

WHAT TO DO WHEN PARTNER OPENS 1NT and YOUR RHO (right hand opponent) INTERFERES?

This has become more of a challenge in the world of modern day bridge. Much of the time, your RHO will be making a bid that has an artificial meaning e.g. Opponents are playing D.O.N.T. or Cappelletti or Meckwell. Often they are showing 2 suits, one of which may be an unknown suit. It is essential that you discuss your responses with partner. The following guidelines will work if opponents are making a natural bid. If it is artificial, then you will have to use some extra judgement.

Don't forget to discuss this. MANY people have MANY different opinions about this subject. The following is a simple approach that assumes that you are not playing LEBENSOHL (a very good convention but a complicated one). O.B. = OPENING BIDDER

O.B.	R.H.O.	YOU	MEANING OF YOUR BID (Responder to 1NT OPENING BID)
1NT	Double	Redouble	7 or more HCP. "We have more points than they do". O.B. must pass.
1NT	Double	2C	Stayman
1NT	Double	2D	Transfer to Hearts
1NT	Double	2H	Transfer to Spades
1NT	Double	2S	Relay to Clubs. O.B. must bid 3C & you will pass or now bid 3D. Shows a weak hand.
1NT	2C	Double	Stayman. This is the ONLY "stolen bid" you should use.
1NT	2C	2D	Transfer to Hearts
1NT	2C	2H	Transfer to Spades
1NT	2C	2S	Relay to Clubs. O.B. must bid 3C & you will pass or now bid 3D. Shows a weak hand.
1NT	2C	2NT	8-9 HCP, inviting O.B. to bid 3NT with a maximum or pass with a minimum. Your hand is not suitable for Stayman. You may or may not have a C stopper. This assumes you are NOT playing Lebensohl.
1NT	2C	4D	Texas Transfer showing 8 + HCP & 6 or more Hearts. Partner has to bid 4H
1NT	2C	4H	Texas Transfer showing 8 + HCP & 6 or more Spades. Partner has to bid 4S
1NT	2C	3NT	10 - 15 HCP. May or may not have a C stopper. Your hand is not suitable for Stayman.
1NT	2D	Double	Value-showing double 7 + HCP. This is NOT a stolen bid. O.B. will usually bid again.
1NT	2D	2H	5-9 HCP + a 5 card Heart suit
1NT	2D	2S	5-9 HCP + a 5 card Spade suit
1NT	2D	2NT	8-9 HCP, inviting O.B. to bid 3NT with a maximum or pass with a minimum. You may or may not have a D stopper. This assumes you are NOT playing Lebensohl.
1NT	2D	3C	10+ HCP & a GOOD 5 card C suit or a 6 card C suit. You don't have a 4 or 5 card major. Forcing.
1NT	2D	3D	Stayman. 10+ HCP.
1NT	2D	3H	10+ HCP & a 5 card H suit . With 6, you would have used Texas. Partner must raise or bid 3NT
1NT	2D	3S	10+ HCP & a 5 card S suit . With 6, you would have used Texas
1NT	2D	3NT	10 - 15 HCP. May or may not have a D stopper. No 4 , 5 or 6 card major. (Assumes no Lebensohl)
1NT	2D	4D	Texas Transfer showing 8 + HCP & 6 or more Hearts. Partner has to bid 4H
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