

COMPETITIVE DOUBLE

⇒ After a suit opening bid, Responder's double of an enemy raised-suit is useless as a penalty double. Double of a raised suit is best used as a “competitive double”. A “competitive double” shows *values* to compete, but also uncertainty about *where* to compete.

But these are not competitive doubles:

- ① Partner has bid notrump.
- ② Your side has already found a fit.
- ③ You passed at your previous turn. (penalty pass)

⇒ Applies through a raise to 2♠ or 3♠ or 4♦.

⇒ Minimum Strength Requirements

Two-level: Double shows at least a Queen extra.

Three-level: Double shows at least an Ace extra.

There is no upper limit. Doubler may bid again.

⇒ After a Competitive Double

Partner chooses the contract. Passing the double requires four trumps, or three trumps at 3-level.

Competitive Double. Look at only your hand - Bid the deal.

Deal 101

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8

♥ 5 4 2

♦ A K J 8 5

♣ K 7 5

♠ 9 5 4 3

♥ K 10 9

♦ 4 2

♣ Q J 9 8



♠ A 10

♥ A Q J 7 6

♦ 9 7 3

♣ 10 6 3

♠ K J 7 6 2

♥ 8 3

♦ Q 10 6

♣ A 4 2

13
6 11
10

West

2 ♥

North

1 ♦

Pass

East

1 ♥

Pass

South

1 ♠

?

Competitive Double. Look at only your hand - Bid the deal.

Deal 102

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 10 8 5

♥ A 7 6

♦ 8 6

♣ 8 7 5

♠ 7 6

♥ K J 5

♦ K J 10 4 2

♣ Q 10 3



♠ J 9 4

♥ 8 3 2

♦ A 9

♣ A K J 9 2

♠ Q 3 2

♥ Q 10 9 4

♦ Q 7 5 3

♣ 6 4

11
10 13
6

West

North

East

South

1 ♦

1 ♠

1 ♣

Pass

?

Pass

2 ♠

Competitive Double. Look at only your hand - Bid the deal.

Deal 103

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 4 3

♥ A 7 3 2

♦ 8 6 2

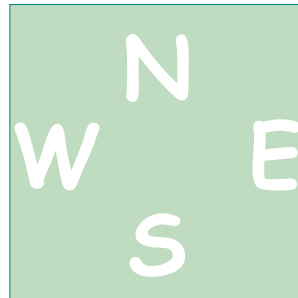
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♠ J 10 9 7

♥ 5 4

♦ K Q J 10 5

♣ A 7



♠ 5 2

♥ Q J 10 8

♦ A 9 3

♣ 9 8 4 3

♠ K 8 6

♥ K 9 6

♦ 7 4

♣ K Q J 5 2

10
11 7
12

West

North

East

South

1 ♦

Dbl

2 ♦

1 ♣

Pass

?

Pass

Competitive Double. Look at only your hand - Bid the deal.

Deal 104

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 6 5 4

♥ 5 4 2

♦ A 10

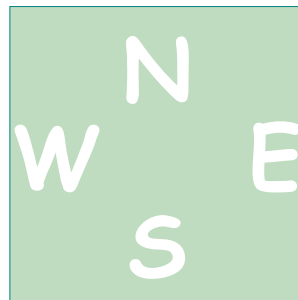
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♠ —

♥ K 8 6

♦ K Q J 7 6 2

♣ K 8 6 2



♠ A Q 10 9 8

♥ A 7 3

♦ 5 3

♣ 7 4 3

♠ 7 3 2

♥ Q J 10 9

♦ 9 8 4

♣ A 9 5

11
12 10
7

West

1 ♦

Pass

North

1 ♠

Pass

East

Dbl

?

