



OVERCALLS & RESPONSES

NOVEMBER 16, 2023

ONE LEVEL OVERCALLS

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1 ♣	1 ♥

8 – 17 pts. 5+ card suit

(the lower your values the better your suit should be)

RAISES & NEW SUITS

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
6 – 10 / 8+ card fit		1 ♣	1 ♥
P	2 ♥	P	??

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
10+ / 8+ card fit		1 ♣	1 ♥
P	2 ♣	P	??

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<10pts / 10card fit		1 ♣	1 ♥
P	4 ♥	P	??

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
10+ / 5+ / forcing		1 ♣	1 ♥
P	1 ♠*	P	??

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
4 – 7 / 9 card fit		1 ♣	1 ♥
P	3 ♥	P	??

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
7 – 9 / 9 card fit		1 ♣	1 ♥
P	3 ♣	P	??

*Best to play all new suits forcing by unpassed hands, but you can agree that one level responses are non forcing.

TWO LEVEL OVERCALLS

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1 ♥	2 ♣

12 – 17 pts. 6+ card suit

(can be a 5 card suit if on the strong end of the range)

RAISES & NEW SUITS

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
6 – 10 / 8+ card fit		1 ♥	2 ♣
P	3 ♣	P	??

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
10+ / 8+ card fit		1 ♥	2 ♣
P	2 ♥	P	??

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<10pts / 10+fit		1 ♥	2 ♣
P	4 ♣	P	??





WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
10+ / 5+ / forcing		1 ♥	2 ♣
P	2 ♦*	P	??

*Just play this as forcing always 😊

NO-TRUMP RESPONSES

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
1 	1 	P	1N

YOU

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NO – TRUMP RESPONSES

AFTER 1 LEVEL OVERCALLS

1NT = 8-11(12)

