

Olivia O'VerCaller

She likes very much to get in opener's way. Sometimes she goes a bit overboard, but that is just the way she is.

How about you? When partner overcalls, you have to immediately decide what to do with your hand, but that is two weeks from tonight!

TO over call you should have some reason and those reasons could be, not in any particular order:

- ♣ 13 or more points
- ♣ A suit you want partner to know about ESPECIALLY Spades
- ♣ Some type of two suited hand with or without values that can mess up the opener
- ♣ A Pre-emptive hand

Let's take them one at a time

- 13 or more points –
 - so if you have 15 to 18 and at least ONE stopper (better to have two, but sometimes one is all you need) in the openers suit, you can overcall 1NT
 - IF you have 13 plus points and a FIVE card or longer suit NOT mentioned by declarer you can over call that suit, either at the one or two level
 - You can double if you are SHORT (void, one or two cards) in declarers suit AND you have 13 or more points – This double promises support (usually 4 cards) for the unbid suits, especially the majors, or the 'other major'.
- A suit you want partner to know about..... **Warning you may have 8 points or more to do this**
 - opener bids a minor suit or one heart, you have AKxxx or AQxxx of spades and another K somewhere else, you should tell partner that by bidding 1 S.
 - Opener bids a minor suit, you have AKxxx or AQxxx of Hearts and another K somewhere else, you should tell partner that by bidding 1 H
 - Opener bids one club and you have five diamonds headed by the AK OR AQ and another K somewhere else, you should tell partner that by bidding 1 D
 - With a really good five card minor (AKQXX) or a pretty good six card minor (AKJxxx) and 11 or 12 total points you might overcall at the two level
 - Non vulnerable you would do the first three bullets without that extra King
 - Non vulnerable you might tell partner about your five or six card minor
- Spades
 - Remember when you over call, it can also be lead directing, so DON'T over call with a suit like QJxxx, because you are setting up tricks for the opponents
 - However, having spades is a GOOD thing and you should mention them at the first and lowest possible time/level
- Two Suited Hand – Michaels is a very handy tool to know. And it is extremely useful in communicating many types of two suited hands quickly and efficiently and sometimes results in a mess for opener and responder, because they don't get where they should be. More about Michaels in May from Me, but for tonight, briefly here it is:
 - Opener bids 1 club – you as over caller bid 2 clubs, you are promising both majors 5 of each.....**doesn't say anything about how many HCP you have. NON vul, you don't have to have too many, VUL you should have 9 or so**
 - Opener bids 1 diamond – same as above you bid 2 D, you are promising 5 of each major
 - Opener bids 1 Heart – you over call 2 hearts, you are promising 5 Spades and 5 of a minor suit
 - Opener bids 1 Spade, you overcall two spades, you are promising 5 Hearts and 5 of a minor suit
 - Opener bids 1 Club and you overcall 2 NT, you are promising diamonds and hearts 5 of each (lowest unbid)

- Opener opens 1 diamond and you bid 2NT, you are promising 5 clubs and 5 hearts (lowest unbid)
- Opener opens 1 Heart or one spade and you bid 2NT, you are promising both Minors, 5/5
- Generally after a Michaels interference bid, overcaller does not bid 'again' UNLESS he/she really has Opening or better

Opener bids 1 C / 1 D / 1 H / 1 S – WHAT is YOUR BID ;-) as the Olivia O'VerCaller at the table?

AKxxx	Axx	xx	AKx	Axxx	KQxx	Ax	KQJxx
Xxxx	KQxxx	Kxxxx	KQx	KQx	QJxx	Kx	QJTxx
Xxx	xx	AKxxx	KJxx	Ax	QJx	KJxx	x
X	xxx	x	Qxx	KQxx	xx	KQJxx	xx

KQxx	Kx
KQxx	Qxx
Kxxx	QJx
X	AKJTxx