

**HOW SHOULD THESE HANDS BE BID?
WEST IS THE DEALER ON ALL HANDS**

1.		2.	
West	East	West	East
KQ876	3	A2	KQ864
AK943	J52	Q92	J10865
J3	AK97	76	AJ4
2	AJ643	AK9873	Void
3.		4.	
West	East	West	East
J2	A9765	J32	KQ974
98	AK732	K6	A9542
AQ8	J	AQ7632	8
AK9873	42	K2	A3
5.		6.	
West	East	West	East
32	QJ8765	Void	Q98654
2	KQ3	J32	A87
AK843	5	AK843	6
KQ987	432	KQ962	J54
7.		8.	
West	East	West	East
KQ943	A52	832	AK754
8	KJ976	AKJ853	4
AQJ642	73	872	5
3	AJ6	A	KQ7643
9.		10.	
West	East	West	East
AQJ62	5	64	AK832
KQ9843	A2	32	KQ7654
Void	J876	AQ2	5
J2	KQ8542	AK8742	3
11.		12.	
West	East	West	East
43	AQ965	AQ864	732
J2	73	3	KQ98
K87	AQ9542	7	Q432
AKQ1042	Void	AQ9652	43

1.

1S - 2C
2H - 3D*
3H - 4H

* 3 D should be Fourth Suit Forcing (a special convention) to game because you want to hear more about opener's hand.

2.

1C - 1S
2C - 2H
3C - 3H*
4H

Responder with 5 card or 6 card suits must bid higher one first.

*3H shows 5H and you bid Spades first so you are showing 5S and 5H

3.

1C - 1S
2C - 2H
2N - 3H
3N

4.

1D - 1S
1N - 3H
4S

In the world of modern day bridge, 2H here would not be forcing.

2H would say "I have 6-9 pts & five S and four or five H.

3H is forcing. 2H is non-forcing.

Opener now knows that responder has at least FIVE Spades.

5.

1D - 1S
2C - 2S*
3C - P

* 2S shows a 6-9 pt hand and a 6 card suit or a great 5 card suit

6.

1D - 1S
2C - 2S
3C - Pass

7.

1D - 1H
1S - 2C*
2S - 4S

* 2C is Fourth Suit Forcing. This is an essential convention you must learn. I can send you notes on it if you email me and request this. West has shown six D and 5 S now.

8.

1H - 2C
2H - 2S
3H - 3S
4S

9.

1H - 2C
2S* - 2N
3S - 4H

***2S is a reverse and shows extra points.**

(If you are playing 2/1, you must agree with partner as to whether it shows extra points.

We like it to always show 17 or more regardless of 2/1 or not.)

When opener now rebids S, he is showing 6H and 5S and 17 or more.

If you are playing 2/1, some may not bid 2C on first bid by responder and may choose to bid 1NT forcing first.

10.

1C - 1H
2C - 2S
2N - 3S
3N or 4H?

East is showing 6H and 5S in this sequence. With 5-5, he would have bid S first.

11.

1C - 1D
2C - 2S
3D - 5D

When opener rebids 2C, he is saying he does not have a 4 card major (or he would have bid it). E must have five Spades then to bother bidding S.

Thus E has 6D and 5S. If W or E had a H stopper, they would have bid NT. They don't, so they bid 5D.

12.

1C - 1H
1S - 1N
2S - P

Only bid 5 of a minor once a year! Or you need a letter from your doctor!

The rebid of 1N by responder shows a weak hand 6-10 HCP.

West shows his five Spades by rebidding them.

SUIT PREFERENCE SIGNAL AGAINST NOTRUMP

	S J 9	
	H KJ10	
	D 642	
	C KQJ106	
S Q10874		S K52
H A54		H 98732
D 10 3		D 9875
C 432		C A
	S A63	
	H Q6	
	D AKQJ	
	C 9875	
S	N	
1N	3N	

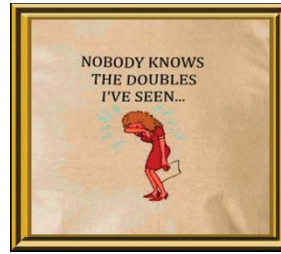
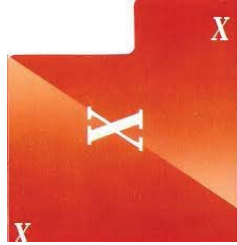
West leads his fourth best spade against 3NT.

Declarer should try the S Jack in case West has underled his S KQ. Too bad. It doesn't work. South should duck till round three when he wins Ace Spades. On the third round of suit, however, West knows she is knocking out declarer's stopper. It is imperative that West now show partner where his entry is. It is in Hearts. On third round of Spades, West should lead the QUEEN of Spades to knock out the Spade Ace.

This says: "I am knocking out declarer's last stopper. Now my Spades are good. In order to get me in later, my entry is in Hearts. The HIGHER ranking of the two remaining suits."

If West's stopper was in Diamonds, he would lead back the 4 to drive out last stopper. This is specifically when you are defending No Trumps.

RESPONSIVE DOUBLES



You hold these cards and you are sitting South:

KQ852
Q10864
83
7

W N E S
1C 1D 2C ?

What will you bid? If you bid a new suit in response to partner's overcall, it promises a decent quality 5 card suit of your own and 10 or more points, including distribution.

If you are not a passed hand, that should be forcing, in my opinion, but that is a partnership agreement. In any case, you do not have the right hand for bidding a new suit...not enough points and besides, if you choose to bid Spades, partner will have some Hearts but not Spades and if you bid Hearts, partner will have Spades but not Hearts.

Enter the Responsive Double.

When you would like to enter the auction but do not have a clear cut course of action, make a Responsive Double **when opponents have opened and raised that suit and your partner has either overcalled or doubled.**

With above hand, bid "Double" and partner will know that you are showing both unbid suits and approximately 8 or more points including distribution.

And if instead the auction had gone:

W N E S
1C Dbl 2C ?

Double will also say..."Pick a major, partner." You only need to be 4-4 in the majors to use this double in this scenario.

If the auction has gone: **You are South on all hands.**

W N E S
1D Dbl 2D ?

and you have this hand:

J743
KJ98
83
Q92

Make a Responsive Double. You don't care which suit partner chooses to bid and this way, you say it all in one bid.

But if you have

K6
QJ982
84
95

and auction is the same:

W N E S
1D Dbl 2D ?

Bid 2H as you do not wish to tell partner to choose. You have a clear cut choice. Double would say you have support for both majors.

If the suit bid and raised is to the 2 level, you can use the Responsive Double with 8 points (incl distribution) but if it is at the 3 level, you should have 10 or more points.

Q6
7
AQ865
KJ762

If the auction goes

W N E S
2H 2S 3H ?

Double. This is a Responsive Double. Once again, you want to get into the act but you don't know which suit to pick. Partner must pick his better minor or go back to his suit if he hates both minors.

NOTE:

W N E S
1D Dbl 1S ?

This is NOT an opening bid and a RAISE so Double here would NOT be a Responsive Double. It will be a Penalty Double.

You and partner must agree on how high you play Responsive Doubles. We suggest that you play this through 3S.

e.g.

W	N	E	S
1S	Dbt	3S	?

Bid 4H if you have four Hearts. If you make a Responsive Double here, you will be at least 4-4 in the minors and because of the level to which you are driving partner (to the 4 level), you will now need to have at least 11-12 points or more.