2NT = 12-15

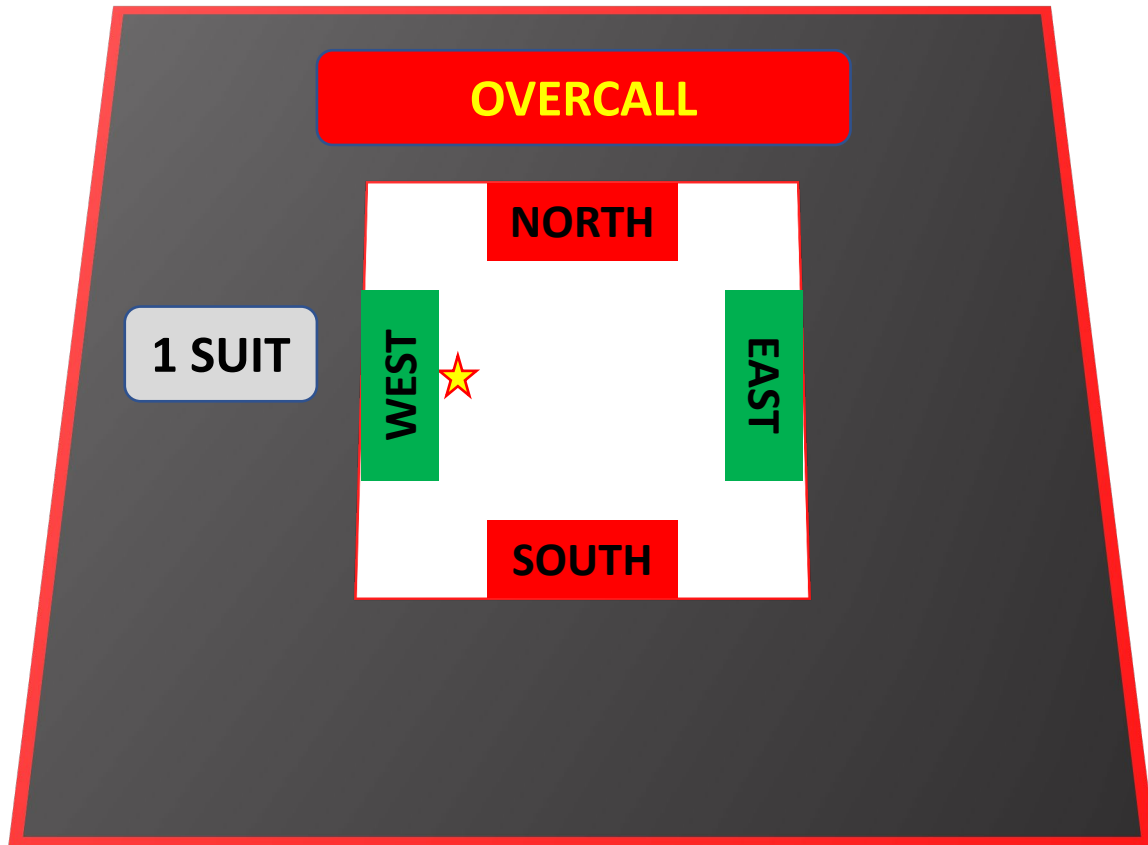
3NT = (15)16+

AFTER 2 LEVEL OVERCALLS

2NT = 10-12

3NT = 12+

VULNERABILITY MATTERS



NON – VULNERABLE

Expect a wider range of hands from partner

It is important not to punish partner when they are in an aggressive position.

VULNERABLE

Expect solid overcalls with a tighter range.

Partner should be at their most disciplined in these spots especially above the 1 level!

LET'S PRACTICE

A: North has 4+ Spades

B: North has 17 points max.

C: North's bid is forcing

D: North has 2 of top 3 honors in spades.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♥	1♠		

WHAT'S TRUE?

A: North has 4+ Spades

B: North has 17 points max.

C: North's bid is forcing

D: North has 2 of top 3 honors in spades.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♥	1♠		

A: North has 10 – 12 points.

B: North has 4+ hearts.

C: South has 10+ points.

D: North has 7 – 9 points.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1 ♦	1 ♥
P	3 ♥	...	

WHAT'S TRUE?

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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1 ♦	1 ♥
P	3 ♥	...	



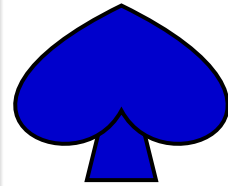
PREEMPTIVE RAISE

~4 – 7 pts

Minimum 9 card fit

MAKE YOUR CALL

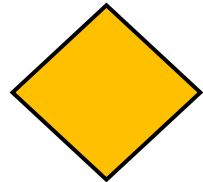
WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
1♥	1♠	X	??



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MAKE YOUR CALL

PREEMPTIVE RAISE

~4 – 7 pts

Minimum 9 card fit

Correct Bid:

3♠

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
1♥	1♠	X	??

♠ K432

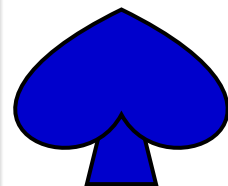
♥ 872

♦ 96

♣ K872

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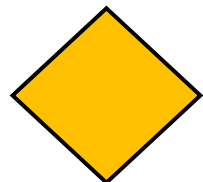
WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
1 ♣	1 ♥	P	??



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MAKE YOUR CALL

MIXED RAISE

~7 – 9 pts

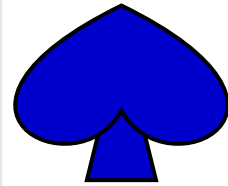
Minimum 9 card fit

This jump cue bid is only available when we overcall at the one level.

Correct Bid:

3♣

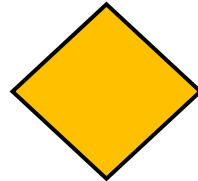
WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
1♣	1♥	P	??



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A: North denies spade support.

B: North has 4+ hearts.

C: South can pass this bid.

D: North has 10+ points.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1 ♦	1 ♠
P	2 ♥	P	

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B: North has 4+ hearts.

C: South can pass this bid.

D: North has 10+ points.

