

## Rebids After a Takeout Double

When you make a takeout double in the direct seat and partner bids a suit what does your rebid mean? For example: 1D-X-P-1H-P-? You have asked your partner to bid a suit. What does your next bid show?

- a) Pass- This is a minimum double (11-14 HCP) with at least 3 card heart support.
- b) New suit- This shows a very good suit with at least 18 HCP. For example: 1D-X-P-1H-P-1S shows a very good spade suit and around 18 HCP. Something like AKJT54 A7 87 AQ4. This is a hand that is too good just to overcall 1S.
- c) 1NT- This shows a fairly balanced hand with 18-19 HCP. For example: 1D-X-P-1H-P-1NT shows a hand that is too good to overcall 1NT which shows 15-17. Maybe A643 AJT KQ62 A2 .
- d) Raise partner's suit- This shows a good takeout double of 15+ HCP with 4 card support. Remember partner has not shown any values at all. You forced him to bid. Maybe something like AJ76 KJ65 42 AQJ.

**RULE: When you make a takeout double and then change to a different suit or NT you should have 18+ HCP.**

If you do not have that much, **DO NOT make a takeout double in the first place if you cannot handle partner's response.**

Examples: What do you do after RHO opens 1S?

- a) AT54 A3 AJ QJ765
- b) A76 J543 AK65 J7
- c) AQ7 KQ87 A JT654

d) AK32 8 A765 A873

e) 987 KQ76 98 AK76

It is not a crime to pass, even with opening count, when RHO opens and you cannot handle partner's response to a takeout double or an overcall.