

Responding After RHO's Takeout Double

Partner Opens 1 of a Suit, RHO Doubles

- You are no longer required to bid with 6+ points.
- You may bid, but when you do, you should have something significant to show.
- Do not try to “rescue” partner before it is necessary.

1 ♦ ... double...??

♠ Q 7 4 2

♥ Q 7 3 2

♦ 5 3

♣ Q J 4

- Don't bid with junk like this. Your LHO is probably going to bid something.
- If LHO passes, it is up to partner to tell you to rescue.
- Opener redoubles to show a desire to be rescued.

A Quick Aside: The SOS Redouble

- Say you're the dealer and have 4-4-3-2 distribution and 13 points.
- You open the bidding 1 ♦, your LHO doubles("partner please bid anything but diamonds").
- Your partner passes ("I'm holding 13 pieces of worthless garbage")
- Your RHO, with an evil grin, places the pass card on the table.
- You know you are in trouble. You redouble ("Partner we cannot play 1 ♦ doubled. Please bid something else.")

The SOS Redouble

- To make an sos redouble, you must be weak in the suit that has been doubled and have some strength in any suit your partner might bid.
- Your aim is to find a contract, preferably at the 1 level, that your opponents won't want to defend doubled.
- Once partner bids, you will not bid again and partner will not bid again.

Redouble

- With 10+ points and a reasonably balanced hand, you should redouble.
 - The redouble does not say anything at all about a desire to play in the suit partner bid.
 - It communicates the message to everyone at the table that the opponents are in big trouble.
 - After the opponents bid any subsequent double by either you or your partner is for penalty.

1 ♦ ... double...redouble

Example 1

♠ K J 4 2

♥ A 7 3

♦ 5 3

♣ Q J 4 2

Example 2

♠ A 4 2

♥ Q 3

♦ A Q 5 3

♣ 10 9 4 2

Example 3

♠ A J 4 2

♥ K Q 3

♦ J 3

♣ K 9 4 2

Think about it for a minute. Partner has opened the bidding. Give her 13 points. RHO has made a takeout double. Give him 13 points. Total 26 points. Now add your points. How many points does LHO have?

Be Sure to Talk With Partner

- Some players like to redouble with all 19+ point hands..
- Others prefer a redouble to show a relatively balanced hand with 10 or more points.

One-Level Suit Bids

- 6+ points and forcing for one round, just as if RHO had passed
- This is the part that must be discussed thoroughly with your partner.
 - Can you make a 1-level suit bid with more than 19 points?
 - Or should you redouble first (with 10+ points) then bid your suit?

Consider this Hand

♠ 2
♥ A Q 10 7 5 3
♦ A 7 3
♣ Q J 4

- Bidding: 1 ♦ ...Dble...redble/1 ♥
- If your system requires you to redouble first with this hand, the opponents might find a spade fit and get to a fairly high level before you can show your hearts.
- If partner expects you to redouble with all 10+ point hands, partner might assume your hand is fairly weak and pass your 1 ♥ bid.
- For that reason, some like to play 1-level suit bids as forcing for one round.

One More Example

♠ K J 10 8 4

♥ 3

♦ K 3

♣ A J 7 5 4

- Bidding: 1 ♦ ...Dble...redble/1♠
The standard way would be to redouble first then try to describe you hand.
- If you redoubled with this hand and the opponents got in a preemptive heart bid, it would be next to impossible to describe this hand.
- Better to make 1 level new suit bids forcing for one round.

The 1 No Trump Response

- Bid 1 no trump with 6 to 9 points and a balanced hand.
- But, don't force a bid.
- It is okay to pass with a bad 6 or 7 points.
- With 10 plus and balanced, redouble first.

Some No Trump Hands.

Example 1

♠ Q 4 2

♥ 9 7 3

♦ Q 5 3

♣ Q J 4 2

A bad 7
points --
Pass

Example 2

♠ A 4 2

♥ J 3

♦ 10 9 3

♣ Q J 10 9 4

A good 7
points –
Bid 1 nt

Example 3

♠ A J 4 2

♥ K 9 3

♦ J 3

♣ Q 9 4 2

11 points.
Redouble,
listen for
partners
bid

A 2-Level Raise of Opener's Suit

- A raise of the opener's suit is exactly the same as if RHO had not doubled.
- A single-level raise 6-9 points and 3+ cards if partner opened a major suit.
- A single-level raise 6-9 points and 5+ cards if partner opened a minor suit.
 - If you play inverted minors that should be on, as well.

Here Are Some Examples

Bidding 1 ♠...dble...??

Example 1

♠ Q 4 2

♥ K 3

♦ 9 5 3 2

♣ A 9 4 2

9 points
and a fit.

Raise to

2 ♠

Example 1

♠ K 5 4 2

♥ K 3

♦ 9 5 3

♣ A J 10 2

11 points
and a fit.

Raise to

3 ♠

2-Level New-Suit Bids Are Natural and Non-Forcing

- The Bidding: 1 ♠ ... Double ,, 2 ♦
- Shows a good suit with 9 or fewer points.
- Partner may pass or partner may bid.
- This is the usual way but not universally agreed upon... TALK ABOUT IT WITH PARTNER.

Here Are Some Examples

Bidding 1 ♠...dble...??

Example 1

♠ 4 2

♥ Q 10 3

♦ A Q 10 5 3 2

♣ 4 2

8 points
and no fit.

bid 2 ♦

Example 2

♠ J 2

♥ A 3

♦ 9 5 3

♣ A Q J 10 7 2

12 points
and no fit.

Redouble
first then
bid clubs

A Jump-Shift is Preemptive

- The Bidding: 1 ♦ ... Double ,, 2 ♠
- Weak and preemptive...
- Do remember RHO may well have 4 cards in the suit you bid.
- Partner may have a singleton or doubleton.

Jump-Shift Examples

Bidding 1 ...double...2

Example 1

 Q J 10 9 7 2

 A 5 3

 5 3 2

 2

Example 2

 K Q J 10 7 2

 3

 9 5 3

 7 5 2

Jordan: A Conventional System

- Jordan is a conventional system for dealing with an opponent's takeout double.
- The bidding: 1 (suit) ,, dble ... ??
 - Redouble shows 10+ points with no fit for opener's suit.
 - 2 no trump shows 10+ points with a fit in opener's suit.
 - All other bids are natural and non forcing.

Jordan 2 No Trump - Examples

The Bidding: 1 ♥ ...double...2nt

Example 1

♠ K 7 2

♥ A J 5 3

♦ A Q J 3 2

♣ 2

Example 2

♠ 7 2

♥ K Q 3

♦ A 9 5 3

♣ Q 10 5 2

Jordan Redouble - Examples

The Bidding: 1 ♥ ...dbl...redouble

Example 1

♠ K Q 7 2

♥ 3

♦ A Q 9 3 2

♣ Q 10 2

Example 2

♠ A 7 2

♥ Q 3

♦ A 9 5 3

♣ Q 10 5 2