# Negative Doubles

strength in other suits by responder

# Oh How I Love to Double

## Let me count the ways!

* Penalty - anyone, "I want to defend"

* Take Out - overcaller, "partner bid something"

* Negative - responder, "values in other suits"

* Responsive - advancer, "values in other suits"

* Balancing - 4th seat, "partner bid something"

* Protection - opener, "did you trap pass?"

* ... and many more

# Negative Double
## What does it mean?

* Support for the unbid suits

* 4 cards in all unbid majors

* Enough strength to justify a bid at the expected level (but there is no upper limit)
  * ˜6 points @ 1 level
  * ˜8 points @ 2 level
  * ˜10 points @ 3 level

* The auction:  1♣-(1♥)-???

* ♠KQxx ♥xx ♦Jxxx ♣xxx (double)

* ♠KQxxx ♥x ♦Jxxx ♣xxx (1♠)

# Negative Double
## (when is it applicable?)

* Used by responder after a simple overcall

* Denies support when partner opens a major

* SAYC standard is "through 2♠"

  * e.g. 1♠-(3♦)-X is penalty NOT negative

* The auction:  1♠-(2♦)-???

  * ♠xx ♥KJxx ♦xxx ♣Axxx (double)

  * ♠xx ♥KJxxx ♦xx ♣Axxx (2♥)

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## An Exception (of course)

* Consider:
  * A: 1♣-(1♦)-X-
  * B: 1♣-(1♦)-1♠-
* How many major suit cards does responder hold for auction A?  (4+ & 4+)
* How many ♥s does responder hold for auction B?  (<=3)
* How many ♠s does responder hold for auction B?  (4+)

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## Another Exception (of course)

* Consider:  1 ♦-(1 ♠)-X

* Q:  Why did Responder negative double
  A:  Because he can't bid his suit directly

* Responder is either short in length or short in strength

* Double with either of these hands:

  * ♠xx ♥KQxx ♦xxx ♣KQxx

  * ♠xxx ♥QJxxxx ♦xx ♣Ax

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## Examples

* ♠Kx ♥KJTxxx ♦xx ♣xxx
  * 1♠-(2♦)-X-(P)- 2♣-(P)-??? (2♥)

* ♠AQxxx ♥Kxx ♦AJxx ♣x
  * 1♠-(3♣)-X-(P)-??? (P)

* ♠KJxx ♥AQxx ♦QJxx ♣x
  * 1♠-(2♣)-??? (3♣)

* ♠AKTx ♥KQJx ♦KQxx ♣x
  * 1♦-(2♣)-X-P- ??? (3♣)

* ♠AJTx ♥x ♦QJxx ♣Axxx
  * 1♦-(1♥)-X-P- 1♠-P-??? (4♠)