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Redouble After a Take-out Double by Opponent

The most common redouble follows a take-out double when partner opens the bidding:

Partner	East	You
1S	Double	Redouble

An example of your hand: ♠ AJ, ♥ J74, ♦ Q1076, ♣ K873.

The redouble in above auction, shows at least 10 points and a willingness to penalize the opponents. Usually, you have no-fit with partner:

Over Opponent's Double with NO FIT in Partner's Suit

1) Redouble (in above auction)

- 10 or more points
- Implies no fit in partner's suit.
- Defensive hand
- Creates a forcing auction.

2) New Suit at the One Level is Forcing

Partner	East	You
1H	Double	1S

Your hand: ♠ AKJ1098, ♥ J7♦ J10, ♣ K87

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3) Other Suits at the Two Level or Higher are Non-Forcing.

Partner	East	You
1H	Double	2C

Your hand: ♠ J52, ♥ J, ♦ J10, ♣ KJ109874.

Over Opponent's Double with FIT in Partner's Suit

1) Jordan Two No-Trump is a Limit Raise or Better in Partner's Suit.

Partner	East	You
1S	Double	2NT

Your hand: ♠ KJ109, ♥ A5, ♦ Q532, ♣ 986

2) Jump in Partner's Suit is Pre-emptive.

Partner	East	You
1S	Double	4S

Your hand: ♠ KJ1098, ♥ J, ♦ 653, ♣ 9864

3) Simple Raise in Partner's Suit Shows 6-10 points.

Partner	East	You
1S	Double	2S

Your hand: ♠ KJ10, ♥ 83, ♦ A532, ♣ 9865

Partner Doubles and Right Hand Opponent Redoubles

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
1S	Double	*Redouble	???

- Confidently bid your longest suit at the one level.
- Pass with no four card suit. Pass by you does not imply that you like the idea of leaving the redouble in.
- Jump the bidding with weak hand and long suit. This may jam the auction. Partner knows you don't have any points.

The SOS Redouble

When a part-score in a trump suit has been doubled for penalties, a redouble is SOS. The redouble is a rescue attempt to find a safer fit. In the auction below, partner should bid his longest black suit.

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
1H	2D	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	Pass	Redouble (SOS)

Your hand: ♠ J7654, ♥543, ♦void, ♣J8765

The Greedy Redouble

After the opponents have doubled a game contract or higher, a redouble by you says you think you can make the contract.

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The following sequence shows the redouble followed by a penalty double:

North	East	South	West
1S	2H	4S	5H
Double	Redouble	Pass	Pass
Pass			

By redoubling, East seems very sure she can make this contract and wants to make the opponents pay for the insult. When a contract is redoubled and not made, the declarer gets four times the trick score plus 100 for the insult.

Redoubled Contract Scores

Non-vulnerable undertricks in redoubled contracts:

Down 1=200 points

Down 2=600 points

Down 3=1000 points

Vulnerable undertricks in redoubled contracts:

Down 1=400 points

Down 2=1,000 points

Down 3=1,600 points

When the declarer makes his contract everything is quadrupled:

Each non-vulnerable redoubled overtrick=200 points

Each vulnerable redoubled overtrick=400 points