

Preempts

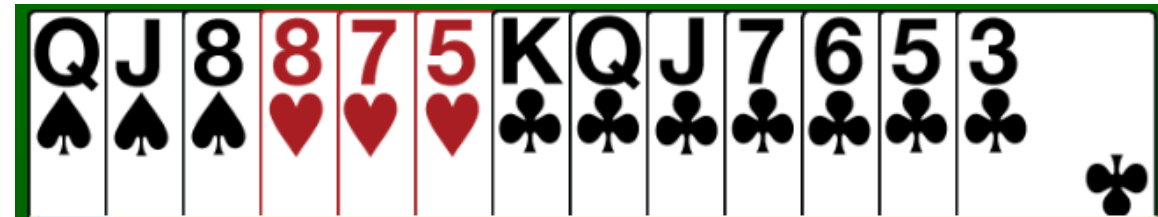
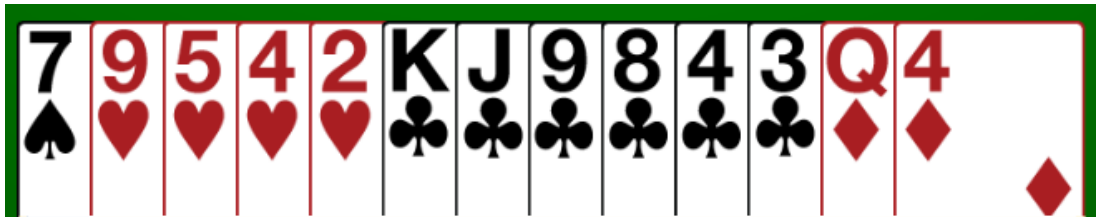
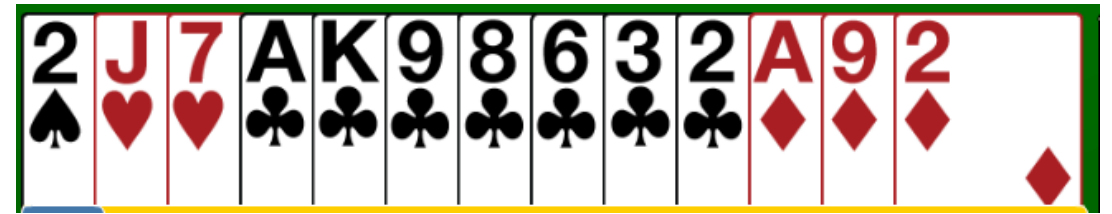
Advantages

- Preempts interfere with opponents
 - Harder to bid your hand starting at the 2, 3, or 4 level!
 - Encourages overbidding/underbidding
- Preempts describe hand well
 - Low number of high card points (HCP)
 - Unbalanced shape, long/solid suit
- Only drawback is when partner has a strong hand
 - But still possible to bid game/slam opposite a preempt

What you need

- A long suit (6+ cards)
 - With 6 cards, open at the two level (except for clubs - 2♣ is a strong bid!)
 - With 7 cards, open at the three level (3♣: 6 or 7 clubs)
 - Etc.
- About 6-10 HCP
 - Don't preempt with more than 10; sometimes preempt with fewer than 6 (i.e., if you are **not vulnerable** but opponents are)
- Can preempt after opponents have bid! Just be sure to jump
- Do NOT preempt...
 - In 4th seat! (4th seat "preempts" usually show a 6+ card holding and 9-12 HCP)
 - With a 4-card major suit! (Aside from the 6+ card suit used for preempting)
 - Makes it tough to find game/slam in the other major

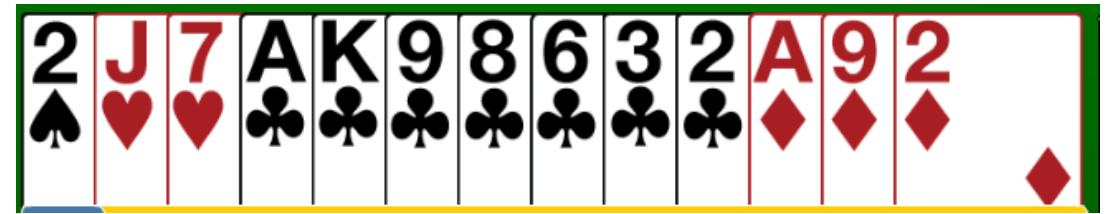
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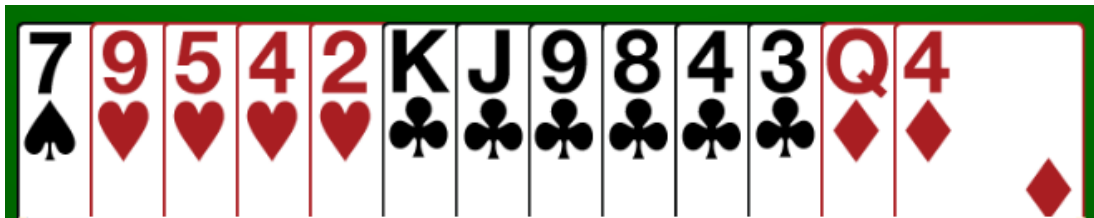
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2♥ (both, esp. as Opener)



1♣ (Opener), 2♣ (Overcaller) – too strong (maybe 3♣ if Partner passed)



Pass (both – Partner may have 4 hearts!)



3♣ (both, and even in 4th seat)



1♥ (both – 12 HCP, too strong to preempt)



Pass (too weak, 3 HCP to preempt)

Responding to Preempts

- You can raise partner with 2+ cards in preempt suit
 - Number of HCP is unimportant (use judgment)
 - Often wise to go to 3-level with 9-card fit, 4-level with 10-card fit
- Bid a new suit: 5+ (usually 6+) cards, 12+ HCP at 2-level, 14+ HCP at 3-level
- Bid 2NT: Ogust, ask for strength of hand/suit
 - Partner responds...
 - 3♣: weak suit, weak hand
 - 3♦: strong suit, weak hand
 - 3♥: weak suit, strong hand
 - 3♠: strong suit, strong hand
 - “Strong suit:” three of top-five cards; “Strong hand:” 8-10 HCP

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D Bidding Board 7

S Robot Remove

E Robot Remove

W Robot Remove

N ajer95 **3+** 4♥x N NS 0 EW 0

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	ajer95
Pass	1♣	2♥	
3♦	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

Hand S: Q♥ 7♥ 5♥ 3♥ J♠ 10♠ 6♠ 5♠ 5♦ 8♣ 7♣ 6♣ 3♣

Hand E: J♥ 4♥ Q♠ 9♠ 7♠ 2♠ A♦ K♦ Q♦ 9♦ 6♦ K♣ 5♣ 9♦

Hand W: K♥ A♠ K♠ 8♠ 4♠ 10♦ 4♦ 3♦ A♣ J♣ 10♣ 4♣ 2♣

Hand N: A♥ 10♥ 9♥ 8♥ 6♥ 2♥ 3♠ J♦ 8♦ 7♦ 2♦ Q♣ 9♣

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Scoring

4♥Nx - 2: -500

4♠E + 1: +650

A worthwhile sacrifice!