

# LAWful Preemption

When you know partner's length, you can make LAWful preempts.

## Responding to a two-level preempt (opening or overcall):

Support with support. You don't need points to raise partner, only trump.  
 Raising from two to three (with or without comp) is NOT invitational!  
 Raising from two to four (with or without comp) is either/or... (either a LAWful raise due to four trumps, or because you expect to make game).

Partner deals, nobody vul, and opens 2♥. What do you respond?

| (A)          | (B)         | (C)        | (D)              | (E)         |
|--------------|-------------|------------|------------------|-------------|
| ♠ 7 5        | ♠ A 5 2     | ♠ A 6 5 3  | ♠ A K Q          | ♠ 5         |
| ♥ K 7 2      | ♥ A J 4     | ♥ 2        | ♥ K 3            | ♥ Q 6 5 3   |
| ♦ 10 8 6 5 3 | ♦ 6 3       | ♦ K J 10 6 | ♦ A 10 9 8 7 6 5 | ♦ K 7 6 4 2 |
| ♣ 7 5 3      | ♣ 8 7 5 4 2 | ♣ A J 6 4  | ♣ 6              | ♣ K 6 4     |
|              |             |            |                  |             |

## Responding to other preempts:

Also, support with support. Raising to four is LAWful, or expecting to make.

Partner opens 3♠ with nobody vulnerable. What do you respond?

| (F)         | (G)         | (H)        | (I)              | (J)           |
|-------------|-------------|------------|------------------|---------------|
| ♠ A 7 3     | ♠ Q 8 7     | ♠ 3        | ♠ 4              | ♠ A 2         |
| ♥ 2         | ♥ 6 5 2     | ♥ A 6 5 3  | ♥ K 6 5          | ♥ A K 5 4     |
| ♦ 7 6 5 4 2 | ♦ 5 3       | ♦ K 10 4 2 | ♦ A K Q J 10 5 3 | ♦ A Q J 9 8 7 |
| ♣ 6 5 4 3   | ♣ 9 8 6 4 2 | ♣ A J 6 5  | ♣ A Q            | ♣ 2           |
|             |             |            |                  |               |

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Answers:

- (A) 3H
- (B) 3H
- (C) Pass
- (D) 3D or 4H
- (E) 4H
- (F) 4S
- (G) 4S
- (H) Pass
- (I) 3NT
- (J) 4S