

Audrey Grant Bridge Basics II

Takeout Doubles and Advances Chapter 3

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Takeout Doubles and Advances

When both sides are bidding for privilege of naming the trump suit or no trump, it is referred to as a **competitive auction**.

One way to compete after the opponents have opened the bidding is to make a **takeout double** over the opponents bid.

This bid shows opening hand values (including dummy points) and support for the unbid suits.

The Takeout Double

West	North	East	South
		1 ♦	?

♠ A J 8 4
♥ K 10 3 2
♦ 8
♣ K Q 8 7

**What do you do with this hand?
You have opening count, yet no five card suit to bid.**

The Takeout Double

West	North	East	South
		1 ♦	Double

♠ A J 8 4
♥ K 10 3 2
♦ 8
♣ K Q 8 7

“I have enough strength to compete”

“I’d like you to choose the trump suit”

“I can support any of the unbid suits”

Guidelines for The Takeout Double

Support for the Unbid Suits:

At least three-card and preferably four-card support

**13 or more total points, counting
high-card points and dummy points**

Void = 5 points





Singleton = 3 points

Doubleton = 1 point

The Takeout Double

What do you bid with this hand?

West	North	East	South
		1 	?

	Q J 10 3
	A 10 9 7
	
	K 9 7 5 2

The Takeout Double

West	North	East	South
		1 ♦	Double





♠ Q J 10 3
♥ A 10 9 7
♦
♣ K 9 7 5 2

Double for takeout – you have 4 card support in each major suit plus 5 card support in the club suit. You have 10 high card plus five dummy points.

The Takeout Double

What do you bid with this hand?

West	North	East	South
		1 	?

 Q 3
 K Q 8 5
 K J 4 2
 Q 7 5

The Takeout Double

West	North	East	South
		1 ♦	Pass
	♠ Q 3		
	♥ K Q 8 5		
	♦ K J 4 2		
	♣ Q 7 5		

- Pass** – This hand is not suitable for an overcall (no five card suit) or a takeout double of 1 diamond. South has support for hearts but no support for spades. Even with 13 high card points, the best option is to pass.

The Takeout Double

What do you bid with this hand?

West	North	East	South
		1 ♦	?

♠ A K J 8 4

♥ Q 10 3

♦ 6 4

♣ Q 10 8

The Takeout Double

West	North	East	South
		1 ♦	1 ♠
	♠ A K J 8 4		
	♥ Q 10 3		
	♦ 6 4		
	♣ Q 10 8		

1 spade – With a five card spade suit, you want to overcall with this hand. An overcall shows a five card suit. A takeout double usually shows four (at the minimum, 3 card support for the unbid suits).

The Takeout Double

After both Opponents have Bid

What do you bid with this hand?

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	?

♠ A Q 7 3
♥ 5 2
♦ A K J 5
♣ 9 6 4

The Takeout Double

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	Double

♠ A Q 7 3
♥ 5 2
♦ A K J 5
♣ 9 6 4

Double – South has support for both unbid suits, spades and diamonds, 14 HCP's and 1 dummy point.

Guidelines for Advancing a Takeout Double

Guidelines differ for advancer versus responder

**When partner makes an overcall or opens the bidding, they are suggesting the trump suit.
Partner may pass or bid again.**

When partner makes a takeout double, you're being asked to pick the trump suit.

**This is more than a request; it's a demand,
A Forcing Bid.**

Guidelines for Advancing Takeout Double

Choosing the Level

Since you are not expected to pass,
you must bid, even with no points!

There will also be times when you will want
to bid and even explore for game.

Or, you may have the values to bid a game
bonus level opposite partner's takeout double.

Advancing Takeout Double

0 to 8 points – Bid at the cheapest level

9 – 11 points – Make an invitational bid by
Jumping 1 level.

12 + points - Get the partnership to game.

Advancing a Takeout Double

Choosing the Suit

Partner has asked you to choose the trump suit and you generally pick your **longest suit**.

With a choice between a major suit and a minor suit, the **major suit is preferable**.





Major suit contracts are worth more points and fewer tricks are required for a game bonus.

With a choice of suits, bid the higher ranking.

Advancing a Takeout Double

What do you bid with this hand?

West	North	East	South
1 	Double	Pass	?

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

Advancing a Takeout Double

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Double	Pass	1 Spade

♠ 10 7 6 4 2
♥ 10 8 5
♦ 9 6 3
♣ 8 4

1 Spade – **Doubler's bid is forcing** as RHO has passed. Advancer must bid!. A bid of 1 spade will show partner 0 to 8 points.

Advancing a Takeout Double

What do you bid with this hand?

West	North	East	South
2 ♥	Double	Pass	?

