



# Responding to Takeout Doubles

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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)
<b>1N</b>	<b>2C</b>
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  
14 points

  
KQ53  
 A92  
 83  
 A754  
14 points

  
KQ74  
 9653  
 VOID  
 14 points  
A9872




# Can we make a T/O Double?

♠ KT95  
♥ AQ53  
♦ 962  
♣ A7

1 ♣ ✓  
1 ~~♦~~  
1 ~~♥~~  
1 ~~♠~~

# Can we make a T/O Double?

♠ A654  
♥ 3  
♦ K52  
♣ AQJ32


1 ~~♣~~  
1  2  
1 ♥   
1  2  
♣

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# 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  Points

2 , 2 ,  
8  Points

3 , 3  
11  points

4 , 4  
13  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 



**Questions???**

# What do we bid?

♠ 654  
♥ AJ32  
♦ 763  
♣ Q95

1	♣	(X)	P	
1	♦	(X)	P	1
1	♥	(X)	P	1♥ INT
1	♠	(X)	P	♥ 2♥

# What do we bid?

♠ KJ32  
♥ AQT92  
♦ 97  
♣ A2

1	♣	(X)	P	
1	♦	(X)	P	4
1	♥	(X)	P	4? ? ?
1	♠	(X)	P	♥ 4 ♥

# What do we bid?

♠ KJ32  
♥ AQT9  
♦ 97  
♣ A742

1	♣	(X)	P	
1	♦	(X)	P	2
1	♥	(X)	P	<del>2♣</del> 2♦
1	♠	(X)	P	♥ 2♠

What do we bid...a little higher 😊

♠ K72



AQJ9

♦ JT52

♣ 82

2♦ (X) P

2♥ (X) P 3♣ Pass

2♠ (X) P ♥

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# Conclusions

- ▶ Allows you to compete
- ▶ Making “strict” T/O doubles allows partners evaluate their hand better
- ▶ Advancing partner’s T/O doubles is now not a mystery 😊



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