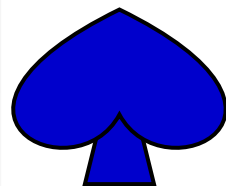
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P	2 ♥	P	



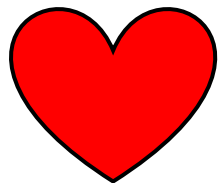
NEW SUITS FORCING
(by unpassed responder)
10+ points
5+ cards in suit bid

MAKE YOUR CALL

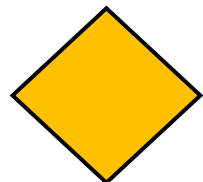
WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
1 ♣	1 ♥	P	??



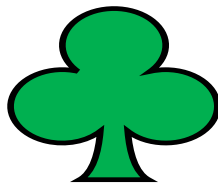
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MAKE YOUR CALL

THE CUE BID RAISE

Good 10+ pts

Minimum 8 card fit

This is the strongest raise we can make in competitive auctions. All other raises are less than 10 points* and based more on fit than strength.

(*save for conventional bids)

Correct Bid:

2♣

WEST

NORTH

EAST

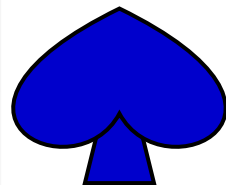
YOU

1♣

1♥

P

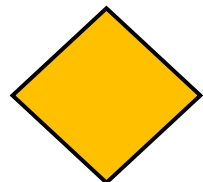
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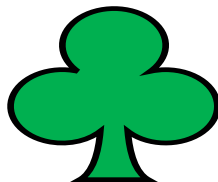
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WEST

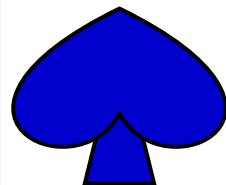
NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♠

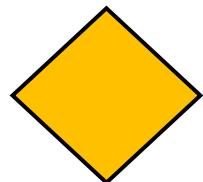
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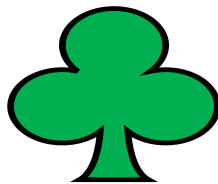
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MAKE YOUR CALL

2 LEVEL OVERCALLS

~12 – 17 points

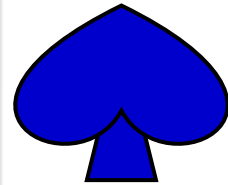
6 card suit preferred

We can overcall at the 2 level without a 6 card suit, but we would need more towards the higher end of our points range. Be disciplined at the two level.

Correct Bid:

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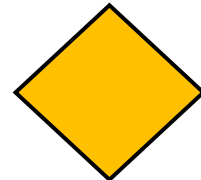
WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
		1 ♠	??



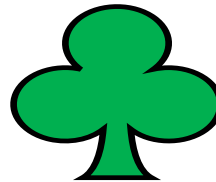
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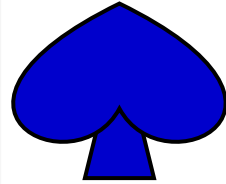
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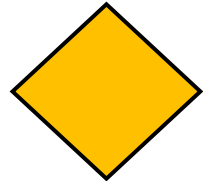
WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
		1♦	??



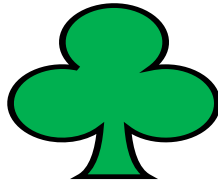
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1 LEVEL OVERCALLS

~8 – 17 points

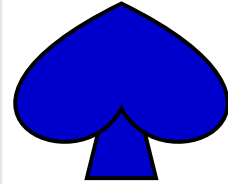
5+ cards in the suit

The lower our point total is the better our suit should be. Always have 5+ cards here.

Correct Bid:



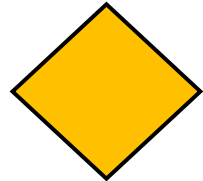
WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
		1♦	??



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A: South has a good suit.

B: South has a good hand.

C: South wants to interfere.

D: South has 6+ points.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1 ♦	1 ♠

**WHY MAY SOUTH BE
OVERCALLING?**

A: South has a good suit.

B: South has a good hand.

