

Weak Two and Preemptive Bids Mini-Lesson

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Objective for Preemptive Bids Mini-Lesson

- Main objectives:
 - Learn how to use “weak two” and preemptive bids in defense
- Secondary objectives:
 - Preemptive bid philosophy
 - Preemptive bids
 - Preemptive bid responses

Preemptive Bid Philosophy

- Preemptive bids are meant to **interfere** with opponents' bidding.
 - You fear that your opponents may make game with their strong hands.
 - You expect to be set.
- Preemptive bids are weak bids.
 - Most/all high card points should be isolated in one long suit.
 - Be cautious when you have a 4-card side suit (especially in hearts or spades).
- Plan to limit any penalties to two (or three) tricks
 - **Be cautious when vulnerable – limit to a two trick set.**

Weak Two and Preemptive Bids

- Any two-level opening suit bid other than the strong 2 Clubs bid:
 - 6 cards in the bid suit with KJTxxx or better and 5 – 10 high card points
- Any three-level opening suit bid:
 - 7 cards in the bid suit with KJTxxxx or better and 5 – 10 high card points
- Any four-level opening suit bid:
 - 8+ cards in the bid suit with KJTxxxxx or better and 5 – 10 high card points

Responses to Preemptive Bids

- Generally, the partner of the preemptive bidder will pass.
 - With a very weak hand and 3+ trumps, consider raising a two- or three-level bid by one level.
 - With a strong hand with sufficient immediate winners, raise to game.
 - There are more advanced techniques available. The bridge.careytutor.com website discusses some of them for those who want to investigate.
- Preemptive bidder rebid – always pass unless forced to do otherwise.
 - With our simplified bidding system, you're never forced to do otherwise!

Practice: Preemptive Bids

- How many high card points in defender's hand?
- Does the defender have a 6-card or longer suit?
- How might the bidding proceed?
- What effect did the preempt have on the opponents' bidding?

More Preemptive Bids Philosophy

- Preemptive bids are more effective in first and third seats.
 - If opening first, your preempt affects two opponents.
 - If opening third (after two passes), your preempt affects the strong 4th hand.
 - Don't preempt if opening in 4th seat (both opponents have already passed).
- Don't preempt after a preemptive bid!
 - If the opponents preempt, then they think your team has better prospects.
- With 12+ total points, don't preempt – open 1 of a suit!
- Preemptive overcalls can work the same way (by agreement).
 - Example: opponent open 1C and you bid 3S. Same as a preemptive 3S bid.

Summary

- When to preempt/when not to preempt
- How to preempt
- How to respond to preemptive bids