

**Board 1**

East Deals

None Vul



♠ A 7 4

♥ A 4 2

♦ K 6 5 3

♣ Q 6 4

*West*

*North*

*East*

*South*

1 ♣

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Suggested Action: X

With an opening hand and support for every other suit I think double is the winning action over 1 of a minor. You can often get out at the 1 or 2 level without too much damage. Make sure your partner is aware that you might have a flat opening hand for your double of 1 of a minor.

**Board 2**

East Deals

None Vul



♠ A 7 4

♥ A 4 2

♦ K 6 5 3

♣ Q 6 4

*West*

*North*

*East*

*South*

1 ♠

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Suggested Action: Pass

When the opponents have opened a major, doubling often forces your partner to the 2 level (or the 3 level in competition. With 3 cards in their major, be cautious about creating a competitive auction.

**Board 3**

East Deals

None Vul



♠ Q 8 5

♥ 4

♦ K Q 6 2

♣ K 9 7 6 5

*West*

*North*

*East*

*South*

1 ♥

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Suggested Action: Pass

While I will give myself extra values for my short heart, the flaw of having only 3 spades means that I am unwilling to make a light takeout double.

**Board 4**

East Deals

None Vul



♠ Q 8 5

♥ 4

♦ K Q 6 2

♣ K Q 7 6 5

*West*

*North*

*East*

*South*

1 ♥

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Suggested Action: X

I do have only 3 cards in spades, but I have 12 HCP and interesting shape. That overcomes the flaw of having only 3 cards in the major.

**Board 5**

West Deals

None Vul



♠ A 8 4

♥ 9 6

♦ K J 10 7 4

♣ Q 3 2

*West*

*North*

*East*

*South*

1 ♣

Dbl

Pass

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Suggested Action: 1N

Even though I have a playable 5 card suit, I have 10 HCP and stoppers in both of the opponent's suits. I would emphasize NT rather than playing in a minor much like I would if partner had opened 1 of a minor.

**Board 6**

West Deals

None Vul



♠ K 8

♥ 9 6

♦ A J 10 7 4

♣ Q 5 3 2

*West*

1 ♣

*North*

Dbl

*East*

1 ♠

*South*

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Suggested Action: 1N

Even though I have a playable 5 card suit, I have 10 HCP and stoppers in both of the opponent's suits. I would emphasize NT rather than playing in a minor much like I would if partner had opened 1 of a minor.

**Board 7**

West Deals

None Vul



♠ K 8

♥ 9 6

♦ A J 10 7 4 2

♣ Q 5 3

*West*

1 ♣

*North*

Dbl

*East*

1 ♠

*South*

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Suggested action: 3 ♦

A jump to the 3 level when the 2 level also shows values tends to show invitational strength with extra length. In major that would be 5 cards, in a minor this should be at least 6.

**Board 8**

East Deals

None Vul



♠ A 7 4

♥ A 4

♦ K 6 5 3

♣ Q 6 4 2

*West*

*North*

*East*

*South*

1 ♣

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Suggested Action: overcall 1 ♦

I play that overcalling 1 ♦ shows a hand that would open 1 ♦, but has a short major so is unsuitable for doubling.