# Overcalling in Dírect Seat 

| Opener | Intervenor | Responder | Advancer |
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| $\mathbf{1 N T}$ | $\boldsymbol{?}$ |  |  |

Rule of 8
Start with 6orMore $\mathbf{H i g h C a r d P o i n t s}$ (Always Pass with $\mathbf{5}_{\text {orFewer }} \mathbf{H i g h C a r d P o i n t s ) ~}$
Add the number of cards in the two Longest suits
subtract The Losing Trick Count
If the Total $=2$ or more
add the $\mathrm{HighCard}_{\mathrm{Coints}}$
If that Total $=8$ or more
then the intervener should overcall
otherwise Defend (Pass)

## AA84

VK963

- KO2

9 91616
6orMore $\mathbf{H i g h}_{\mathbf{C a r d}}$ Points
$5 V_{s}+3 A_{s}=8$
7 Total Losers
$8-7=1 \quad$ Defend (Pass)

A Q842
vA63
(1)
\& 186412
6 ${ }^{\text {orMore }} \mathbf{H i g h} \mathbf{C a r d} \mathbf{P o i n t s}$
5 $\boldsymbol{A}_{s}+\mathbf{5} \boldsymbol{V}_{s}=10$
7 Total Losers
$10-7=3$


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Rule of 2
The $H_{i g h}$ CardPoints are equaly divided.
Our side has c20 combined $\mathbf{H i g h} \mathbf{C a r d} \mathbf{P o i n t s}$
Opener is balanced
Responder is balanced
Shortness icreases the probability of a FIT for our side
Bid if you have $\mathbf{2}^{\text {orMore }} \mathbf{S}$ Shortness $\mathbf{P o i n t s} \mathbf{V o i d}$, Singleton or even $\mathbf{2}$ Doubletons otherwise Defend (Pass)

|  | 2 Losers (missing AQ |
| :---: | :---: |
| VAQ865 | $\mathbf{1}$ Loser (missing $\mathbb{K}$ ) |
| - 1443 | 2 Losers (missing A@) |
| 96 | 2 Losers (missing AK) |

13 HighCardPoints balanced
Partner has 7 HighCardPoints
All of your Finesses will LOSE

| A $1 \times 6$ | 2 Losers (missing AQ |
| :---: | :---: |
| V1K8634 | 2 Losers (missing A@) |
| -43 | 2 Losers (missing AKK) |
| 807 | $\mathbf{1}$ Loser (missing A) |

7 HighCardPoints unbalanced
Partner has 13 HighCardPoints
All of your Finesses will WIN
$\checkmark$ bid

