

Disturbing Opponents Club (DOC) by Dave Dressman

Following the 2015 clarification of allowable conventions versus natural bids including a 1♣ (could be short) and building upon Marty Bergen's Disturbing Opponent's No Trump (DON'T) defense, DOC is a way to show all possible 2 suiters over a 1♣ or a 2♣ opening bid at the lowest level.

DOC can also be used by right hand opponent of the opener if there is an artificial response to the 1♣ opener, and over a short Precision 1♦ opening bid.

DOC is ubiquitous. It can be used versus a natural 1♣, any "could be short" 1♣, a precision style big ♣, an artificial 2♣ or any combination thereof that you choose. The natural bids it replaces occur less frequently and can be handled another way.

DOC is easy to remember because the **anchor suit** is always the suit above the artificial call. We assume 4-5, 5-4 or better distribution for two suits. Here is the structure versus 1C:

- 1NT transfers to ♣ and shows ♣ and another suit;
- 2♣ transfers to ♦ and shows ♦ and a higher ranking suit;
- 2♦ transfers to ♥ Showing both Majors.
- 2♥ and 2♠ are Natural
- 2N (If the 1♣ opener is artificial), marionettes to 3♣ and shows a 1 suited hand.

These bids are **Alerts**.

Versus an artificial 2♣ the same logic applies 1 level higher.

Responses (**alertable**):

1st step: I prefer this suit.

2nd step: I don't like your anchor suit. Pass if this is your suit or correct if not.

3rd step (not including 2NT): I don't like your anchor suit and hate the one above it.

2NT: Further describe your hand. Rebid 3♣ with a minimum.

Anchor suit advances are preemptive.

Other responses are by agreement, or default to a decent 1 suiter.

Other rebids are very rare and show a monster unless you discuss and agree to the contrary.