

YOUR CALL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1♥ P ??

YOU

♠ AQ975
♥ 82
♦ K84
♣ KQ9

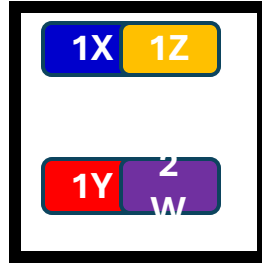
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1♥ P 1♠
P 2♣ P ??

YOU

♠ AQ975
♥ 82
♦ K84
♣ KQ9



4TH SUIT FORCING

GAME FORCING LATER IN THE AUCTION

4TH SUIT FORCING

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♥	P	1 ♠
P	2 ♣	P	2 ♦

YOU

♠ **AQ975**
♥ **82**
♦ **K84**
♣ **KQ9**

4th SUIT FORCING

IN AUCTIONS THAT ARE NOT ALREADY GAME FORCING, THE BID OF THE 4TH SUIT BY RESPONDER WILL BE;

GAME FORCING

(13+ TOTAL POINTS)

ARTIFICIAL

(COULD BE ANY SHAPE)

SUGGESTING UNCERTAINTY

(ABOUT STRAIN and/or LEVEL)

4TH SUIT FORCING

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♥

P

1 ♠

P

2 ♣

P

2 ♦

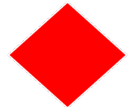
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AQ975



82



K84



KQ9

RULES

ONLY IN NON-COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS

NEVER WHEN EITHER PLAYER HAS PASSED

ONLY WHEN NEEDED

(IF YOU KNOW WHERE YOU BELONG YOU DON'T USE THIS)

NOT USED WHEN ALREADY GAME FORCED

(2/1 AUCTIONS FOR EXAMPLE)

4TH SUIT FORCING

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♥

P 1 ♠ P 2 ♣

P 2 ♦ P ??

YOU



82



AQ987



AQ4



J92

RESPONDING

2 PRIORITIES AS RESPONDER;

1. SHOW 3 CARD SUPPORT

(DO THIS BY BIDDING PARTNER'S ORIGINAL MAJOR SUIT)

2. SHOW A STOPPER IN 4TH

(DO THIS BY BIDDING NO-TRUMP)

****FAILING TO DO EITHER OF THE ABOVE DENIES BOTH**

YOUR CALL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1 ♦ P ??

YOU

♠ 75
♥ AK983
♦ 842
♣ AQ9

YOUR CALL






WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
------	-------	------	-----

1 ♦ P 1 ♥
P 1 ♠ P ??

YOU

♠ 75
♥ AK983
♦ 842
♣ AQ9






YOUR CALL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 	P	1 
P	1 	P	2 
P	2 	P	??

YOU

 75
 AK983
 842
 AQ9

YOUR CALL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 	P	1 
P	1 	P	2 
P	2 	P	??

YOU

 75
 AK983
 842
 AQ9



INVERTED MINORS

MARCH 14, 2024

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♦

P

2 ♦

YOU

 42

 963

 KJT9

 AK97

THE SINGLE RAISE

10 + TOTAL POINTS

8+ CARD FIT IN THE MINOR

(5+ cards for a club raise)

(4+ cards for a diamond raise)

FORCING TO 3 OF MINOR MIN.

NO 4 CARD MAJOR!

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♦

P

3 ♦

YOU

♠ 42

♥ 32

♦ QJT92

♣ KJ97

THE DOUBLE RAISE

THIS BID WILL BE BASED ON
PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT.

HERE ARE THE TWO
OPTIONS YOU CAN CHOOSE
FROM...

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH
★

EAST

YOU

1 ♦

P

3 ♦

YOU

♠ 842

♥ 3

♦ QJT92

♣ J972

THE DOUBLE RAISE

(AGREEMENT 1 – PREEMPTIVE)

4 – 7 TOTAL POINTS

9+ CARD FIT IN THE MINOR

(♣ 6+ cards)

(♦ 5+ cards)

NO 4 CARD MAJOR!

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♦

P

3 ♦

YOU

♠ 842

♥ J3

♦ QJT92

♣ KJ9

THE DOUBLE RAISE

(AGREEMENT 2 – MIXED)

7 – 10 HIGH CARD POINTS

5+ CARD SUPPORT

NO 4 CARD MAJOR!

****OFF IN COMPETITION****

“Please bid 3NT with 18 – 19”

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♦

X

??

YOU



2



KJ3



AJT92



K972

INVERTED MINORS ARE OFF;

IN COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS

If the opponents have made a call before our raise, we do not play the single raise as 10+ any longer!

However, the **preemptive raise is still available** because we are in a competitive auction 😊

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 

1 

??

YOU

 2

 KJ3

 AJT92

 K972

THE CUE – BID RAISE

THIS WILL REPLACE OUR
INVERTED MINOR SUIT RAISE
IN COMPETITION.

Correct Bid:

2 

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♦

X

??

YOU

♠ 2

♥ KJ3

♦ AJT92

♣ K972

THE REDOUBLE

TWO STEP PROCESS NOW. WE REDOUBLE 1ST TO SHOW OUR VALUES AS 10+.

WE CAN ALWAYS RAISE THE DIAMOND SUIT LATER.

Correct Bid:

XX

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♦

1 ♠

??

YOU

♠ 2

♥ J3

♦ JT9862

♣ Q972

THE PREEMPTIVE RAISE

Our double raise defaults
back to this in
competitive auctions 😊

Correct Bid:

3♦

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU



P

P

1 

P

??

YOU

 982

 73

 A92

 KQJ72

INVERTED MINORS ARE ON;

BY PASSED HANDS

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 

P

2 

P

??

YOU

 **A982**

 **KQ8**

 **92**

 **KQ72**

RESPONDING TO THE SINGLE RAISE

WE ARE USUALLY TRYING TO FIND 3NT

Show your
stoppers;

2 

2 

2 

Show your lowest available stopper (up the line)

Both majors
stopped;

2NT

Without any other obvious issues. (if short in other
suit you should show stoppers up the line)

Minimum hand ;

3 

Not even worth showing a stopper if you have
one.

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 

P

2 

P

??

YOU

 **QT3**

 **KJ43**

 **53**

 **KQT3**

NO INTEREST IN GAME

SOMETIMES WE WILL HAVE OPENED AGGRESSIVELY AND WANT TO SHOW THESE MINIMUMS QUICKLY.

NOTICE YOU ACTUALLY HAVE STOPPERS TO SHOW, BUT WITH THESE BARE MINIMUM HANDS WE SHOULD AVOID DOING SO.

WE ARE TRYING TO CURB OUR PARTNER'S ENTHUSIASM WITH THESE HANDS. IF PARTNER TAKES ANOTHER CALL (i.e. 3D) WE CAN NOW COOPERATE WITH THE EFFORT TO STILL BID A GAME.

Correct Bid:

3 

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 

P

2 

P

??

