PREEMPTIVE NEW SUIT RESPONSES

Preemptive single jump takeouts are discussed in section 3-16, Weak Jump Takeout Response.

Higher preemptive responses in a new suit, which are at least double jumps, show about six playing tricks at the three level, seven at the four level, eight at the five level. They tend to deny any defensive trick, although a jump to game in a major may include the trump ace.

Double jump three-level preemptive responses can be made by a passed hand only, since an unpassed hand's 3♦ response to 1♣ is a strong club raise (see section 3-6), a 3♥ or 3♠ response to a minor opening is a splinter bid (see section 3-8), and a 3♠ response to 1♥ is a splinter bid (see section 3-7).

Four-level preemptive takeouts can be made in any suit, but only as double jumps in response to a minor suit opening.

Opener	Responder
1♣	4♦/4♥/4♠ - preemptive

These bids show a weak one-suited hand with seven or eight playing tricks. In response to a major opening such jumps are splinter bids:

Opener	Responder
1♠	4♣/4♦/4♥ - splinter bid

Five-level preemptive responses are made only in a minor, and are very rare. Respond 5♦ to a 1♣ opening with ♠3 ♥6 ♦KQ8765432 ♣J3.