

Weekly Study Session





3 Bet Defending

- **3 bet defending** means continuing after someone re-raises your open raise (the 3-bet)
- Example:
- You raise to 2.5 BB.
- Villain makes it 8 BB (3-bet).
- Now you must decide whether to:
 - **Fold**
 - **Call** (defend by calling)
 - **4-bet** (defend by re-raising)



- Factors that determine your defense:
- ☒ Position (BTN vs BB differs greatly)
- ☒ Effective stack depth
- ☒ Opponent's 3-bet frequency
- ☒ Your hand's playability



- Typical Defends vs a 3-Bet
- **Call**
- Pocket pairs (22–QQ depending on spot)
- Suited broadways (KQs, QJs, JTs)
- Suited aces (A5s-AJs in many spots)
- Strong suited connectors



- **4-Bet for Value**
 - AA, KK, QQ
 - AK
 - Sometimes JJ depending on stack depth and opponent
- **4-Bet Bluff**
 - A5s, A4s are common because they block AA and AK.
 - Occasionally KTs, QTs, etc., in theory-heavy games.





- Common Mistakes
- Many players either:
- Fold way too much to 3-bets, or
- Call with hands that are dominated (KJo, QTo, A9o, etc.)
- Quick Rule
- If you're opening from the Button and the Big Blind 3-bets:
- Continue with roughly **40-50% of your opening range** against a normal-sized 3-bet.
- Mix calls and 4-bets rather than only continuing with premiums





- More Mistakes:

Calling Too Many Offsuit Hands

Hands like:

- KJo
- QJo
- KTo
- A9o
- QTo

look pretty, but they often make second-best hands and get dominated by a typical 3-betting range.



- Folding Too Much From Position
- Many players open the Button, get 3-bet by the Big Blind, and fold everything except premiums.
- The Button is the most profitable seat to defend from because you'll have position postflop. If you're folding 70-80% here, good regs will print money 3-betting you.



Learn when to defend

- **Step 1: Start With Position**
- **In Position (BTN vs BB, CO vs BTN)**
- Defend wider.
- Call more often.
- Use position as your weapon.
- Examples:
- AJs, ATs, KQs, KJs, QJs, JTs
- 99-QQ
- Suited connectors like T9s, 98s
- **Out of Position (SB vs BB, UTG vs BTN)**
- Defend tighter.
- More folding.
- More 4-betting and less calling.



- Step 2: Think in Hand Categories
- Premiums (AA, KK, QQ, AK)
- Mostly value 4-bets.
- Strong Playable Hands
- JJ-TT
- AQs-AJs
- KQs
- Often call in position, sometimes 4-bet.
- Suited Connectors
- JTs
- T9s
- 98s
- Usually call in position if stacks are deep enough.

Dominated Offsuit Hands

- KJo
- QJo
- A9o
- KTo

Mostly folds.



- Step 3: Respect Stack Depth
- **100 BB+**
- Can defend wider.
- Small pairs gain value.
- Suited connectors gain value.
- **40-60 BB**
- Tighten slightly.
- Fewer speculative calls.
- **20-30 BB**
- Much more folding.
- More shove/4-bet decisions.
- Small pairs become less attractive.



- Step 4: Understand Why You're Continuing
- Every continue should answer one of these:
- **Value** (AA, KK, AK)
- **Playability** (KQs, JTs, 99)
- **Bluffing Candidate** (A5s)
- If a hand does none of those, it's usually a fold.



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HAND REVIEWS	LIVE STRATEGY DISCUSSIONS	WINNING MINDSET	GROWING TOGETHER
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"The goal isn't to win every pot. The goal is to make the highest EV decision."
— Phil Galfond

- Call to action this week!