YOU

 **AK86**

 **43**

 **QJ9**

 **AT42**

GAME INTEREST

WHEN WE HAVE INTEREST IN BIDDING A GAME OPPOSITE OUR PARTNER'S INVERTED RAISE, WE CAN START SHOWING OUR STOPPERS UP THE LINE.

ON THIS HAND WE HAVE TWO STOPPERS TO SHOW. DIAMONDS AND SPADES. WE MUST SHOW OUR DIAMOND STOPPER FIRST! (UP THE LINE).

WE ARE HOPING PARTNER NOW SHOWS A HEART STOPPER SO THAT WE CAN GET TO 3NT (our best possible game almost always in these auctions).

Correct Bid:

2 

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

P 1 ♣
P 2 ♣ P ??

YOU

♠ **AK82**

♥ **KT2**

♦ **962**

♣ **AT4**

BOTH MAJORS STOPPED

AFTER PARTNER'S INVERTED MINOR SUIT RAISE, WE SHOULD USUALLY BID 2NT WHEN WE HAVE BOTH MAJOR SUITS STOPPED.

THE ONLY TIME YOU SHOULD AVOID MAKING THIS BID IS IF YOU HAVE AN OBVIOUS ISSUE WITH THE 4TH SUIT.

WE ALSO AVOID GIVING AWAY TOO MUCH INFORMATION WITH THE IMMEDIATE 2NT BID. THE OPPONENTS WILL HAVE LESS SPECIFIC INFORMATION WHEN WE BID THIS WAY.

Correct Bid:

2N

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♦

P 2 ♦ P ??

YOU

♠ **AK82**

♥ **KT62**

♦ **A962**

♣ **4**

BOTH MAJORS STOPPED

(continued)

THIS IS A HAND THAT WE HAVE AN OBVIOUS ISSUE WITH THE 4TH SUIT AND SHOULD PROCEED MORE CAUTIOUSLY.

SHOW YOUR STOPPERS UP THE LINE AND SEE IF PARTNER WILL COOPERATE.

**NOTE – WITH THIS STYLE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT BOTH PLAYERS KNOW TO KEEP BIDDING STOPPERS.

THE FAILURE TO BID 2NT DIRECTLY WILL NOT ALWAYS DENY STOPPERS IN BOTH MAJOR SUITS.

Correct Bid:

2♥

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

P

2♣

P

??

1♣

YOU

♠ AK86

♥ 43

♦ QJ9

♣ AT42

WHEN WE'RE MISSING STOPPERS.

WHEN WE HAVE INTEREST IN BIDDING A GAME OPPOSITE OUR PARTNER'S INVERTED RAISE, WE CAN START SHOWING OUR STOPPERS UP THE LINE.

ON THIS HAND WE HAVE TWO STOPPERS TO SHOW. DIAMONDS AND SPADES. WE MUST SHOW OUR DIAMOND STOPPER FIRST! (UP THE LINE).

WE ARE HOPING PARTNER NOW SHOWS A HEART STOPPER SO THAT WE CAN GET TO 3NT (our best possible game almost always in these auctions).

Correct Bid:

2♦

1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1 ♦

P 2 ♦ P ??

YOU

♠ AT3

♥ KJ94

♦ A864

♣ J3

2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
------	-------	------	-----

1 ♦

P 2 ♦ P ??

YOU

♠ AJT

♥ 52

♦ KJ83

♣ AT83

3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU ★
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1 ♦

P	2 ♦	P	2 ♠
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P	3 ♥	P	??
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YOU

♠ AJT

♥ 52

♦ KJ83

♣ AT83

4

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU ★
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1 ♣

P	2 ♣	P	??
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YOU

♠ AT9



♥ 52

♦ QJ3

♣ AT873

YOUR CALL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
------	-------	------	-----



	1 	P	1 
P	1N	P	??

YOU

 **AQ975**
 **82**
 **K84**
 **Q94**

YOUR CALL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
------	-------	------	-----

	1 	P	1 
P	1N	P	??

YOU

 **A2**
 **AJ982**
 **K84**
 **Q94**



BASIC NEW MINOR FORCING

FEBRUARY 8, 2024

NEW MINOR FORCING

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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	1♦	P	1♠
P	1N	P	2♣

YOU

♠ **AQJ42**
♥ **64**
♦ **AJ4**
♣ **QT4**

NEW MINOR FORCING

“MINOR – MAJOR – NO-TRUMP”

NEW MINOR FORCING

Shows at least invitational values and the desire to pursue a major suit fit or and/or a higher level contract.

This hand needs to explore a spade fit before committing to game.

NEW MINOR FORCING

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1♥

P

1♠

P

1N

P

2♣

YOU

♠ **AQ975**

♥ **82**

♦ **K84**

♣ **KQ9**

NEW MINOR FORCING

USED AFTER OPENER'S NATURAL NO-TRUMP
REBID.

INVITATIONAL +

(11+ TOTAL POINTS)

ARTIFICIAL

(THE SUIT BEING BID IS NOT NATURAL)

LOOKING FOR A MAJOR SUIT FIT

(EITHER THE MAJOR THAT HAS BEEN BID OR THE OTHER)

4TH SUIT FORCING

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♥

P 1 ♠ P 1N

P 2 ♣ P ??

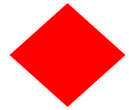
YOU



82



AQ987



AK4



J92

RESPONDING

FIT SHOWING

1. SHOW 3 CARD SUPPORT

(FOR PARTNER'S ORIGINAL MAJOR SUIT IF YOU HAVE IT)

2. SHOW 4 OF THE UNBID MAJOR

(DO THIS BY BIDDING THAT MAJOR SUIT)

****FAILING TO DO EITHER OF THE ABOVE DENIES BOTH****

VALUE SHOWING

1. JUMP TO SHOW A MAX

2. LOWEST LEVEL RESPONSE SHOWS MIN

NEW MINOR vs. 4TH SUIT FORCING

NEW MINOR FORCING

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♦	P	1♥
P	1N	P	2♣

Only after natural no-trump rebids.

Invitational or better

Artificial bid just looking for a major suit fit before going further.

Only used in non – competitive auctions.

4th SUIT FORCING

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♦	P	1♥
P	1♠	P	2♣

Only after natural 3 other suits have been bid first.

Game Forcing

Artificial bid just looking for more information before deciding where to place the contract.

Only used in non – competitive auctions

MAKE YOUR CALLS

WEST

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YOU

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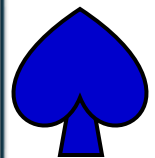
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AT942

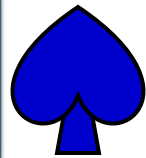


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AJ82

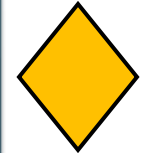
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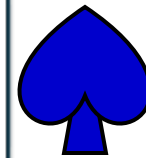


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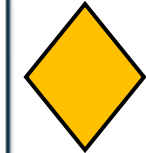
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KJT3



AQ984



KJ3

3

MAKE YOUR CALLS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

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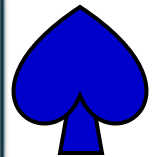
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1N

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?



