

REDOUBLES

REDOUBLE after a take-out double by opponent

The most common redouble follows a take-out double when partner opens the bidding
Partner 1 Spade – Opponent Double – you Redouble

An example of your hand: AJ J74 Q1076 K873, The redouble in above auction, shows at least 10 points and a willingness to penalize the opponents, Usually, no-fit with partner

Over Opponent's Double with NO FIT in Partner's suit

1. Redouble (in above auction)
 - 10 or more points
 - Implies no fit in partner's suit
 - Defensive hand
 - Creates a forcing auction
2. New Suit t the One Level is Forcing
Partner – 1 Spade - Opponent = Double – You – 1 Spade
Your hand: AKJ1098 J7 J10 K87
3. Other Suits at the Two Level or Higher are Non-Forcing
Partner – 1 Heart Opponent Double - You 2 Clubs
Your Hand: J52 J J10 KJT9874

Over Opponent's Double with a FIT in Partner's Suit

1. Jump in Partner's Suit is Pre-emptive
2. Simple Raise in Partner's Suit Shows 6-9 Points
3. Jordan Two No-Trump is a Limit Raise or Better in Partner's Suit
Partner – 1 Spade - Opponent – Double - You – 2 NT
Your Hand KJ109 A5 Q532 986

Partner Doubles and Right Hand Redoubles: LHO - 1 Spade – Partner – Double- RHO Redouble

- Confidently bid your longest suit at the one level
- Pass with no 4 card suit, Does not imply that you like leaving the redouble in
- Jump the bidding with a weak hand and long suit, This may jam the auction. Partner knows you don't have any points.

THE SOS REDOUBLE

When a part score in a trump suit has been doubled for penalties, a REDOUBLE is SOS. The Redouble is a rescue attempt to find a safer fit. See the auction below,

LHO – 1 Heart - Partner 2 diamonds - RHO – Pass – You – Pass LHO reopening Double,
RHO – Pass - You – Redouble holding: J7654 – 543 – Void – J8765 SOS Redouble

For many players, responder's standard procedure after opener's one-level suit bid is doubled for take-out is to redouble with any hand of 10 or more high-card points, Redouble isn't always the best way to go. On some deals, redouble can make later bidding awkward.

		AJ		
		Q743	1 Diamond	
		AQ32	Pass	
		986		
Q10743				K652
82	2 Spades (weak)			J109
9876				K5
75				AQJ10
		98		
		AK65	REDOUBLE	
		J104	?????	
		K432		

Auction makes it clear, advancer is weak. What can South do? Bidding a suit on the 3 level Has 2 issues: It shows a five-card suit and is forcing. Rather than redoubling, South should Bid 1 heart, which is forcing. This should be the auction: 1 Diamond Double 1 heart Pass 2 hearts, South can make a HSGT, THERE ARE SOME GOOD HANDS WHERE IT'S BETTER TO BID THAN REDOUBLE. Better to bid a 4-card suit on the 1 level when possible.

Do not apply this thinking to suits that must be bid on the 2 level. After an opponent's take-out double, it's more common to treat responder's new suit on the 2 level as a non-forcing bid showing 6-9 points and a good 6-card suit, or a very good 5-card suit. Take-out doubles of one-level suit opening bids are routine. Knowing how the ability to redouble affects the subsequent auction is important for good partnership communication.

Do not redouble just because you have the high card points to do so. Consider how the bidding might go if you give an opponent more room to pre-empt your auction.

THE GREEDY REDOUBLE

After the opponents have doubled a game contract or higher, a redouble by you says you think you can make the contract.

Partner – 1 NT Opponent – Double - Your Redouble is for business, you expect partner to make 1NT.

North – 1 Spade ---East – 2 Hearts - South 4 Spades - West 5 Hearts, North – Double East – Redouble , East's sure she can make this contract and wants to make the opponents pay for the insult. This is not a SOS for rescue, not a part-score.