

# Intermediate Lesson 5: Competing over Opener's 1 NT Opening

**Board 1**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

♠ A J 7 5  
 ♥ A 6  
 ♦ J 7 4  
 ♣ K 8 6 5

♠ K Q 9 2  
 ♥ J 8 5 2  
 ♦ A 6  
 ♣ 10 9 7

♠ 8 6  
 ♥ K Q 9 7 4  
 ♦ 8 5  
 ♣ A J 4 3

♠ 10 4 3  
 ♥ 10 3  
 ♦ K Q 10 9 3 2  
 ♣ Q 2

West North East South  
 3♥ 1 NT 2♥ 3♦

All pass

East makes a natural heart overcall.

West is able to compete after South's 3♦ bid.

**Board 5**  
 North Deals  
 N-S Vul

♠ Q J 5 3  
 ♥ 10  
 ♦ K Q 8 2  
 ♣ 9 8 6 5

♠ 8 7 4  
 ♥ 9 6 5 2  
 ♦ A 9 7 3  
 ♣ 4 2

♠ K 9 6  
 ♥ K 8 4 3  
 ♦ J 4  
 ♣ A Q 7 3

♠ A 10 2  
 ♥ A Q J 7  
 ♦ 10 6 5  
 ♣ K J 10

West North East South  
 2♦<sup>1</sup> Pass 1 NT Dbl  
 All pass Dbl 2♥ Dbl

1. Shows ♦ and a major

South's double shows 16+ HCP.

After West's 2♦ call showing at least 4-4 in the red suits, both North and then South can make penalty doubles.

**Board 2**  
 East Deals  
 N-S Vul

♠ 9 6 2  
 ♥ J 5 3  
 ♦ A 7 4 3  
 ♣ K 8 2

♠ 5 3  
 ♥ 9 7 6  
 ♦ 10 9 8 2  
 ♣ A J 5 3

♠ K Q 8  
 ♥ A 10 4  
 ♦ K Q 6  
 ♣ 10 9 7 6

♠ A J 10 7 4  
 ♥ K Q 8 2  
 ♦ J 5  
 ♣ Q 4

West North East South  
 Pass 2♦ 1 NT 2♣

All pass 2♣

2C shows the majors.

South's 2♣ promises both majors.

2♦ by North shows equal length in the majors. This bid allows South to choose their longer major (if they have one) as trumps.

**Board 6**  
 East Deals  
 E-W Vul

♠ K Q 6 3  
 ♥ 8 7 5 2  
 ♦ J 8 2  
 ♣ 6 4

♠ A 8 2  
 ♥ K 9 6 3  
 ♦ 10 9 3  
 ♣ J 3 2

♠ J 10 9 5  
 ♥ Q J 10 4  
 ♦ A 5  
 ♣ K Q 7

♠ 7 4  
 ♥ A  
 ♦ K Q 7 6 4  
 ♣ A 10 9 8 5

West North East South  
 Pass 3♦ 1 NT 2 NT<sup>1</sup>

1. shows 5-5+ in minor suits

South's 2 NT shows at least 5-5 in the minors and 10-15 HCP.

North bids their longer minor to play.

**Board 3**  
 South Deals  
 E-W Vul

♠ J 4  
 ♥ J 7 6 2  
 ♦ J 10 9 8  
 ♣ 9 7 6

♠ K Q 8 7 3 2  
 ♥ A  
 ♦ 7 4 3  
 ♣ A 10 3

♠ 9 6  
 ♥ K Q 8 5  
 ♦ A 6 2  
 ♣ K 8 4 2

♠ A 10 5  
 ♥ 10 9 4 3  
 ♦ K Q 5  
 ♣ Q J 5

West North East South  
 2♠ Pass 2 NT Pass

4♠ All pass

West makes a natural spade overcall. East's 2 NT is a try for game without immediate trump support for partner's suit.

West knows that their partner should have 2 spades and can therefore jump to the spade game with a maximum hand and an extra spade.

**Board 7**  
 South Deals  
 Both Vul

♠ 10 7 4 3  
 ♥ K 8 2  
 ♦ J 7 6 3  
 ♣ A 4

♠ K Q 8 5  
 ♥ A 10 9 6 5  
 ♦ A 4  
 ♣ 9 2

♠ 9 2  
 ♥ 7 3  
 ♦ Q 8 5  
 ♣ Q J 10 8 5 3

♠ A J 6  
 ♥ Q J 4  
 ♦ K 10 9 2  
 ♣ K 7 6

West North East South  
 2♣<sup>1</sup> All pass 1 NT

1. shows the majors

West's 2♣ shows both major suits. However, with only 2 cards in each major and a good 6 card club suit of their own, East passes, making that suit trumps.

Of course, we are sure West will think their partner has forgotten their system!

**Board 4**  
 West Deals  
 Both Vul

♠ 7 3  
 ♥ K 8 4  
 ♦ Q 5  
 ♣ A K J 8 6 5

♠ A J 4 2  
 ♥ J 10 6  
 ♦ A J 8 2  
 ♣ Q 2

♠ Q 10 9 5  
 ♥ 3 2  
 ♦ 10 7 6 3  
 ♣ 10 9 7

♠ K 8 6  
 ♥ A Q 9 7 5  
 ♦ K 9 4  
 ♣ 4 3

West North East South  
 1 NT 3♣ Pass 3♥

Pass 4♥ All pass

North's jump to 3♣ shows 10-15 HCP and a 6 card suit. South's 3♥ is game-going show 5+ hearts.

The heart fit is discovered and North bids to game.

**Board 8**  
 West Deals  
 None Vul

♠ K Q 9 8 5  
 ♥ 10 5  
 ♦ K 7 4  
 ♣ J 7 3

♠ A 6 3  
 ♥ K J 6 4  
 ♦ 9 8  
 ♣ A 10 9 4

♠ 4 2  
 ♥ A Q 9 7 3 2  
 ♦ 5 3  
 ♣ 8 6 5

♠ J 10 7  
 ♥ 8  
 ♦ A Q J 10 6 2  
 ♣ K Q 2

West North East South  
 1 NT Pass 2♦<sup>1</sup> Dbl

2♥ 2♠ 3♥ 4♠

All pass 1. Transfer to hearts

East's 2♦ is a transfer, showing at least 5 hearts. South doubles, a penalty double indicating good diamonds.

West bids 2♠, promising at least a 5 card suit and some values. East jumps to game having good HCP, spade support and a very useful singleton heart.