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AT942



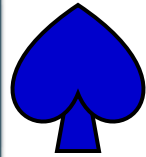
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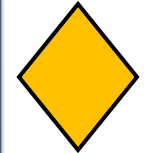
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AK982



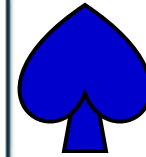
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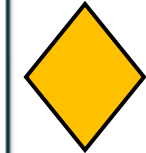
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KJ9



KJT3



AQ984



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MAKE YOUR CALLS

WEST

NORTH



EAST

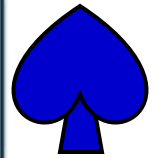
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1N
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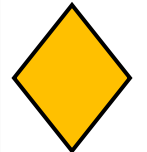
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A97



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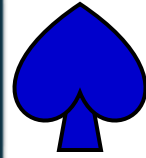


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A8432

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A72



982

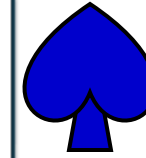


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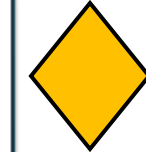
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KJ9



KJT



AQ



T9863

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MAKE YOUR CALLS

WEST

NORTH


EAST

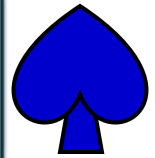
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P

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1N
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P

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2 



A97



42



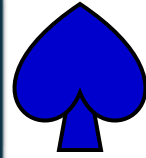
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A8432

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3N



A72



982



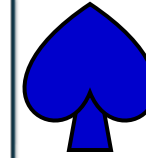
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KJ52

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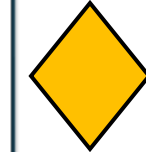
2♥



KJ9



KJT



AQ



T9863

3

3♥

MAKE YOUR CALL

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♣

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1 ♥

1 ♠

??

YOU

♠ 984

♥ J83

♦ AK

♣ KQT95

THE SUPPORT DOUBLE

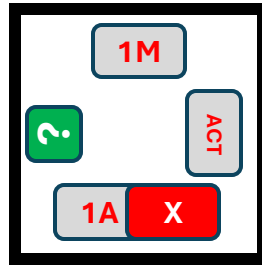
We double here to show partner exactly 3 hearts (3 card support for their suit)

We may not have a fit, but many times this is the call that confirms or denies it for our side.

Failure to make this bid denies 3 card support.

Correct Bid:

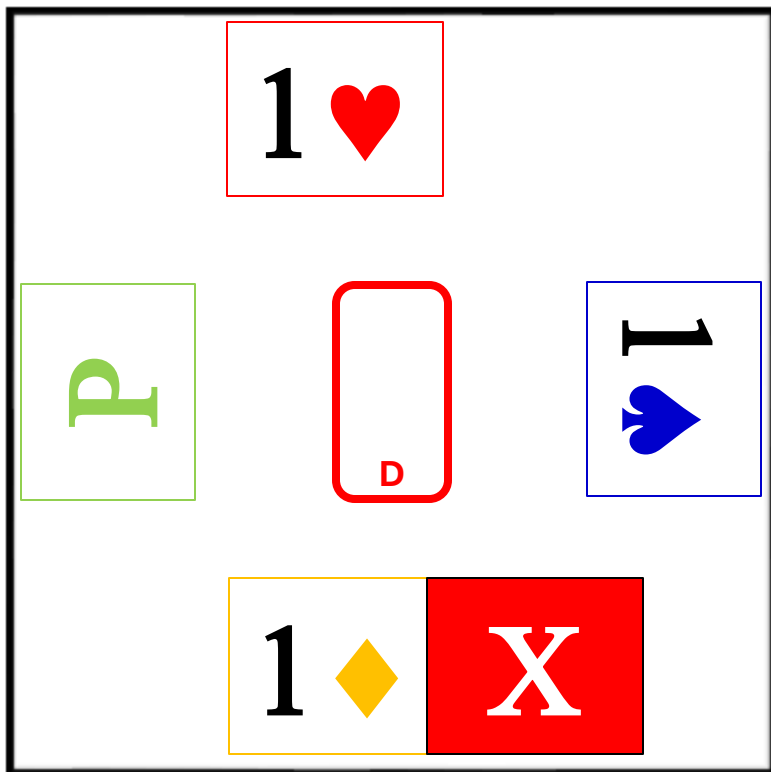
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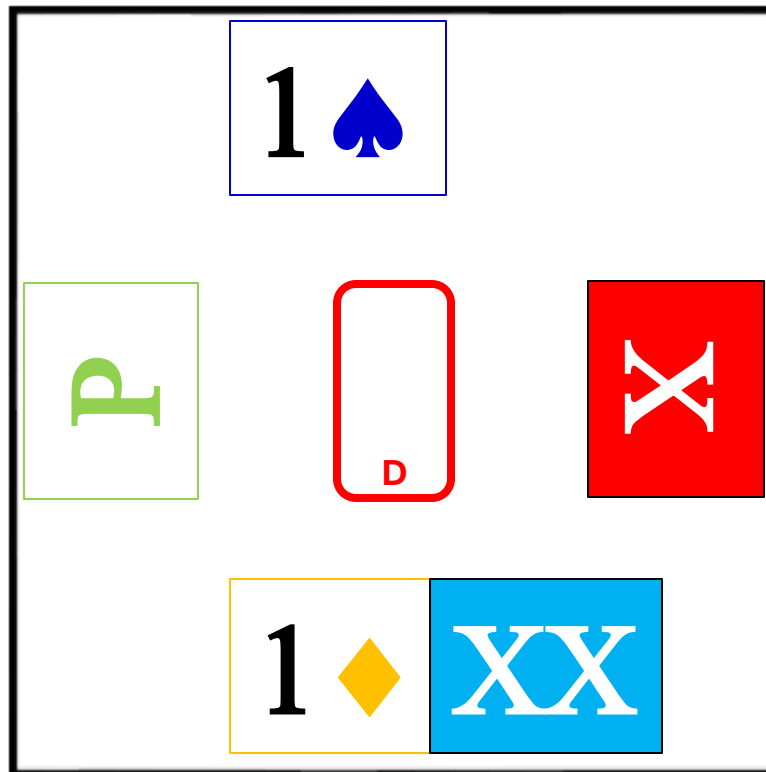
THE SUPPORT DOUBLE

OPENER'S WAY TO SHOW 3 CARD SUPPORT
(opener only)

