

Bridge Rules OK!

Rule of 8.



After a 1NT opening

North	East	South	West
1NT	??		

What should East do ?

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The Rule of 8 says DON'T OVERCALL!

The Rule of 8

Use after a 1NT opening

If you hold 6 or more points

Count your losers.

Subtract that from the no. of cards in two longest suits

If answer is 2 or more then compete

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No of losers 7

Two longest suits = 8

The Rule of 8 says NO!

It is better to defend

The Rule of 8

Why?

It shows that the hand is a good defensive hand.

♠ J 6	♠ 10 9 4 2	♠ A Q 8 7 3
♥ A 10 9	♥ Q J 4	♥ K 6 3
♦ A 10 9 6 2	♦ Q J 7	♦ 8 5
♣ J 10 8	♣ A Q 7	♣ K 9 4
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Better to let the NT fail!

1NT by North -3 150

2♣ by East +1 140

After a 1NT opening

North	East	South	West
1NT	2NT		

♠ A J 7	♠ K 8 6 5 3
♥ Q J 3 2	♥ K 8 7 5 4
♦ Q 7 4	♦ 8 5
♣ A 8 2	♣ 4
♠ Q 10 2	
♥ 10	
♦ A 10 9 6	
♣ K 9 7 6 3	
	♠ 9 4
	♥ A 9 6
	♦ K J 3 2
	♣ Q J 10 5

Should East overcall?

♠ K 8 6 5 3

♥ K 8 7 5 4

♦ 8 5

♣ 4

No of losers 7

Two longest suits = 10

2NT CRO - Rank

3♣ Ghestem - Majors

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1NT	2♠		

Should East overcall?

N	♠ K 10 7 6 4
E	♥ A Q 7 3
S	♦ 6 4
W	♣ 9 7

No of losers 7

Two longest suits = 9

1NT by North -1

2♠ by East =

After a 1NT opening



North	East	South	West
1NT	2♥		

Should East overcall?

N	♠ 10
E	♥ A Q 9 6 5 2
S	♦ J 10 8 6
W	♣ 7 3

No of losers 7

Two longest suits = 10

N	♠ Q J 5 2
E	♥ J 7 3
S	♦ K 3 2
W	♣ A J 9

4♠ by North =

3♥ by East =

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