♠ J 5
♥ 9 6 4 2
♦ J 8 7 2
♣ 10 8 6

Advancing a Takeout Double

West	North	East	South
2 ♥	Double	Pass	3 diamonds

♠ J 5
♥ 9 6 4 2
♦ J 8 7 2
♣ 10 8 6

3 diamonds – The cheapest bid is 3 diamonds. Doubler should have taken into account that advancer will be forced to bid at the 3 level, and should have extra strength.

Advancing a Takeout Double

What do you bid with this hand?

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Double	Pass	?

♠ K 4
♥ 9 7 2
♦ A Q 10 8 6 3
♣ 6 4

Advancing a Takeout Double

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Double	Pass	3 Diamonds

♠ K 4
♥ 9 7 2
♦ A Q 10 8 6 3
♣ 6 4

3 Diamonds – With 9 HCP's plus 2 length points, advancer jumps to the 3 level.

Advancing a Takeout Double

What do you bid with this hand?

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	Double	Pass	?

♠ A 8 3
♥ K Q 7 6 5
♦ J 7 6
♣ Q J

Advancing a Takeout Double

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	Double	Pass	4 Hearts

♠ A 8 3
♥ K Q 7 6 5
♦ J 7 6
♣ Q J

4 Hearts – With 13 HCP's plus 1 length points, advancer jumps to the game level.

When Advancer Does Not Have to Bid

Advancer is expected to bid, even with no points if the next player passes after the takeout double.

If advancer's right hand opponent (RHO) bids, however, advancer can pass with a weak hand .

Advancing a Takeout Double

What do you bid with this hand?

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Double	2 ♥	?

♠ 7 6
♥ J 9 2
♦ J 8 7 5 2
♣ 10 8 3

Advancing a Takeout Double

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Double	2 ♥	Pass

♠ 7 6
♥ J 9 2
♦ J 8 7 5 2
♣ 10 8 3

Pass – With only 2 HCP's, Advancer passes.

Advancing a Takeout Double

What do you bid with this hand?

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Double	2 ♥	?

♠ Q 10 7 5
♥ 9 7 3
♦ 10 8
♣ K Q 7 2

Advancing a Takeout Double

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Double	2 ♥	2 Spades

♠ Q 10 7 5
♥ 9 7 3
♦ 10 8
♣ K Q 7 2

2 Spades – South is not forced to bid in this auction but with 7 points, south should compete for the contract.

Play Hand #9

Play Hand #10

Guidelines for Advancing a Takeout Double

Advancing In No Trump

Takeout doubler has asked advancer to choose an unbid suit.

Advancer seldom considers playing in notrump, especially since the takeout doubler is short in the opponents suit.

With length and strength in the opponents' suit, advancer can consider bidding No Trump.

Guidelines for Advancing a Takeout Double

Advancing In No Trump

With strength in the opponents suit, and no better option, bid notrump using the following ranges:

6 - 10 Points – Bid No Trump at the Cheapest level

11 – 12 Points – Bid No Trump, jumping a level

13 + Points – Bid game in No Trump

Advancing a Takeout Double

What do you bid with this hand?

West	North	East	South
1 	Double	Pass	?

♠ Q 8 4
♥ 9 6 3
♦ A J 10 7
♣ J 8 2

Advancing a Takeout Double

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Double	Pass	1 NT





♠ Q 8 4
♥ 9 6 3
♦ A J 10 7
♣ J 8 2

1 No Trump – With good stoppers in the diamond suit, 8 high card points, south bids 1 NT.

Advancing a Takeout Double

What do you bid with this hand?

West	North	East	South
1 	Double	Pass	?

 J 10 3
 Q 10 5
 A K J
 9 8 6 3

Advancing a Takeout Double

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Double	Pass	2 NT





♠ J 10 3
♥ Q 10 5
♦ A K J
♣ 9 8 6 3

2 No Trump – With good stoppers in the diamond suit, 11 high card points, south bids 2 NT.

Advancing a Takeout Double

What do you bid with this hand?

West	North	East	South
1 	Double	Pass	?

 9 7 3
 Q J 2
 K Q 10 8
 A J 2

Advancing a Takeout Double

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Double	Pass	3 NT

♠	9 7 3
♥	Q J 2
♦	K Q 10 8
♣	A J 2

3 No Trump – With good stoppers in the diamond suit, 13 high card points, south bids 3 NT.

Guidelines for Advancing a Takeout Double

A bid of a new suit by advancer is **not forcing**

At the cheapest level, it shows **0 to 8 points**

A jump is also not forcing and shows **9 to 11 points**

With 12 or more points, advancer can jump to a game contract but **advancer sometimes needs more information from doubler to decide “Where?” the contract belongs**

Guidelines for Advancing a Takeout Double

Advancer's Forcing Bid - Cuebid

The solution is to make a forcing bid
– a cuebid of the opponents suit

The cuebid is forcing and asks doubler
to make a more descriptive bid.