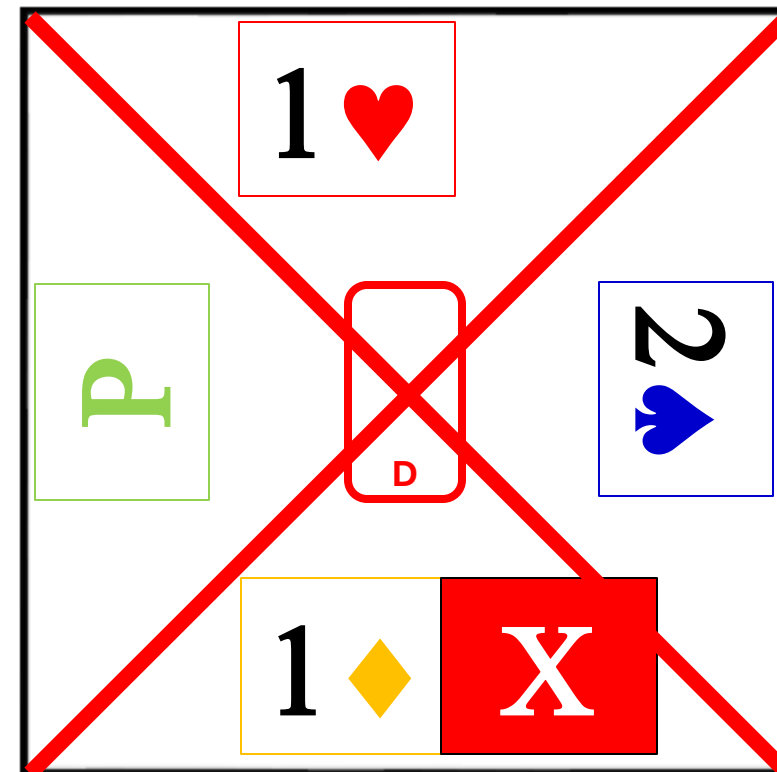
THE SUPPORT DOUBLE



**3 CARD SUPPORT FOR HEARTS
STILL 12 – 21 pts.**



**3 CARD SUPPORT FOR SPADES
STILL 12 – 21 pts.**



****NOT A SUPPORT DOUBLE****

**WE ARE ABOVE THE 2 LEVEL OF
PARTNER'S SUIT!**

MAKE YOUR CALL

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♣

P

1 ♥

1 ♠

??

YOU



AQ6



Q94



AJ



AQ985

RULES FOR SUPPORT

X's

- The **OPENING BIDDER** is the only person that will ever make a support double.
- We only play support doubles below the 2 level of responder's suit.
- Our range of values is still 12 – 21 (the support double doesn't limit our hand)
- Failure to make a support double always denies 3 card support!

Correct Bid:

X

MAKE YOUR CALL

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♣

P

1 ♥

X

??

YOU



AQ6



J94



86



AQ985

THE SUPPORT REDOUBLE








This is the **EXACT SAME AS THE SUPPORT DOUBLE**. The only difference is the action taken by the opponent prior to our bid.







When they bid – Double shows 3 cards
When they dbl – Redouble shows 3 cards

Correct Bid:

XX

THE SUPPORT X & XX

SUPPORT DOUBLES			
WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1 
P	1 	1 	X
			<u>YOU</u>
	984		
	J83		
	AK		
	KQT95		

SUPPORT DOUBLES			
WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1 
P	1 	X	XX
			<u>YOU</u>
	984		
	J83		
	AK		
	KQT95		

RESPONDING TO SUPPORT X'S

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
X	1♦	P	1♠
	XX	2♥	??

♠ **KT864**
♥ **832**
♦ **A43**
♣ **64**

♠ **AT864**
♥ **9**
♦ **KJ4**
♣ **A963**

♠ **K6432**
♥ **92**
♦ **K84**
♣ **A96**

♠ **T864**
♥ **94**
♦ **KJT4**
♣ **A63**

RESPONDING TO SUPPORT X'S

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
X	1♦	P	1♠
	XX	2♥	??

♠ **KT864**
 ♥ **832**
 ♦ **A43**
 ♣ **64**

2♠

WE FOUND A FIT

This shows a minimum response with a fit.

♠ **AT864**
 ♥ **9**
 ♦ **KJ4**
 ♣ **A963**

4♠

LEVEL & STRAIN SOLVED

Don't forget, partner opened!
We found our 8 card fit and with this shape, have game!

♠ **K6432**
 ♥ **92**
 ♦ **K84**
 ♣ **A96**

3♠

INVITATIONAL

Just like normal. We want to invite partner to bid game in the suit we found a fit in.

♠ **T864**
 ♥ **94**
 ♦ **KJT4**
 ♣ **A63**

P

NICE OPTION

We have nothing left to say and are lucky to be able to pass the 2H bid.



1NT SEMI - FORCING

DECEMBER 14, 2023

1NT SEMI – FORCING

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♥

P

1N

YOU

♠ T92

♥ J2

♦ Q82

♣ AKJ73

AGREEMENT

A RESPONSE OF 1 NO - TRUMP TO A **MAJOR SUIT OPENING** WILL SHOW;

~6 – 12 TOTAL POINTS

(~6 – 11 if passed hand)

ALMOST ANY SHAPE

(especially if unpassed hand)

“HIGHLY SUGGESTS” PARTNER BID

(but can be passed)

MAKE YOUR CALLS

AUCTION 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♠	P	??

1

♠ 87

♥ A72

♦ J2

♣ AJT972

2

♠ 832

♥ J32

♦ Q842

♣ QJ7

AUCTION 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♥	P	??

3

♠ KT98

♥ 32

♦ AT82

♣ KJ8

4

♠ A

♥ J82

♦ KJT92

♣ QT82

MAKE YOUR CALLS

AUCTION 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♠	P	??

1

♠ 87
♥ A72
♦ J2
♣ AJT972

1N

When we play 2/1 as a game forcing bid, we must use 1NT as our response with some unbalanced hands like these

2

♠ 832
♥ J32
♦ Q842
♣ QJ7

1N

****SPECIAL USE****
With some really bad 3 card raises, we can go through the 1NT forcing sequence first.

AUCTION 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♥	P	??

3

♠ KT98
♥ 32
♦ AT82
♣ KJ8

1♠

When you bid 1NT over 1H, you are always denying a 4 card spades suit! Don't miss this one 😊

4

♠ A
♥ J82
♦ KJT92
♣ QT82

2♦

Don't forget to evaluate your hand properly once you've found a fit in a suit.

1 NO-TRUMP SEMI-FORCING

WEST

NORTH

EAST

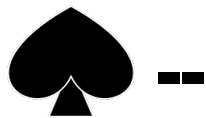
YOU

1 ♠

P

??

YOU



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832



KJT73



T9754

FEWER THAN 6 POINTS

We do not always need 6 points to respond to an opening bid by partner. The expert treatment (particularly when non-vulnerable) is to be somewhat aggressive with our responses when we feel we can improve our situation.

Bidding with these types of hands can also be somewhat preemptive to our opponents.

Sometimes partner will make a rebid we don't love, but we will also improve our situation quite often by making one response and then letting it go after a rebid from partner.

Correct Bid:

1N

1 NO-TRUMP SEMI-FORCING

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♠

P

??

YOU

♠ T42

♥ QT4

♦ K942

♣ J42

“THE BAD RAISE”

The modern method for the direct raise of partner’s major (i.e. 1S – 2S) is to play this as a constructive raise. (good 7 – 10).

