

Young Chelsea Bridge Club
U26 Pairs 5 Feb 2021 – **Bidding Quiz**
Total Marks (14)

Opening the Bidding

1) What do you open with each hand?

(a)		(b)		(c)	
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1 (a) **Pass**. Far too weak for a normal opening (11+).

In some circumstances I might just open it a wild 3C (but you need a forgiving partner if you do that).

1 (b) **1D**. The hand is a good 11 points so definitely worth a 1 level opening. You open 1D planning to rebid 2D.

If you instead open 2D (showing 5-9) partner will expect you to be weaker and you may miss game.

1 (c) **1S**. Or maybe a maximum **2S** opener. Or **Pass**. This hand is right in between all three bids.

Responding to an opening bid

1) Your partner opens 1S. What do you bid?

(a)	♠ J5 ♥ QJ875 ♦ 8732 ♣ J2	(b)	♠ J94 ♥ A4 ♦ J43 ♣ Q10932	(c)	♠ 862 ♥ AK1083 ♦ Q52 ♣ 84
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2) Your partner opens 1H. What do you bid?

♠ A2
♥ K85
♦ KQ764
♣ AKJ

1 (a) **Pass**. You need 6+ points to respond. Very occasionally you will miss game, but this is better in the long run.

1 (b) **1NT**. You must respond with 6+ points.

You need 10+ to respond with a new suit at the two level, so respond 1NT with hands like this.

1 (c) **1NT**, or maybe stretch to **2H**.

2) **2D**. You need 4+ Hearts to support partner (he only promised four with his bid) so need another bid.

Your new suit response is forcing (partner won't pass).

You have a big hand (20 points) so you know game is on, but you don't know which one yet.

Possible final contracts are 4H, 3NT, 6H.

Overcalling

1) The opponents open 1D. What do you bid with each hand?

(a) ♠ AJ75
♥ KQ
♦ 7643
♣ 652

(b) ♠ KJ10
♥ KQ43
♦ 952
♣ K92

(c) ♠ AQ9873
♥ J942
♦ 4
♣ J7

(d) ♠ AJ9754
♥ 3
♦ A5
♣ K763

2) The opponents open 1H. What do you bid?

♠ AQ107
♥ AJ3
♦ Q6
♣ AJ109

1 (a) **Pass**.

1 (b) Either **Pass** or maybe **Double**. But whatever you do, don't overcall with a four card suit!

1 (c) **2S**. This hand is perfect for a weak jump overcall (5-9 points, six card suit).

Overcalling 1S is also OK, but makes life easier for the opponents, and harder for your partner to judge.

1 (d) **1S**. This hand is too strong for a weak jump overcall. Bid 1S, and plan to bid again later.

2 **1NT** or **Double**. You have a nice 18 point hand with a solid Heart stop.

You are slightly strong to overcall 1NT (shows 15-17 with a good stop) but that's still probably best.

Don't even think about overcalling that four card Spade suit!

If you want to get Spades into the auction you double then bid again (showing a very good hand)

Responding to an overcall

- 1) Your partner *overcalls* 1NT (which shows 15-17). What do you bid?

♠ K6
♥ A3
♦ 76
♣ K1086543

- 2) Your partner doubles their 1NT opening. What do you bid?

♠ AKJ2
♥ 54
♦ 9743
♣ 964

1) **3NT**. Partner has 15-17 for his 1NT overcall. You have 10, so game is on.

Don't bother with trying for 5C, your Clubs should make lots of tricks in 3NT.

Also, you can't bid 2C here as that would be Stayman

(Stayman and transfers are on when the partnership's first bid is a 1NT/2NT opening or overcall)

2) **Pass**. Doubles of NT bids are always for penalty, so let partner have his fun and beat 1NTx.

Your Spades will be very helpful in defence.

The only time you would remove partner's penalty double is with a weak hand with a long suit (for example if your Spades were JT9832 with nothing else).