“tell me more!”

Advancing a Takeout Double

What do you bid with this hand?

West	North	East	South
1 	Double	Pass	?

 K J 7 5

 A 10 7 3

 7 5 2

 K Q

Advancing a Takeout Double

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Double	Pass	2 ♦

♠ K J 7 5
♥ A 10 7 3
♦ 7 5 2
♣ K Q

2 Diamonds – South has equal strength in both major suits and enough points for game. It is possible that doubler (north) has only 3 cards in one of the major suits. So, the cuebid allows North to pick his best suit.

Rebids by the Takeout Doubler

The takeout double promises 13 points but could be made with a much stronger hand.

Doubler's Strength Categories

Minimum - 13 to 16 points

Medium - 17 to 18 points

Maximum – 19 + points

Rebids by the Takeout Doubler

Advancer's Strength Categories

Minimum (cheapest bid) – 0 to 8 points

Medium (jump a level) – 9 to 11 points

Maximum (a jump to game or cuebid) - 12+ points

Advancing The Takeout Double

Do The Math!

**Take the above information to determine
if the partnership belongs in partscore or game**

How High?

Where ?

Advancing a Takeout Double

When Advancer Shows a **Minimum** Hand

What do you bid with this hand?

West	North	East	South
			1 ♦
Double ?	Pass	1 ♥	Pass

♠ K 10 8 3
♥ A Q 7 5
♦ 7 4
♣ K J 6

Advancing a Takeout Double

When Advancer Shows a **Minimum** Hand

West	North	East	South
			1 ♦
Double	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
Pass			
	♠	K 10 8 3	
	♥	A Q 7 5	
	♦	7 4	
	♣	K J 6	

- Pass** – Partner has shown a minimum hand (0 to 8 points) having bid at the cheapest level. With 13 points, doubler should pass.

Advancing a Takeout Double

When Advancer Shows a **Minimum** Hand

What do you bid with this hand?

West	North	East	South
			1 ♦
Double ?	Pass	1 ♥	Pass

♠ A Q 7 5
♥ K Q 9 2
♦ 7
♣ K J 8 2

Advancing a Takeout Double

When Advancer Shows a **Minimum** hand

West	North	East	South
			1 ♦
Double	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 Hearts			

♠ A Q 7 5
♥ K Q 9 2
♦ 7
♣ K J 8 2

2 Hearts – Partner has shown a minimum hand (0 to 8 points) having bid at the cheapest level. With 14 points, plus 3 dummy points, doubler raises advancer to the two level to invite game.

Advancing a Takeout Double

Advancer Shows a **Medium** Hand

What do you bid with this hand?

West	North	East	South
			1 ♦
Double ?	Pass	2 ♥	Pass

♠ K Q 7 3
♥ K J 7 5
♦ 6
♣ A J 5 2

Advancing a Takeout Double

When Advancer Shows a **Medium** Hand

West	North	East	South
			1 ♦
Double 4 Hearts	Pass	2 ♥	Pass

♠ K Q 7 3
♥ K J 7 5
♦ 6
♣ A J 5 2

4 hearts – West has 14 high card points and 3 dummy points, enough for game with partner's 9 to 11 points.

Advancing a Takeout Double

When Advancer Shows a **Maximum** Hand

What do you bid with this hand?

West	North	East	South
			1 ♦
Double ?	Pass	2 ♦	Pass

♠ K Q 8 3
♥ A 7 5
♦ 9 8
♣ A 10 9 5

Advancing a Takeout Double

When Advancer Shows a **Maximum** Hand

West	North	East	South
			1 ♦
Double	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 Spades			
	♠	K Q 8 3	
	♥	A 7 5	
	♦	9 8	
	♣	A 10 9 5	

2 Spades – Advancer's cuebid asks for help in naming the trump suit. With a four card spade suit and four card club suit, spades is most descriptive call.

The Double to Show A Strong Overcall

Also called a "Power Double"

**To show a hand that is too strong to overcall
(18 or more points)
start with a double, a forcing bid.**

At the next opportunity, doubler names his suit.

**The double and rebid of a new suit or no trump
shows 18+ points and a strong suit.**

The Takeout Double

What do you bid with this hand?

West	North	East	South
		1 ♣	?
	♠ 8 4		
	♥ A Q J 10 8 7		
	♦ A K		
	♣ A 9 8		

The Takeout Double

West	North	East	South
		1 ♣	Double
	♠ 8 4		
	♥ A Q J 10 8 7		
	♦ A K		
	♣ A 9 8		

- Double** – With 18 HCP's and 2 length points, start with a takeout double, then rebid the heart suit at next opportunity.

Play Hand #10

Play Hand #11