C: South wants to interfere.

D: South has 6+ points.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1 ♦	1 ♠

ACCEPTABLE OVERCALLS

Good suit with a good hand.

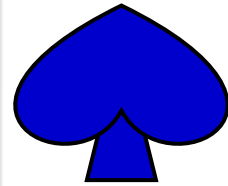
Good suit with a bad hand.

Bad suit with a good hand.

The vulnerability will determine how good / bad we can be as the overcaller.

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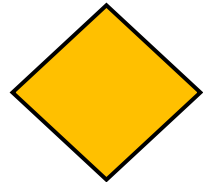
WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
		1♦	1♠
X	2♦	P	??



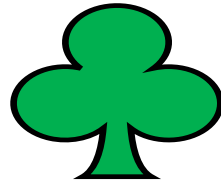
AKJT2



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MAKE YOUR CALL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
		1♦	1♠
X	2♦	P	??

♠ **AKJT2**

♥ **72**

♦ **T96**

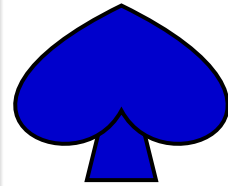
♣ **872**

Correct Bid:

2♠

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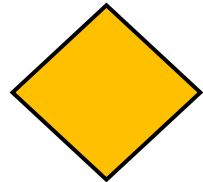
WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
		1♦	1♠
X	2♦	P	??



AKJT2



A82



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QJ9

MAKE YOUR CALL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
		1♦	1♠
X	2♦	P	??

♠ **AKJT2**

♥ **A82**

♦ **76**

♣ **QJ9**

Correct Bid:

4♠

A: North is forced to bid.

B: South has denied a fit.

C: South has 6 – 9 points.

D: North has 10+ points.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			P
1♦	1♥	P	2♣
P			

WHAT'S TRUE?

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B: South has denied a fit.

C: South has 6 – 9 points.

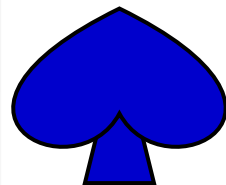
D: North has 10+ points.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			P
1♦	1♥	P	2♣
P			

WHAT'S TRUE?

MAKE YOUR CALL

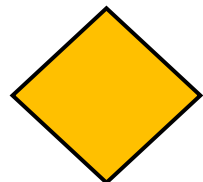
WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
		1♦	1♥
P	3♥	P	??



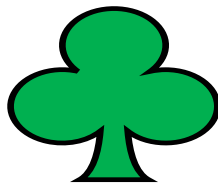
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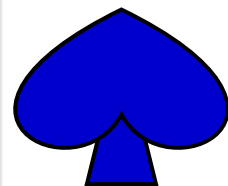
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MAKE YOUR CALL

Correct Bid:

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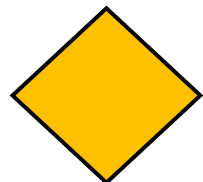
WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
		1♦	1♥
P	3♥	P	??



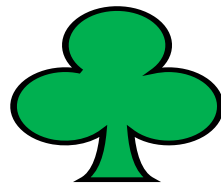
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WEST

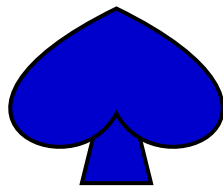
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YOU

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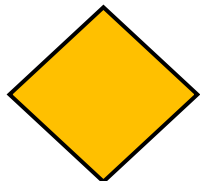
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J96



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MAKE YOUR CALL

PREEMPTIVE OVERCALLS

~5 – 10 points

6+ cards in the suit

A single jump overcall is just like a weak two bid.
Vulnerability will affect your range here also.

