



**Presents:**

# **The Preemptive Raise**

Now that the **Cue Bid** is our way to show a **good hand with** support, we gain the ability to make **Preemptive Raises** with our bad hands **with** support.

Take our hand here. We have excellent shape and support for Spades but a very weak hand. This hand can behave differently than normal because now East has overcalled 2 Hearts. How much can we bid?

**Rule:** Use the **Law of Total Tricks**

When both sides have fits and are competing in the auction, we have a simple way to determine how high our side can compete.

1. Count the number of trumps on your side
2. You can bid to that trick level
  - 9 trumps = the 9 trick level (3 Level)



So, based on **the law**, South knows her side has 9 trumps and can safely compete to the 3 level in the above auction. With **weak hands** like South's it is always best to **jump to our best level**. This direct approach has great preemptive value.

RAISES WITH **GOOD HANDS** IN COMPETITION:

# **CUE BID**

10+ Points

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Min. 8 card fit

RAISES WITH **BAD HANDS** IN COMPETITION:

**SINGLE RAISE:**  
6 – 9 points  
minimum 8 card fit

**JUMP RAISE TO 3 LEVEL:**  
less than 7 points  
minimum 9 card fit

**JUMP RAISE TO 4 LEVEL:**  
less than 10 points  
minimum 10 card fit



Look at how much this bid **crowds the auction**.

This **Preemptive Raise** has several advantages:

- It takes an entire level of bids away from the opponents
- It is relatively safe based on the Law of Total Tricks
- It frequently forces mistakes by the opponents.

### Reminder:

When our hands are weak, the opponents' hands are more likely to be strong. So **this is the time to bid our bad hands quickly.**



Here's a look at a preemptive raise after their side opens the bidding. Same principles apply on this auction: **Bid your bad hands quickly and use the Law.**

Here's the full deal on that last one:

Look how difficult the 3 Heart bid makes it for the East and West players.

Even if they get this right, we can feel confident that we have made their decisions as difficult as possible.

Want to practice this concept?

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This Thursday 3/3

9:45AM at Cavendish

6:30PM at Aces

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**I<sup>st</sup> Bidding Practice Seminar**

March 22 6:30PM

Teaching Board 8

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♣	1♥	1♠	3♥

North - Click to Sit Robot

West - C Robot

East - C Robot

South - Click to Sit Robot