

Competing Against the Opponents' 1 No Trump Opening

30 Minute Mini
Lesson

Why Compete Against Their No Trump Opening?

1. You have a good hand and you think your side might be able to make something.
2. You want to disrupt their bidding and perhaps cause them to reach an inferior contract.

If Partner Opened 1 No Trump What Would You Do

Ex. 1

♠ 4 2
♥ A 9 7 3
♦ K 7 5
♣ J 10 4 3

Ex 2

♠ 7 4
♥ Q 10 7
♦ Q J 9
♣ K J 4 3 2

Ex 3

♠ 9 4 2
♥ 7
♦ K Q 10 6 5
♣ J 3 2x

If Partner Opened 1 No Trump And
RHO bid 2 ♠. What Would You Do?

Ex. 1

♠ 4 2
♥ A 9 7 3
♦ K 7 5
♣ J 10 4 3

Ex 2

♠ 7 4
♥ Q 10 7
♦ Q J 9
♣ K J 4 3 2

Ex 3

♠ 9 4 2
♥ 7
♦ K Q 10 6 5
♣ J 3 2x

What Do You Need to Overcall a Strong No Trump Opening?

- Not necessarily a lot of high-card points.
- You need a good suit.

♠ Q J 10 8 5 3

♥ A 3

♦ A 7 5

♣ 4 3


♠ A 3


♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ 7 5 3

♣ K J 3

One More Example

 3

 Q J 9 8 5 3

 K J 10 7

 K 3

If Partner Overcalls Their No Trump

- You should not raise partner's bid just because you have a some high cards.
- You raise when you have ruffing values.

♠ K 10 7 5

♥ Q 9 7

♦ K J 5

♣ Q 9 3

♠ 9 6 5 2

♥ 9 7 4 3

♦ 5

♣ A K 9 3

What Does a Double of Their 1 No Trump Look Like?

- A double of their 1 no trump opening bid is for penalty.
 - 16 + relatively balanced points
 - A five-card suit with some texture.

♠ K 10 6

♥ K Q 9 7 4

♦ A Q 5

♣ Q 9

♠ A 5

♥ K Q J 9 7

♦ A J 10 5

♣ 9 3

One More Example

♠ Q 10 5

♥ 9

♦ A K Q 9 8 5 2

♣ K 9

Don't bid 2 ♦ - double for penalty.

What Should You Do When Partner Doubles 1 No Trump?

- Remember when partner doubles their 1 no trump opening bid, it is for penalty.
- It is not asking you to bid. You should leave the double unless you have both:
 - A weak hand
 - A long suit

When Partner Doubles Their No Trump

♠ J 9 6

♥ 10 9 7 4 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ Q 9

Pass. No reason
to think 2 ♥
would be better.

♠ Q 6

♥ K 7 4

♦ Q 5


♣ 10 9 7 6 4 2

Pass.
Enthusiastically !

One More Example

 6

 9 7 4 3





 J 10 9 7 5 4

 Q 9

Better run with
this hand. Bid 2



One Conventional System

- D.O.N.T.
- Stands for Disturb Opponent's No Trump.
- After an Opponent's 1 no trump bid:
 - Double shows a long suit 6+ cards. Advancer will bid clubs. Doubler will pass if clubs is his suit, otherwise he will bid the long suit.
 - 2  shows clubs and a higher ranking suit.
 - 2  shows diamonds and a higher suit.
 - 2  shows hearts and spades.
 - 2  shows spades, weaker than if you had doubled and then bid spades.

The D.O.N.T. Convention

- The long suit is usually 6 cards or longer.
- Two suited hands are 5-5 or sometimes 5-4

Some Examples of D.O.N.T. Hands

♠ J 6
♥ K Q J 8 4 3
♦ A 7 5
♣ 10 9


♠ 6
♥ A K J 4 3
♦ K J 9 7 5
♣ Q 9

Still More Examples



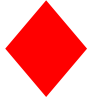

♠ Q J 9 7 6 4
♥ K J 3
♦ 7 5
♣ 10 9

♠ A K J 10 7 6
♥ A 3
♦ Q 7 5
♣ 9 2





Advancing Partner's D.O.N.T. Bid

- When Partner doubles and your RHO passes, you must bid 2  .
 - If RHO bids or doubles, you may pass.
 - You may double or redouble to tell partner to name his suit.

Opener	Partner	Responder	You
1 nt	Double	2 	??

 10 7 6 4
 K J 3
 K 5
 Q 10 9 2


Double to tell partner
you can support any
suit he bids.





 6 4
 J 7 5 3
 7 5 2
 10 9 4 2


Pass to tell partner
you have little help.





When Partner Bids a Suit

- If partner bids a suit, showing a two suited hand, you may:
 - Pass if you can support that suit.
 - Bid the next suit if you think partner's second suit would be better.

Opener	Partner	Responder	You
1 nt	2 	Pass	??

 10 7 6 4
 K J 3
 A 9 8 7 5
 2

Bid 2  to tell
 partner that you like
 any suit he has better
 than clubs.

 10 7 6 4 2
 3
 7 5 3
 A 9 8 7

Pass you can support
 clubs.

If Responder Bids a Suit Over Partner's Two Suit Bid

- If you have a weak hand and no desire to compete, you may pass.
- If you want to compete you may:
 - Raise partner's known suit.
 - Double to ask partner to bid the second suit.

If Responder Doubles Over Partner's Two Suit Bid

- Pass if you can support partner's bid suit.
- Redouble to tell partner to bid the second suit.

Opener	Partner	Responder	You
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1 nt


2 

2 


??

 10 7 6 4

 J 3 2


 Q 9 8 7

 7 2


 Q 7 6 4



 J 2

 Q 9 6

 K 10 9 2


Pass to show no
desire to compete

Bid 3  to show
support and a
desire to compete.

Opener	Partner	Responder	You
1 nt	2 	2 	??


 K 7 6 4

 A 7 3

 Q 9 8 7 2

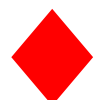
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Double to show no desire
to compete and tell
partner to bid the second
suit.

Opener	Partner	Responder	You
1 nt	2 	Double	??


 10 7 6

 J 2

 Q 9 8 7

 J 9 7 2

Pass to show no
desire to compete
and support for
clubs

 Q 7 6 4

 Q 8 7

 9 7 5 3

 J 2

Redouble to tell
partner to bid the
second suit.