This is an improvement over our standard methods (single raise = 6 – 10) because it provides a bit more specificity to our raising structure.

With these “bad raises” we start with 1NT and then correct to 2 of partner’s major on our next bid.

This method can also serve as another way to preempt the opponents. They are less likely to balance or enter the auction when they think we may not have a fit.

Correct Bid:

1N

1 NO-TRUMP SEMI-FORCING

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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	1 ♠	P	1N
P	2 ♦	P	??

YOU

♠ T42

♥ QT4

♦ K942

♣ J42

“THE BAD RAISE”

STEP 2

Correct Bid:

2♠

1 NO-TRUMP SEMI-FORCING

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♠

P

??

YOU

♠ **A82**

♥ **T4**

♦ **KT982**

♣ **QJ7**

THE 3 CARD LIMIT RAISE

These hands can not be shown with one direct bid. So, we must take two steps to show these invitational hands with 3 card spade support to partner.

Step one is to bid 1N (semi–forcing now) and then, if given the opportunity, jump to the 3 level of partner’s major with our next bid.

Correct Bid:

1N

1 NO-TRUMP SEMI-FORCING

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♠

P

1N

P

2 ♣

P

??

YOU

♠ A82

♥ T4

♦ KT982

♣ QJ7

THE 3 CARD LIMIT RAISE

FOLLOW UPS

The classic. Just jump to 3 of partner's major to show this invitational raise with 3 card support.

Correct Bid:

3 ♠

1 NO-TRUMP SEMI-FORCING

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♠

P

1N

P

2 ♠

P

??

YOU

♠ A82

♥ T4

♦ KT982

♣ QJ7

THE 3 CARD LIMIT RAISE

FOLLOW UPS

After partner rebids their major suit (always showing 6 cards or longer), our invitational hand becomes much stronger. So, when we see this rebid we jump to game instead of just bidding 3S.

Correct Bid:

4 ♠

1 NO-TRUMP SEMI-FORCING

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♠	P	1N
P	3 ♥	P	??

YOU

♠ **A82**

♥ **T4**

♦ **KT982**

♣ **QJ7**

THE 3 CARD LIMIT RAISE

FOLLOW UPS

Sometimes our partner will have a very strong hand and make a jump shift in response to our 1NT bid. In these situations, we have to clarify to partner that our hand is more than a preference for spades. Jumping to 4S now will show this hand to partner.

Correct Bid:

4♠

1 NO-TRUMP SEMI-FORCING

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♥

P

??

YOU

♠ JT42

♥ K93

♦ AT3

♣ K92

DO NOT BYPASS SPADES

When partner opens 1H, we should not bypass our 4 card spade suit to bid 1NT. Remember, the 1S response is still forcing so we will always have another bid on these auctions. Show your hand naturally and maybe you can find an even better fit with partner in these situations.

Correct Bid:

1♠

1 NO-TRUMP SEMI-FORCING

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
------	-------	------	-----

1♥ P 1♠

P 1N P ??

YOU

♠ JT42

♥ K93

♦ AT3

♣ K92

MAKE YOUR CALL NOW

Correct Bid:

3♥

1NT SEMI-FORCING

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♥	P	1N
P	2♦	P	??

YOU

♠ 832

♥ 92

♦ K753

♣ AJ42

TAKING A PREFERENCE

With 2 of partner's major and
4 of partner's minor suit
response;

ALWAYS PREFER THE MAJOR SUIT

Partner may only have 3 cards of
that minor suit response to our
forcing 1NT bid.

Correct Bid:

2♥

1NT SEMI - FORCING

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1♥

P

??

YOU

 83

 2

 QJ3

 AJT9842

1NT SEMI - FORCING

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♥	P	1N
P	2♦	P	??

YOU

♠ 83

♥ 2

♦ QJ3

♣ AJT9842

SIGNING OFF

Another 2 step process;

Step 1: Bid 1NT

Step 2: Bid new suit at lowest level

This always says “Stop bidding!”.
Shows 6+ cards and less than
invitational values.

Correct Bid:

3♣

1 NO-TRUMP SEMI-FORCING

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♠

P

1N

P

??

YOU

♠ **KJ632**

♥ **J2**

♦ **KT3**

♣ **A97**

THIS IS WHY WE PLAY THE 1NT RESPONSE AS SEMI – FORCING

If we were playing the 1NT response as forcing, we would be forced to bid 2C with this hand. Now we get to pass 1NT with a great hand for that contract.

We risk playing 1NT when partner has a 3 card limit raise or some unbalanced hand that had to bid 1NT but, on average, these are rare occurrences.

No system is perfect but, our gains with this treatment far outweigh our potential losses.

We can pass when;

We do not have a 4 card side suit and when we have a minimum opening hand.

Correct Bid:

P

TWO OVER ONE

WEST

NORTH

EAST

SOUTH

1 ♠

P

2 ♦



1NT SEMI - FORCING

WEST

NORTH

EAST

SOUTH

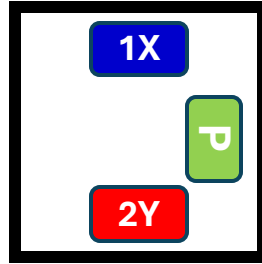
1 ♥

P

1N



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TWO OVER ONE

GAME FORCING AUCTIONS

2/1 GAME FORCING

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1♥

P

2♣

YOU

♠ A92

♥ 42

♦ Q82

♣ AKJ73

AGREEMENT

A NON – JUMP RESPONSE OF A NEW SUIT AT THE TWO LEVEL WILL BE GAME FORCING (13+ points) WHEN;

OUR SIDE OPENS 1D – 1H – 1S

OUR SIDE HAS NOT PASSED

NEITHER OPPONENT HAS BID
(non-competitive auctions)

BASIC 2 over 1 GAME FORCING RESPONSES

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1 ♠	P	2 ♣

- 13+ total points with 4+ ♣

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1 ♠	P	2 ♦

- 13+ total points with 4+ ♦

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1 ♠	P	2 ♥

- **13+ total points with 5+**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1 ♥	P	2 ♣

♥
- 13+ total points with 4+ ♣

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1 ♥	P	2 ♦

- 13+ total points with 4+ ♦

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1 ♦	P	2 ♣

- 13+ total points with 4+ ♣

MAKE YOUR CALLS

AUCTION 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♠	P	??

1

♠ K87

♥ A72

♦ J2

♣ AJT72

2

♠ 32

♥ AK32

♦ 9842

♣ AQJ

AUCTION 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♥	P	??

3

♠ KT98

♥ AQ2

♦ AT82

♣ 98

4

♠ AQ763

♥ 2

♦ KJT9

♣ K96

MAKE YOUR CALLS

AUCTION 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♠	P	??

1

♠ K87

♥ A72

♦ J2

♣ AJT72



2/1 GAME FORCING

We start by showing our 13+ total points and we will support spades next.

