

## CONSTRUCTIVE RAISES in 2/1

Some 2/1 players like to play constructive raises. A constructive raise of 1H or 1S promises 8 to a bad 10 HCP. (Some say a good 7 is enough.) It promises exactly 3 trumps if you are playing Bergen Raises. You can have 4 trumps if you are not playing Bergen Raises.

### Constructive Raise of 1S

Qxx	Qxx	K10x
xx	Qx	Axxx
AQxx	Kxxx	10xxxx
xxxx	Qjxx	x

<b>8 HCP</b>	<b>Bad 10 HCP</b>	<b>Good 7</b>
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### NOT a Constructive Raise of 1S:

Kxxx	Axx	Qxx
AQXx	xx	Jxx
xx	K10xxx	Qxx
xxx	Kxx	Qxxx

If playing Bergen Raises, too many trumps. If not playing Bergen, Bid 2S	Good 10 HCP Show Limit Raise with 3 trumps by bidding 1NT forcing & then rebidding 3S	Bad 7 Bid 1NT Forcing and then take "false preference" to 2S. Partner will expect only 2 spades
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