

Weak Jump Overcalls

Weak 2s

Benji weak 2 opening bids (2♥, 2♠) are very effective bids because they:

- Take bidding space away from the opposition
- Describe your hand precisely (so partner has a very good idea of the strength of each side)
- Are unlikely to work out badly (e.g. by being doubled)
- Put the opposition off bidding no-trumps

Weak Jump Overcalls

Many Benji players now do weak jump overcalls as well, so

N	E
1♣	2♠

would show a hand identical to an opening weak two.

Weak jump overcalls have the same benefits as opening weak 2s and are thus very powerful bids.

In addition, weak jump overcalls can be made in all 4 suits, so

N	E
1♣	2♦

and

N	E
1♠	3♣

are both weak jump overcalls.

Things to look out for

Be wary of going to the three level at adverse vulnerability

Weak jump overcalls after both opponents have bid have much less pre-emptive value (but may still be a good bid).

If partner makes a weak jump overcall, bid higher if you are weak and have support (because opponents probably have a game on). If you are strong (but not super strong), pass and let the opponents get into a mess.

If you are weak and have no support, just pass and cross your fingers.

If you make a weak jump overcall, partner is likely to lead the suit to you, especially if opponents are in NT. If you don't want this, think carefully about making such a bid.