2

♠ 32

♥ AK32

♦ 9842

♣ AQJ



13+ points - 4+ diamonds

Note we can **NOT** bid **2H** with this hand because that would show 5+ hearts.

AUCTION 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♥	P	??

3

♠ KT98

♥ AQ2

♦ AT82

♣ 98



We have a game forcing hand and a major suit fit already. Game Force and raise hearts next.

4

♠ AQ763

♥ 2

♦ KJT9

♣ K96



Shape should dictate your responses. When we later game force with this hand we will be showing **5+Spades**.

MAKE YOUR CALLS

AUCTION 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♦	P	??

1

♠ AKJT87

♥ 72

♦ A2

♣ QT2

2

♠ 2

♥ AK32

♦ 942

♣ AQJT2

AUCTION 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♠	P	??

3

♠ KT98

♥ AQT92

♦ A2

♣ 98

4

♠ AT3

♥ K982

♦ KJT

♣ K96

MAKE YOUR CALLS

AUCTION 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♦	P	??

 **AKJT87** 1
 **72**
 **A2**
 **QT2**

1♠

2/1 IS NEVER A JUMP!
 1 Spade is forcing and shows 6+ points. We will game force later in this auction for

 **2** 2
 **AK32**
 **942**
 **AQJT2**

2♣

13+ points - 4+ clubs
 This is the only 2/1 game force that will start after a 1D opening.

AUCTION 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♠	P	??

 **KT98** 3
 **AQT92**
 **A2**
 **98**

2N

JACOBY 2NT
 When we have a 9 card major suit fit and game forcing values we use this

 **AT3** 4
 **K982**
 **KJT**
 **K96**

2♣

Sometimes we just have odd hands that don't have a clear bid. We know we are supporting spades next so 2C is a means to an end

RESPONDER

BID 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
P	1 ♠ 2 ♥	P P	2 ♦ ??

1

♠ AT2
♥ AKQ2
♦ J964
♣ 52

2

♠ AJT
♥ A4
♦ AKQT98
♣ 32

3

♠ A2
♥ K92
♦ AQT976
♣ 72

4

♠ A5
♥ J2
♦ AK973
♣ QT92

RESPONDER

BID 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
P	1 ♠ 2 ♥	P P	2 ♦ ??

1

♠ AT2
♥ AKQ2
♦ J964
♣ 52

3♥

4 – 4 is better than 5 – 3!
When we have two fits, it's a strong position. We slow down to show non

2

♠ AJT
♥ A4
♦ AKQT98
♣ 32

2♠

Don't get distracted by shiny side suits. Show your Major Suit fit as soon as you can!

3

♠ A2
♥ K92
♦ AQT976
♣ 72

3♦

Sometimes you just have to keep making natural bids to get partner to choose or pattern out further.

4

♠ A5
♥ J2
♦ AK973
♣ QT92

2N

It's a good idea to grab NT from our side of the table with this semi-balanced hand with good stoppers.

RESPONDER

BID 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
P	1 ♠ 2 ♠	P	2 ♣

1

♠ AT2
♥ A3
♦ KJ64
♣ A952

2

♠ 4
♥ AJ94
♦ K43
♣ KQJ82

3

♠ Q2
♥ K43
♦ K96
♣ AJ532

4

♠ 2
♥ AJ2
♦ 93
♣ AKJT832

RESPONDER

BID 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♠	P	2 ♣
P	2 ♠		

1

♠ AT2
♥ A3
♦ KJ64
♣ A952

3 ♠

Slow down with extra values!
While in a game force, the slower you go the more you have.

2

♠ 4
♥ AJ94
♦ K43
♣ KQJ82

2N

No need to show your heart suit, or to jump. Just show your ability to play No-Trump and see what partner does.

3

♠ Q2
♥ K43
♦ K96
♣ AJ532

4 ♠

Bare minimum game forcing hand. We've found our fit. We get to game quickly.

4

♠ 2
♥ AJ2
♦ 93
♣ AKJT832

3 ♣

No need to do anything but continue describing your hand.

ONE LEVEL OVERCALLS

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1 ♣	1 ♥

8 – 17 pts. 5+ card suit

(the lower your values the better your suit should be)

RAISES & NEW SUITS

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
6 – 10 / 8+ card	1 ♣	1 ♥	
P	fit 2 ♥	P	??

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
10+ / 8+ card fit	1 ♣	1 ♥	
P	2 ♣	P	??

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<10pts / 10card	1 ♣	1 ♥	
P	fit 4 ♥	P	??

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
10+ / 5+ /	1 ♣	1 ♥	
P	forcing 1 ♠*	P	??

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
4 – 7 / 9 card fit	1 ♣	1 ♥	
P	3 ♥	P	??

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
7 – 9 / 9 card fit	1 ♣	1 ♥	
P	3 ♣	P	??

*Best to play all new suits forcing by unpassed hands, but you can agree that one level responses are non forcing.

TWO LEVEL OVERCALLS

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1 ♥	2 ♣

12 – 17 pts. 6+ card suit

(can be a 5 card suit if on the strong end of the range)

RAISES & NEW SUITS

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
6 – 10 / 8+ card	1 ♥	2 ♣	
P	fit 3 ♣	P	??

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
10+ / 8+ card fit	1 ♥	2 ♣	
P	2 ♥	P	??

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<10pts / 10+fit	1 ♥	2 ♣	
P	4 ♣	P	??

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
10+ / 5+ /	1 ♥	2 ♣	
P	forcing 2 ♦*	P	??

*Just play this as forcing always ☺

NO-TRUMP RESPONSES

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 

1 

P

1N

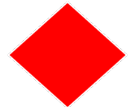
YOU



84



A63



J842



AQT4

NO – TRUMP RESPONSES

AFTER 1 LEVEL OVERCALLS

1NT = 8-11(12)

