

## Negative Double Requirement

- We **open a suit** at the one level (any seat)
- Opponent **suit** overcalls (less than game)
- Responder **doubles** – a “negative double”
  
- Points Needed (bare-bones minimum, no maximum)
  - ▣ One level → Six points
  - ▣ Two level → Eight Points
  - ▣ Three level → Ten points

## One Unbid Major

- The negative double shows 4+ cards in the unbid major.
- 5+ cards are possible if Responder is too weak to bid the suit (showing 10+ points at the two-level; game-forcing at the three-level).
- After a “one Heart” overcall:
  - ▣ “Double” shows exactly *four* Spades.
  - ▣ “One Spade” shows *five+* Spades.

## Neither or Both Majors Bid

- After a “One Diamond” overcall, double shows both major suits (4-4 typical; 5-4, 6-4 also OK).
- After a higher overcall, double shows four+ cards in at least one major suit. If Opener bids the “wrong” major:
  - ▣ Return to Opener’s first suit
  - ▣ Bid notrump.
- If *both* majors are bid, double show the minors.

## Rebids (Opener’s & Responder’s)

- Opener’s Rebid
  - ▣ 13-15: Non-jump
  - ▣ 16-18: Jump (invitational if below game)
  - ▣ 19-21: Bid game or cue-bid enemy suit to explore.
- Responder’s Rebid (after Opener’s non-jump)
  - ▣ 6-10: Pass, prefer Opener’s suit, bid own long suit
  - ▣ 11-12: Raise with fit or bid 2NT. (both invitational)
  - ▣ 13+: Bid game or cue-bid enemy suit to explore.

Negative Double

*Board 1*

North Deals

N-S Vul

J 7

Q J 6 2

J 9 8 3

K 8 7

A 10 8 3

7 5

A K 10

5 4 3 2



K 6 5 2

K 3

Q 7 5 4 2

A 9

Q 9 4

A 10 9 8 4

6

Q J 10 6

4 by East

Lead: Q

*Board 2*

East Deals

N-S Vul

Negative Double

K Q 4 3

3

K 8 5 2

9 7 6 3

J 9 7

10 8

A Q J 10 9 6

K J



10 8 6 5

J 9 7 5 2

7

10 8 5

A 2

A K Q 6 4

4 3

A Q 4 2

3 NT by North

Lead: 7

*Board 3*  
West Deals  
Both Vul

Negative Double

K Q J 7 5

5

Q 10 6 2

A 10 5

6

A Q J 9

A K J 8 5

4 3 2



A 10 3 2

K 10 4 2

7 4

Q 8 6

9 8 4

8 7 6 3

9 3

K J 9 7

4 by West

Lead: K

*Board 4*

South Deals

E-W Vul

Negative Double

K 5 4 3

A Q J 4

10 5 4

Q 4

10 7

K 9 6

A J 8 6 3

K J 2



J 9 8 6 2

8 7 5 3

Q 7

10 3

A Q

10 2

K 9 2

A 9 8 7 6 5

3 NT by South

Lead: 6