

ELEVATE YOUR GAME

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COMMON ERRORS

Playing too fast

Poor bidding habits – bidding the same hand twice; over and under bidding

Knowing who's the captain of the auction

Cashing all your high cards too early

Trump mismanagement

Not knowing what your doubles mean

Random and poor carding

Help partner–make your signals clear

Lack of firm partnership agreements

Not using the auction to guide you

Examples:

1.	North	East	South	West
	1♥	1♠	2♥	3♠

What is 3♠?

2.	North	East	South	West
	1♠	2♥	3♥	

What is 3♥?

3.	North	East	South	West
	1♠	2♠	4♠	

What is 4♠?

4.	North	East	South	West
	1NT	PS	2♥	P

2♠ P 3♠

What is 3♠?

Most play this as a preemptive bid not a limit raise

Most play this as a limit raise or better in spades

This bid should show less than an opening hand with 4 or more trump

This is an invitational hand with at least 6 spades. If only 5, bid 2NT

Remember, your partner is your best friend.

Be kind to Partner; they are trying their best! ♣

4. 4♦ After a 3♣ preempt, shows diamonds and a Major. Partner may bid 4♥ if he has support for both majors and does not like diamonds. This asks Overcaller to pass or correct to spades.

You hold:

♠AKJ85 ♥A ♦QJ10762 ♣7

LHO Partner RHO Overcaller

P P 3♣ 4♦ ?

P 4♥ ‡ P 4♠

? *Leaping Michaels, showing diamonds and an unspecified major.*

‡ *Pass or correct. I want you to bid your Major. Partner would correct to spades.*

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