

6-9 or 6-10 ?



Point of View

Why is the range for a single raise sometimes 6-9 points, or sometimes 6-10 points ?

Similarly a limit raise might be shown as 10-12 points or 11-12 points. Shouldn't there be a precise range?

What do you do with a 10pt Hand?

Better Bridge Magazine asked two experts this question.

- Fred Gitelman-Gold metalist and Bill Gates Coach
- Henry Francis-Hall of Fame member and the editor of the *Official Encyclopedia of Bridge*

5 Reasons To Value Your Hand

10 +

- Four or more card support
- A singleton or doubleton
- High cards together in the same suit
- Aces and Kings
- Tens and Nines

Five Reasons To Value Your Hand

10 -

- Three card support
- Flat distribution 4333
- Unsupported honors
- Queens and Jacks
- No Tens or Nines

Vul: None

Dealer: West

Partner Bids:

1♠

Pass

Pass

You

♠ Q763

♥ J84

♦ QJ9

♣ A83

- Not all high-card points were created equal
- Queens and Jacks
- 4333 distribution-lack of ruffing power
- 4 card support

Vul: N-S

DLR: North

Partner Bids:

1♥

Pass

You

♠ 75

♥ K864

♦ AQ106

♣ 743

- Only 9 High-card points plus 1 dummy point
- Ruffing power in Spades
- Ace and King -instead of Queens and Jacks

Vul: E-W

DLR: West

Partner Bids:

1♠

- Flat distribution

- 3 card support

Pass

2♣

- Queens and Jacks

You

- Devaluation of the ♣Q

♠ QJ8

In the suit overcalled by
an opponent

♥ J643

♦ KJ7

♣ Q96

Always consider 10 point hands in more detail, before deciding what to bid.



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