

More About the Responsive Double

Responsive Double: The Basics

- A responsive double is used when:
 - Your partner makes a takeout double.
 - The responder (your RHO) raises the opener's suit.
 - You have the values to bid, but you don't have a clear preference of a suit to bid.

Responsive Double Sequences

North East South West
1 ♣ dble 2 ♣ dble

West's double is responsive. It says:
"Partner, you pick a major suit."

♠ K Q 4 2
♥ A 9 7 3
♦ 10 5
♣ J 4 3

North East South West
1 ♠ dble 2 ♠ dble

West's double is responsive. It says:
"Partner, you pick a minor suit."

♠ 4 2
♥ J 7 3
♦ A Q 10 5
♣ A J 10 3

A New Way to Play the Responsive Double

- When partner overcalls and RHO raises opener's suit your double says: "Partner, I don't like the suit you bid, but I have some values in the unbid suits. Pick one!"
- Don't confuse this responsive double with the Rosenkranz support double.
 - You must choose between them.
 - They are opposite conventions.

New Responsive Double Sequences

North East South West
1 ♣ 1 ♥ 2 ♣ dble

West's double is responsive. It says:
"Partner, I don't like your hearts, but I have some values in the unbid suits."

♠ K J 4 2
♥ 7 3
♦ A J 10 5 3
♣ 4 3

North East South West
1 ♠ 2 ♣ 2 ♠ dble

West's double is responsive. It says:
"Partner, I don't like your clubs, but I have some values in the unbid suits."

♠ J 4
♥ A Q J 3
♦ K Q 10 5 3
♣ 4 3

Consider This Example

♠ K Q 10 4 2

♥ K 9 7 3

♦ 8 3

♣ J 3

North	East (you)	South	West
1 ♦	1 ♠	2 ♦	dble
pass	2 ♥		

At What Level Do You Classify Your Overcall?

- An overcall offers a wide range of values, from 7 to 17 points.
 - Minimum-level overcall 7-10 points, with a 5 or 6-card suit.
 - Medium-level overcall 11-13 points.
 - Good-level overcall 14–15 points.
 - Extra-values overcall 16-17 points

So, What Would You Do With This Hand?

♠ K Q 10 4 2
♥ A Q 7 3
♦ 8 3
♣ Q 3

14 points-
Good range
overcall

North	East (you)	South	West
1 ♦	1 ♠	2 ♦	dble
pass	3 ♥		

So, What Would You do with this Hand?

♠ K Q 10 4 2

♥ Q 7 3

♦ 8 3

♣ Q 7 3

9 points a
minimum
overcall

North	East (you)	South	West
1 ♦	1 ♠	2 ♦	dble
pass	2 ♠		

So, What Would You do with this Hand?

♠ A K 10 4 2

♥ K Q 7 3

♦ 8 3

♣ A 3

16 points
Maximum
overcall

North	East (you)	South	West
1 ♦	1 ♠	2 ♦	dble
pass	4 ♥		

Partner's Responsive Double Shows Both Unbid Suits

♠ A K J 4 2

♥ 7 3

♦ 8 3

♣ A Q J 3

15 points

Maximum

overcall

North

East (you)

South

West

1 ♦

1 ♠

2 ♦

double

pass

4 ♣