZ

1. Partner opens 1H. The hands below all have support. How high should you raise?

- (a) ♠764 ♥AK53 ♦4 ♣AK542
- (b) ♠74 ♥A643 ♦KQ54 ♣J32
- (c) ♠Q64 ♥J963 ♦A54 ♣Q32
- (d) ♠4 ♥QJ532 ♦AK754 ♣32

2. What should you lead from the hand below, in each suit:

♠KJ932 ♥52 ♦764 ♣KJ2

- (a) If you choose a Spade?
- (b) If you choose a Heart?
- (c) If you choose a Diamond?
- (d) If you choose a Club?

3. The opponents open 1H. What should you overcall with this hand?

♠KJ932 ♥52 ♦764 ♣KJ2

4. Partner opens 1H. What do you bid with this hand?

♠742 ♥A63 ♦KQ54 ♣J32