

# Doubling of suit bids

Two types:	Take-out		Penalty
<b>Message to partner:</b>	<i>Either: I don't like the suit(s) opposition are bidding. Show me your longest suit.</i>	<i>or: I need to know more about your hand before bidding.</i>	<i>I think we can bring the opposition down in the contract they have bid.</i>
<b>When used:</b>	For suit contracts bid under 2 ♠ s (or 3 ♠ s). For Pre-emptive bids.		For suit contracts higher than 2 ♠ s, other than Pre-emptive bids.
<b>Criteria:</b>	Opening strength (11/12 points) and at least 3 cards in each of the other suits.	17+ HCP, or 16 HCP with a good 6 card suit (9+ Suit Quality).	For higher level suit contracts, a confidence that opposition would not make a contract.
<b>Response by Partner:</b>	Almost always respond if opponent to your right passes.  Bid your longest suit, unless opposition has already bid it. Jump to show 9+ HCP		Almost always Pass a doubled 4 + level suit contract if opponent to your right passes.
	If opponent to your right intervenes with a bid, you have a "free" bid – i.e. you bid if you want to However, bidding after a Take-out Double with a free bid promises partner a good hand.		

# Doubling or Overcalling a 1 NT bid

Opposition Opener's bid:	1 NT					
meaning	A balanced hand with 12 – 14 HCP					
Strength of your hand:	16+ HCP	10 – 15 HCP				< 10 HCP
Content / shape of your hand:	Any	5+ / 4+ in both majors	6+ in single suit	5+ / 5+ in both minors	Any other	Any
Your bid:	<b>X</b> <sup>x</sup>	2 ♣ (Landy)	2 ♠, 2 ♥, 2 ♦ or 3 ♣	2 NT	Pass	
Your partner's response if Opponent to your right passes:	Pass with 5+ HCP Otherwise rescue by bidding longest suit	Bid longest major suit Or bid 2 ♦ for partner to choose	Pass unless she has a very strong hand	Bid preferred minor	Use same criteria as shown above to decide whether to bid	