Correct Bid:

2♥

WEST

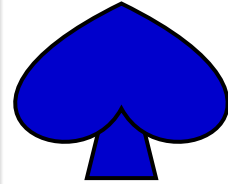
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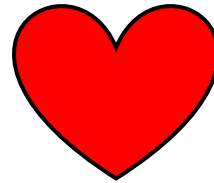
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1♣

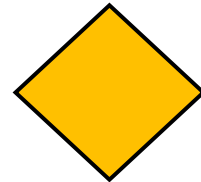
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WEST

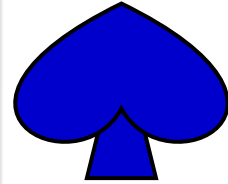
NORTH

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YOU

1 ♥

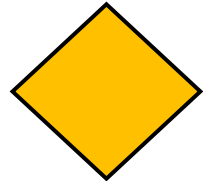
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PREEMPTIVE OVERCALLS

~5 – 10 points

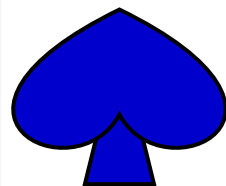
6+ cards in the suit

A single jump overcall is just like a weak two bid. Even though this bid is at the 3 level, it is still just a good 6 card suit and preemptive.

Correct Bid:



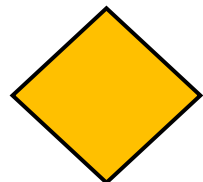
WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
		1♥	??



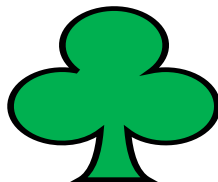
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WEST

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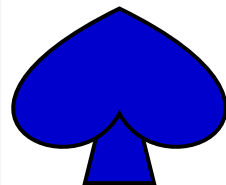
YOU

1 ♦

1 ♥

P

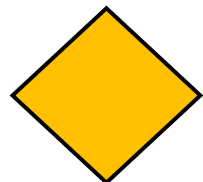
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MAKE YOUR CALL

1 NO – TRUMP RESPONSE

8 – 11~ points

Stopper in opponent's suit.

Correct Bid:

1NT

WEST

NORTH

EAST

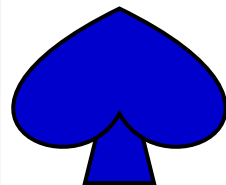
YOU

1 ♦

1 ♥

P

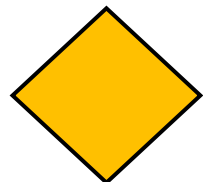
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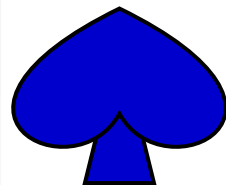
YOU

1 ♦

1 ♥

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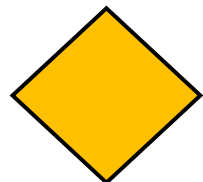
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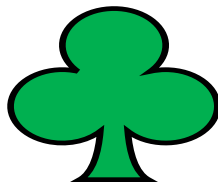
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AJT2



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MAKE YOUR CALL

2 NO – TRUMP RESPONSE

12 – 15~ points

Stopper in opponent's suit.

Correct Bid:

2NT

WEST

NORTH

EAST

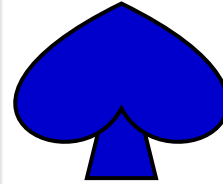
YOU

1 ♦

1 ♥

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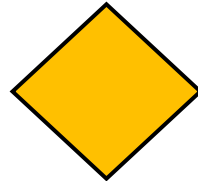
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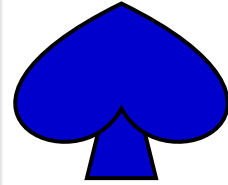
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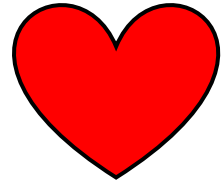
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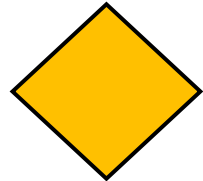
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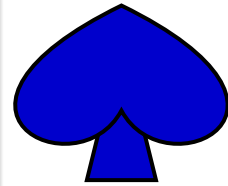
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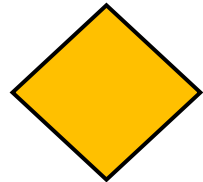
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