2NT = 12-15

3NT = (15)16+

AFTER 2 LEVEL OVERCALLS

2NT = 10-12

3NT = 12+

VULNERABILITY MATTERS

NON-VULNERABLE

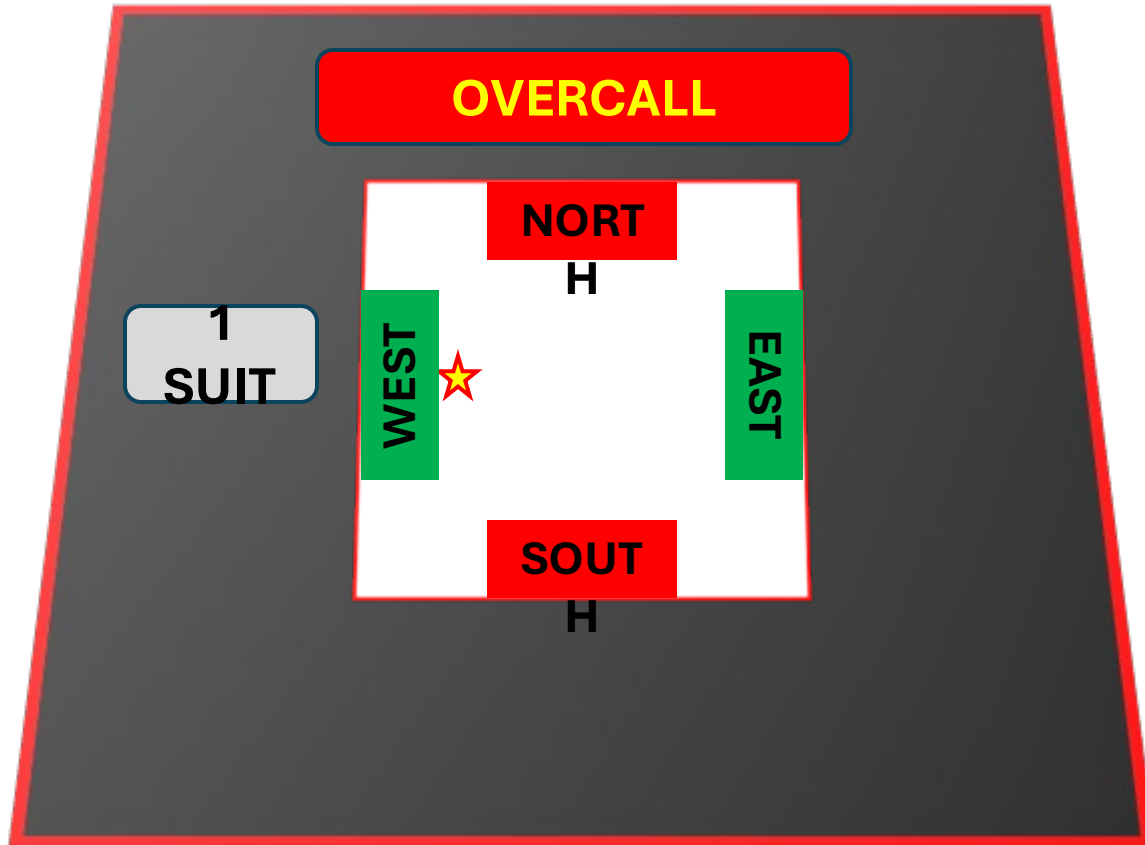
Expect a wider range of hands from partner

It is important not to punish partner when they are in an aggressive position.

VULNERABLE

Expect solid overcalls with a tighter range.

Partner should be at their most disciplined in these spots especially above the 1 level!



WHAT'S THE DOUBLE?

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2♥	1♣ X	P	1N

TAKEOUT

-

PENALTY

-

CONVENTIONAL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2♥	1♣ X	P	1N

TAKEOUT

-

PENALTY

-

CONVENTIONAL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1 ♣	1 ♦	X




TAKEOUT

-

PENALTY

-

CONVENTIONAL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1 	1 	

TAKEOUT

-

PENALTY

-

CONVENTIONAL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
P	1 ♠	2 ♦	1 ♣ X

TAKEOUT

-

PENALTY

-

CONVENTIONAL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
P	1 ♠	2 ♦	1 ♣ X

TAKEOUT

-

PENALTY

-

CONVENTIONAL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
3♥	X		2♠

TAKEOUT

-

PENALTY

-

CONVENTIONAL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
3♥	X		2♠

TAKEOUT

-

PENALTY

-

CONVENTIONAL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
3♥	1♠ X	P	2♠

TAKEOUT

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PENALTY

-

CONVENTIONAL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
3♥	1♠ X	P	2♠

TAKEOUT

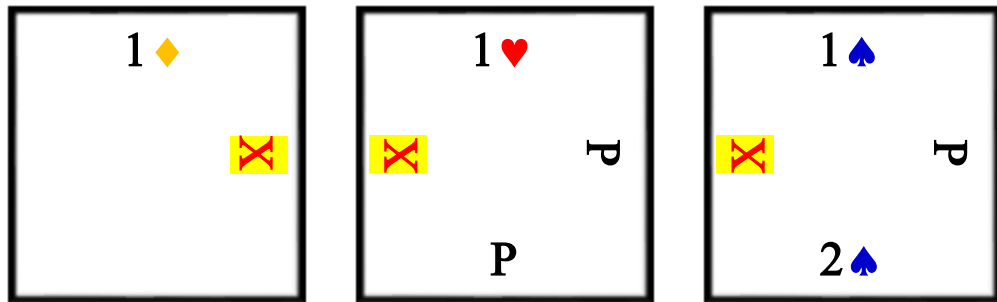
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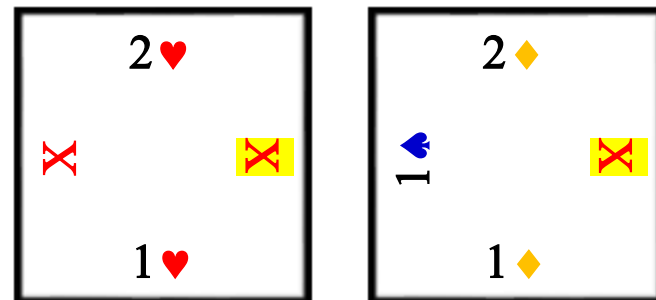
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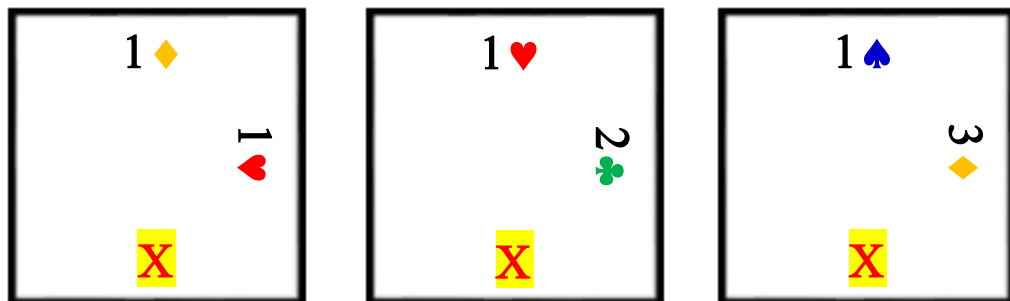
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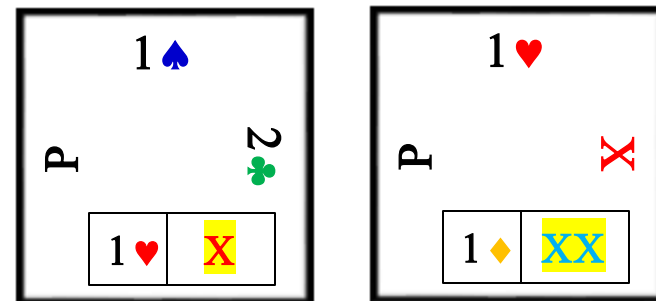
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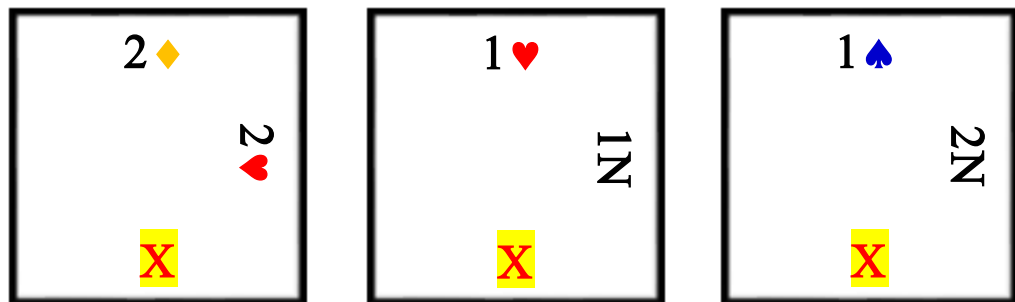
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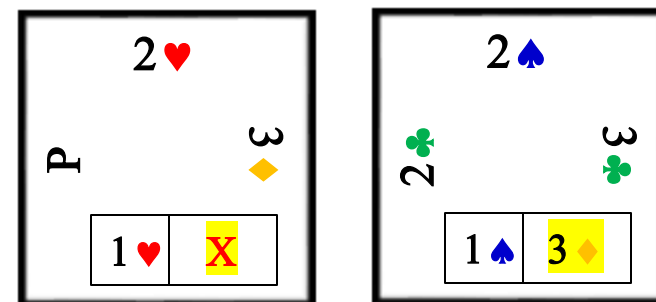
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THE PENALTY DOUBLE



