

Bridge Course - Syllabus

Fundamentals of the game

- Bidding and play

- Play

 - Declarer, dummy, and defenders

 - Tricks

 - Rank of cards

 - Trump

 - Notrump

- Bidding

 - Rules of bidding

 - Who bids when

 - Legal calls (pass, bid, double, redouble)

 - When bidding ends

 - Who plays a contract

 - Levels of bidding

 - Rank of suits

 - Scoring

 - Minor suits, major suits, notrump

 - Games and rubbers

 - Part scores

 - Game bids

 - Slams and slam bonus

 - Defeated contracts

 - Doubles and redoubles

 - Honors

How cards win tricks

- High cards

 - Solid suits

 - Finesses

- Long suits

- Short suits

Declarer play in suit contracts

- Trumping (ruffing)
- Managing a trump suit
- Using trumps to limit opponents' tricks
- Using trumps to create your tricks
- Cross-ruffs

Declarer play in notrump contracts

- Establishing a suit
- Stopping opponents' suits

Defending against suit contracts

- Thinking like the declarer
- Opening leads
- Establishing a strategy
- Signalling partner
- Discards

Defending against notrump contracts

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Fundamentals of bidding

- Objectives of bidding
 - Slams, games, part scores, and defensive hands
 - Determining the proper trump suit or notrump
 - Interference and defensive bidding
 - Conventions: standard versus conventional meaning of bids
- Point count bidding
 - High card points
 - Distributional points
- Values generally needed for game
 - Notrump games
 - Stoppers
 - Major suit games
 - Minor suit games

Values generally needed for slam

Small slams

Grand slams

Controls

Quick tricks

Opening bids

Opening one of a suit

Bidding up the line

Showing five or more cards in a suit

Opening one notrump

Responses to opening bids

Passed hand versus unpassed hand as responder

Responses to opening suit bids

Responses to opening no-trump bids

Reverses and jump responses

Notrump responses and raises

Rebids by opener

Minimum opening hand responses

Reverses and jump rebids

Notrump rebids

Strong opening hands

Strong two-bids

Strong two club opener

Strong two notrump opener

Weak and pre-emptive opening hands

What is a pre-emptive bid?

Pre-emptor's partner

Competitive bidding

Simple overcalls

Notrump overcalls

Pre-emptive overcalls

Takeout doubles

Sacrifice bidding

Re-Evaluating a Hand

Conventional Bids

Offensive Bidding Conventions

Stayman

Jacoby and Texas Transfers

Blackwood
Gerber
Weak 2-Level Opening Bids and Responses
Limit Raises
Cue Bids
Unusual Notrump
Defensive Bidding versus NT Opener
Negative and Responsive Doubles
Michaels
Inverted Minor Raises
Gambling 3NT
Lebensohl
Drury
Flannery 2♦ Opener
Upside down signals
Odd-Even and Lavinthal Discards