Conventional *Wisdom* - part 7

In each of the next several issues, we'll break down a section of the new ACBL convention card. See pages 18-19 of the March issue for the complete card and a glossary of terms and abbreviations.

The **OVERCALLS** box on the new convention card has several additions and now incorporates **Jump Overcalls**, which used to have its own section. Note that this section is for overcalls in a suit; notrump overcalls still has its own section.

The first line is for "one over one" overcalls; the two blank lines are for your high-card point range for making a one-level overcall; if you routinely might have a four-card suit, check the **Often 4 Cards** box.

Jump Overcalls
If your RHO opens the bidding 1♥ and you overcall 2♠, what kind of hand are you showing? Most pairs play this as weak (**Wk**), similar to preemptive bids at the two or three level. Other options, which require an Alert, include intermediate (**Int**) or strong (**Str**), showing opening-hand values or better with a long suit.

The next line is for overcalls at the two level; indicate your high-card point range in the lines provided.

OVERCALLS
1-Lvl ____to____ Often 4 Cards ☐
2-Lvl ____to____
Jump Overcalls: Wk ☐ Int ☐ Str ☐
Conv ☐ _____
Responses
New Suit: F ☐ NFConst ☐ NF ☐ Tfr ☐
Jump Raise: Wk ☐ Mixed ☐ Inv ☐
Cuebids _____ Support ☐
Other _____

Any artificial treatments to jump overcalls can be described in the **Conv** (Conventional) line.

New Suit
After you overcall, what are partner's responses?

RHO	You	LHO	Partner
1♦	1♥	Pass	?

Is a new suit **Forcing, Non-forcing Constructive** or **Non-Forcing**? Check the boxes that correspond to your agreements. Some partnerships play **Transfers**, which require an Announcement.

Jump Raise
What is a **Jump Raise** in your partnership? Some play it **Weak** (preemptive), **Mixed** (four trump, not weak but not a limit raise) or **Invitational** (such as a limit raise).

Cuebids
Cuebids can mean different things depending on the level, for example a "jump cuebid."

RHO	Partner	LHO	You
1♦	1♥	Pass	3♦

Explain how your partnership differentiates between cuebids in the line provided, and if they generally indicate support.

Other
There is a line provided for other agreements not listed.