MAXIMAL DOUBLES



MAKE YOUR CALLS

AUCTION 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♥	P	??

1

♠ 84

♥ QT42

♦ KJ52

♣ 832

2♥

THIS IS ALWAYS THE SAME
6 – 10 TOTAL POINTS
3+ CARDS IN SUPPORT
8 CARD FIT MINIMUM

2

♠ A84

♥ KT95

♦ KT83

♣ 53

3♥

STANDARD "LIMIT RAISE"
10 – 12 TOTAL POINTS
4+ CARDS IN SUPPORT
9 CARD FIT MINIMUM

AUCTION 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♥	2♣	??

3

♠ 84

♥ QT42

♦ KJ52

♣ 832

3♥

THE PREEMPTIVE RAISE
4 – 7(ish)
4+ CARDS IN SUPPORT
9 CARD FIT MINIMUM

4

♠ A84

♥ KT95

♦ KT83

♣ 53

3♣

THE CUE BID RAISE
10+ TOTAL POINTS
3+ CARDS IN SUPPORT
8 CARD FIT MINIMUM

RAISING IN COMPETITION

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 

1 

??

YOU

 74

 AJ8

 AQ86

 T852

THE CUE BID RAISE

INVITATIONAL+

8 CARD OR LONGER FIT

THE ONLY STRONG RAISE IN
COMPETITION!

Correct Bid:

2 

RAISING IN COMPETITION

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♣

1 ♥

P

??

YOU

♠ A4

♥ AJ84

♦ K863

♣ 852

THE CUE BID RAISE

IS AVAILABLE
WHENEVER BOTH SIDES
HAVE SHOWN A
NATURAL SUIT.
(Opened or Overcalled)

Correct Bid:

2 ♣

RAISING IN COMPETITION

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♣

1 ♥

P

??

YOU

♠ 92

♥ Q864

♦ KT863

♣ 52

THE PREEMPTIVE RAISE

**THE JUMP RAISE
(To the 3 level)
IS NOW AVAILABLE TO
HELP US INTERFERE
WITH THEIR PROCESS.**

Correct Bid:

3♥

RAISING IN COMPETITION

WEST

NORTH

EAST

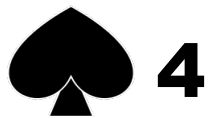
YOU

1 

1 

??

YOU



THE PREEMPTIVE RAISE

4 – 7 (ish) TOTAL POINTS

9 CARD OR LONGER FIT

TOUGH OPPONENTS MAKE
THESE BIDS.

Correct Bid:

3 

BIDDING IN COMPETITION

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♣	1 ♠	??

1

♠ 87
♥ K84
♦ K64
♣ AJT97

2♠

THE CUE BID RAISE
10+ TOTAL POINTS
8 CARD FIT MINIMUM

2

♠ AJT
♥ KT84
♦ J64
♣ 943

X

NEGATIVE DOUBLE
DON'T FORGET THE BASICS.
WHEN YOU HAVE 4 OF THE
OTHER MAJOR YOU SHOW

3

♠ 3
♥ 72
♦ JT82
♣ QJ8743

3♣

THE PREEMPTIVE RAISE
4 – 7(ish)
9 CARD FIT MINIMUM

4

♠ AQ2
♥ AJT
♦ KT984
♣ 97

3N

THE NORMAL STUFF
THIS HAND KNOWS WHERE
IT BELONGS. NO NEED TO
REVEAL ANYTHING EXTRA.

COMMON DOUBLES

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♠

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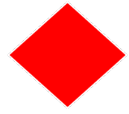
YOU



32



AJT9



KJT2



A96

TAKEOUT DOUBLES

12+ points

3+ cards in each of the unbid suits

Ideally 2 or fewer in opponent's bid suit (max 3)

Correct Bid:

X

COMMON DOUBLES

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1 ♦ 1 ♠ ??

YOU

♠ 32
♥ AJ94
♦ A432
♣ K74

NEGATIVE DOUBLES

**ALWAYS RESPONDING TO
PARTNER'S OPENING BID.**

****FOCUSED ON UNBID MAJOR SUITS****

*Values needed are based on what level our suit is available to be bid.

1 LEVEL – 6+ pts.

2 LEVEL – 8+ pts.

3 LEVEL – 10+ pts. (inv +)

4 LEVEL – 13+ pts.

Correct Bid:

X

DOUBLES TROUBLES

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1♥

X

P

??

YOU



832



JT84



Q753



72

RESPONDING TO THE TAKEOUT DOUBLE

New suit at lowest level
0 – 8 total pts., natural

Correct Bid:

2♦

DOUBLES TROUBLES

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1♥ X P ??

YOU

 **AJ83**

 **T842**

 **KJ7**

 **73**

RESPONDING TO THE TAKEOUT DOUBLE

Jump in new suit
9 – 11 total pts. natural

Correct Bid:

2♠

DOUBLES TROUBLES

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♦

X

P

??

YOU

 32

 T84

 AT93

 A872

RESPONDING TO THE TAKEOUT DOUBLE AT THE 1 LEVEL

1 No-Trump

6 – 10 balanced

(no major suit options)

2 No-Trump

10⁺ – 12⁻ balanced

(no major suit options)

Correct Bid:

1N

DOUBLES TROUBLES

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
1♦	X	P	??

YOU

 **A832**

 **KT84**

 **753**

 **A7**

RESPONDING TO THE TAKEOUT DOUBLE

Cue - Bid

10+ pts. forcing “tell me more”

Correct Bid:

2♦