

REOPENING DOUBLE

The re-opening double is an essential part of bidding. The first and most important rule is this: whenever you hold 2 or fewer cards in the overcall suit, assume partner has values but could not act because of the negative double convention. When the rule applies, and you have support for the unbid suits and have a normal opening bid, re-open with a takeout double. Without this hand, either rebid your suit, or bid your second suit or pass.

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| | K107 | DEALER - 1 HEART | |
| | AK1095 | DOUBLE | |
| | 42 | | |
| | KJ5 | | |
| 98642 | | | AQ 2 DIAMONDS |
| Q32 | PASS | | J76 PASS |
| 83 | | | AQJ109 |
| A84 | | | 1072 |
| | J53 | | |
| | 84 | PASS | |
| | K765 | 2 HEARTS | |
| | Q963 | | |

Opener has a hand for a re-opening double, partner bids 2 hearts, can't convert to penalty, No long suit of his own to bid.

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| | K107 | DEALER - 1 HEART | |
| | AK1095 | DOUBLE | |
| | 4 | | |
| | KJ65 | | |
| 98632 | | | AQ |
| Q432 | | | J76 2 DIAMONDS |
| 53 | PASS | | AQ987 PASS |
| 72 | PASS | | Q109 |
| | J54 | | |
| | 8 | PASS | |
| | KJ1062 | PASS | |
| | A843 | | |

Opener makes a re-opening double, short in diamonds, support for the unbid suits. Partner passes for penalty, partner couldn't double 2 diamonds, it would be a negative double.

When you re-open, you are protecting your partner when they have a hand with values, but no convenient bid to make. Two thoughts to keep in mind: as responder, when you're short in opener's suit, have length and honors in the overcall suit, and no good bid to make, pass and await developments. As opener, reopen when you're short in the overcall suit and have support for the unbid suits.

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| | K104 | DEALER – 1 HEART | |
| | AK1076 | DOUBLE | |
| | 53 | | |
| | KJ10 | | |
| 987653 | | | AQ2 |
| Q43 | | | J95 2 DIAMONDS |
| 87 PASS | | | AQJ104 PASS |
| A9 | | | 52 |
| | J | | |
| | 82 | PASS | |
| | K962 | 3 CLUBS | |
| | Q87643 | | |

You can't leave the re-opening double in, have a weak hand with clubs, you bid 3 clubs.

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| | AKQ93 | | |
| | 93 | DEALER – 1 SPADE | |
| | A83 | DOUBLE | |
| | J92 | | |
| J1064 | | | 72 2 HEARTS |
| 6 PASS | | | AQ872 PASS |
| Q6542 PASS | | | K7 |
| 873 | | | KQ54 |
| | 85 | | |
| | KJ1054 | PASS | |
| | J109 | PASS | |
| | A106 | | |

After the re-opening double, partner passes for penalty

Auction: 1 club 1 Spade Pass Pass 1 NT When responder fails to bid, opener's 1 NT Bid shows 18-19, a hand he would have Jumped to 2 NT if partner had made a call.

Auction: 1 Club Pass 1 Spade Pass 1 NT Responder bid 1 NT shows 12-14 balanced

Auction: 1 Diamond Pass Pass 1 Spade 1 NT Partner never bid, this shows 18-19 18-19 balanced, doesn't make sense to Show 12-14 when partner hasn't bid

Auction 1 club 1 spade pass pass 1 NT you hold: xxx Kxx KJxxx Jx
Opener has correctly rebid 1NT with 18-19 hcp, you have a clear cut bid 3NT