



Rebidding After a Takeout Double

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What is a takeout double?

▶ One of the most frequently used bids in bridge

▶ Shows at least near opening strength hand

AND

Shows shortness in opponents' suit(s)

AND

Tolerance in the unbid suits

*NOTE: when making a T/O double for a major you generally, have 4 of the other major

Opener	You
1♣	(X)
1♦	(X)
1♥	(X)
1♠	(X)
1N	2C
2♦	(X)
2♥	(X)
2♠	(X)

Near Opening Strength?

- ▶ HCP + dummy points

Doubleton = 1

Singleton = 3

Void = 5

Opening Bid 1♦

♠ KQ62

♥ J853

♦ 7

♣ AT92

13 points

♠ KQ53

♥ A92

♦ 83

♣ A754

14 points

♠ KQ74

♥ 9653

♦ VOID

♣ A9872

14 points

Responding to a Takeout Double at 1 level

- ▶ Bid your longest suit
 - ▶ You must bid, the less you have the more important it is for you to bid
- ***Exception: You can convert any double into penalty, but that is another lecture

(1♦) X (P)

1♥, 1♠, 2♣

0-7 Points

2♥, 2♠, 3♣

8-10 Points

3♥, 3♠

11-12 points

4♥, 4♠

13-16 points

Responding to a Takeout Double at 1 level - Notrump

- ▶ Bidding Notrump at any level requires values
AND
Stoppers in opponents' suit
- ▶ Even if your longest suit is the opponents suit you cannot bid NT without the appropriate values

(1♦) X (P)

1NT
7-10 Points

2NT
11-12 Points

3NT
13-16 points

CUE BID

- ▶ A bid of opponent's suit
- ▶ Flexible bid
- ▶ Game forcing values
- ▶ No firm direction on your hand

(1♦) X (P) 2♦

(1♣) X (P) 2♣

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Questions???

Takeout Doubler Rebid

- ▶ Most of the time...
 - ▶ Just “DO THE MATH”
- ▶ Be cautious when partner bids lowest denomination of a suit possible
- ▶ Remember that by making a takeout double you forced partner to bid (if the opponents passed)
- ▶ And most important of all...



Don't bury partner

What do we bid?

♠ K54	1♣	(X)	P	1♥	PASS
♥ AQ32	1♣	(X)	1♠	2♥	PASS
♦ K763	1♣	(X)	1♦	1NT	PASS
♣ 95	1♣	(X)	P	3♥	4♥

What do we bid?

♠ KQT4	1♥	(X)	P	1♠	2♠
♥ T	1♥	(X)	1N	2♣	PASS
♦ AQT63	1♥	(X)	P	2NT	3NT
♣ A95	1♥	(X)	P	3♠	4♥

What do we bid?

♠ K54
♥ AKQ2
♦ K73
♣ AQ5

1♣	(X)	P	1♥	3♥
1♦	(X)	P	1N	3N
1♥	(X)	P	1♠	2N
1♠	(X)	P	2♣	3N

What do we bid?

♠ KQJT95

♥ AK2

♦ A

♣ 985

1♣ (X) P

1♦ (X) P

1♥ (X) P

1♠ PASS

1♥

2♣

1♠

1♠

2♠

4♠

Conclusions

- ▶ Advancing in T/O auctions is now not a mystery 😊
- ▶ Slow down and do the math
- ▶ Be flexible

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