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Competitive Bidding – Overcalling 4-card Suits

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“Normal Ways to Compete”

- Jump Overcalls
- Simple Overcalls
- Takeout Double
- NT Overcalls

Takeout Doubles

- 3-card support for all the unbid suits
- 4333
- 5332 – with a 5-card minor
- Off-Shape Doubles
 - Equal Level Conversion Doubles (4-card Major and 5+card Suit)

NT Overcalls

- 15-18 points
- When to stretch with 14 HCP
- When to bid NT without a stopper

Overcalling 4-card Suits

- Don't qualify for other actions.
- 1-Level Overcalls
- Have a good Suit
- Have extra HCP.
- Length in the opponent's suit
- Pass if often better.
- Consider the suit you are bidding – Spades is the best.
- Vulnerability is important.

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