

D.O.N.T.

Disturb Opponent's No
Trump



What is D.O.N.T.?

- D.O.N.T. is a convention for getting into the auction after an opponent opens 1 no trump.
- It allows you to describe a hand with one long suit or a two-suited hand.
- The objective of the convention is to prevent your opponents from playing 1 no trump.

The Basics of D.O.N.T.

- After an opponent opens 1 no trump
 - Double shows a undisclosed 6+ card suit.
 - 2 ♣ shows clubs and a higher suit.
 - 2 ♦ shows diamonds and a higher suit.
 - 2 ♥ shows hearts and spades.
 - 2 ♠ shows spades.

How Many Points Do You Need?

- 7 or more points as long as you have good suit strength.
- For the one-suited hands you need six cards and a good suit.
- Here's a typical hand.

♠ 4 2

♥ K J 10 7 3 2

♦ 10 5

♣ K 4 3

How Many Points Do You Need?

- For an overcall of 2 ♣, 2 ♦, 2 ♥.

♠	4
♥	K J 10 7 3
♦	10 5
♣	Q J 9 4 3
- You should be at least 5-5 distribution, although some will play 5-4 distribution.
- Here is a typical 2 ♣ overcall.

Responding to D.O.N.T.

- After 1 no trump....Double (Partner shows one long suit).
 - If your RHO passes, you must bid 2 ♣, to allow partner to show his long suit.
 - If the long suit is clubs, partner will pass.
 - If the long suit is not clubs, partner will name the suit.

North	East	South	West
1 nt	dble	pass	2 ♣
pass	pass	pass	

East hand

♠ A 4 2

♥ 3 2

♦ 10 5

♣ K Q 9 7 4 3

West hand

♠ J 10 5 3

♥ A 9 5

♦ 8 6 3

♣ 10 8 5

North	East	South	West
1 nt	dble	pass	2 ♣
pass	2 ♦	pass	pass
pass			

East hand

♠ A 4 2

♥ 3

♦ A K 10 9 6 5

♣ 4 3 2

West hand

♠ J 10 5 3

♥ A Q 10 9 5

♦ 3

♣ 10 8 5

West is not thrilled about diamonds, but has no place to go.

North	East	South	West
1 nt	dble	pass	2 ♠
pass	pass	pass	

East hand

♠ 7 4 2

♥ 3

♦ A K 10 9 6 5

♣ 4 3 2

West hand

♠ K J 10 9 5 3

♥ Q 10 5

♦ 3

♣ 10 8 5

West bids her own 6 card suit.

Bidding After a Two-Suit Overcall

- After a 2 ♣ overcall (overcaller has clubs and a higher suit).
 - Pass with 3+ clubs.
 - 2 ♦ asks partner to pass if diamonds is the second suit, otherwise bid the second suit.
 - 2 ♥ shows 6+ hearts, asks partner to pass.
 - 2 ♠ shows 6+ spades, asks partner to pass.

Bidding After a Two-Suit Overcall

- After a 2 ♦ overcall (overcaller has diamonds and a higher suit).
 - Pass with 3+ diamonds
 - 2 ♥ asks partner to pass if hearts is her second suit, and to bid spades if that is the suit.
 - 2 ♠ shows 6+ spades, asks partner to pass.
 - 3 ♣ shows 6+ clubs and no desire to play in partner's suit.

Bidding After a Two-Suit Overcall

- After a 2 ♥ overcall (overcaller has hearts and spades).
 - You know partner's two suits, so take your choice.
 - 3 ♣ or 3 ♦ shows 6+ cards in the suit and no desire to play in either of partner's suits.

D.O.N.T. In a Competitive Auction

- So far we have considered only a situation in which, after d.o.n.t. is initiated, the no trump opener's partner passes.
- Now we consider situations in which the no trump opener's partner competes.

How a Competitive Auction Might Unfold

- From the perspective of the partner of the d.o.n.t. initiator. After 1nt....
 - Partner doubles and RHO redoubles.
 - Partner doubles and RHO bids a suit.
 - Partner bids a two-suiter and RHO doubles.
 - Partner bids a two-suiter and RHO bids a suit.
- If RHO bids, be sure you know what that bid means (natural, penalty double, transfer, stole my bid, etc.)

North
1 nt

East
dble

South
redble

West
pass

West hand

♠ K 10 5

♥ Q 10

♦ 9 7 6 3

♣ A 8 5 2

West says: You can bid your
suit. The forced 2 ♣ is no
longer necessary

North	East	South	West
1 nt	dble	redble	2 ♦

West hand

♠ K 10

♥ 10

♦ K J 10 7 6 3

♣ 8 5 3 2

West says, “I have a 6-card suit of my own.”

North
1 nt

East
2 ♣

South
dble

West
pass

West hand

♠ K 10 8 6

♥ 10 2

♦ 7 5 4 2

♣ Q 5 3 2

West says, “I tolerance for
your suit.”

North	East	South	West
1 nt	2 ♦	double	redouble

West hand

♠ K 10 8 6

♥ 10 8 2

♦ 2

♣ Q 8 5 3 2

West says, “I don’t like the suit you bid, bid your other suit.”

North	East	South	West
1 nt	2 ♦	double	2 ♠

West hand

♠ K J 10 8 6 2

♥ 10 8

♦ 4 2

♣ Q 8 5

West says, “I don’t like the suit you bid and I have a good 6+ card suit of my own.”

North	East	South	West
1 nt	2 	2 	pass

West hand

 8 6 2

 10 8

 9 4 3 2

 Q 8 5 3

West says, “I don’t have much probably best to let them have the contract.”

North
1 nt

East
2 ♦

South
2 ♠

West
dble

West hand

♠ 7 4 2

♥ K J 8 3

♦ 4 2

♣ A J 8 5

West says, “I don’t like the suit you bid. Bid your second suit.”

Can You Use D.O.N.T. Over 2 no Trump?

- As a partnership agreement, d.o.n.t. is on over two no trump.
- Requires extra high card values and two-suit bids always show 5-5 or better distribution.

Final Points

- When partner makes a two-suit bid, you are team captain. You know more about partner's hand than she knows about your hand.
- If partner makes a two-suit bid, RHO bids a suit, you pass, and partner bids again, he should have extra good distribution (6-5 or 6-6).