South

2 ♠

Double of Artificial Bid Shows Strength in Bid Suit

- ❖ Double of Stayman and Jacoby Transfer
- ❖ Double of 4SF and Stopper-Showing Bid
- ❖ Double of Control-Bid & Blackwood Response

Double of 3NT is a Penalty Double

- ❖ Opponents have minimum game values.
- ❖ Prudent double does not help Declarer play.
- **You are on lead:**
 - ❖ Have a good suit to lead.
 - ❖ Unpleasant surprise for Declarer
- **Partner is on lead:**
 - ❖ **Defender's** suit - lead the suit we have bid.
 - ❖ **Dummy's** suit - “I am strong in Dummy's suit.”
 - ❖ No suits bid - Doubler's strong **major** suit.
 - ❖ Without “double”, Partner likely gives a trick.

Double of Suit Slam ([They intend to make it](#))

- ❖ Increase likelihood of getting two tricks.
- ❖ Don't lead a trump; make an *unusual* lead.
- ❖ Draws attention to your shortest suit.

Double of Suit Slam ([They are sacrificing](#))

- ❖ Maximize penalty. “Don't bid any higher.”
- ❖ No particular lead is indicated.

Deal 1 Stayman

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|---|--|---|--|
| N | | | |
| W | | E | |
| S | | | |

♠ 6 4 2
♥ A 3
♦ 9 7 5
♣ K Q J 9 2

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 NT | Pass | 2 ♣ | ? |

Deal 2 Fourth Suit

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| N | | | |
| W | | E | |
| S | | | |

♠ 10 4 2
♥ 9 8 7 5
♦ A Q J 9 7
♣ 2

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 ♣ | Pass | 1 ♥ | Pass |
| 1 ♠ | Pass | 2 ♦ | ? |

Deal 3 Stopper-Showing

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|---|--|---|--|
| N | | | |
| W | | E | |
| S | | | |

♠ A Q J 9
♥ 6 2
♦ Q J 3
♣ 8 7 6 3

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 ♦ | Pass | 3 ♦ | Pass |
| 3 ♥ | Pass | 3 ♠ | ? |

Deal 4 Control-Bid

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| N | | | |
| W | | E | |
| S | | | |

♠ 6 4 2
♥ J 8 7 6 4
♦ K Q 10
♣ 5 3

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 ♠ | Pass | 3 ♠ | Pass |
| 4 ♣ | Pass | 4 ♦ | ? |

Deal 5 Blackwood Response

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| N | | | |
| W | | E | |
| S | | | |

♠ Q 9 6 3
♥ 5
♦ K J 10 7
♣ 8 6 4 2

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 ♥ | Pass | 3 ♥ | Pass |
| 4 NT | Pass | 5 ♦ | ? |

Notrump Game - Strong Balanced Hand

Deal 6

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| N | | | |
| W | | E | |
| S | | | |

♠ K J 8
♥ K 9 6
♦ A J 4
♣ K 10 7 5

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| 2 NT | Pass | 1 NT | Pass |
| | | 3 NT | ? |

Deal 7

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|---|--|---|--|
| N | | | |
| W | | E | |
| S | | | |

♠ 5
♥ A Q 10
♦ Q J 10 9 3
♣ 7 6 4 2

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 ♠ | Pass | 1 ♥ | Pass |
| 2 NT | Pass | 3 NT | ? |

Deal 8

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|---|--|---|--|
| N | | | |
| W | | E | |
| S | | | |

♠ K Q 10 9
♥ 6
♦ 10 8 7 5 3
♣ A 4 2

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 ♣ | Pass | 1 ♠ | Pass |
| 1 NT | Pass | 2 NT | Pass |
| 3 NT | Pass | Pass | ? |

Deal 9

| | | | |
|---|--|---|--|
| N | | | |
| W | | E | |
| S | | | |

♠ 5 3
♥ J 9 7 4
♦ A Q J 10 3
♣ A 2

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| Dbl | Pass | 3 ♣ | Pass |
| 3 NT | Pass | Pass | ? |

Suit Slam - Unusual Lead

Deal 10

| | | | |
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| N | | | |
| W | | E | |
| S | | | |

♠ —
♥ A 2
♦ 10 8 6 3 2
♣ 9 8 7 5 4 3

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 ♠ | Pass | 2 ♦ | Pass |
| 2 ♥ | Pass | 4 NT | Pass |
| 5 ♥ | Pass | 6 ♥ | ? |

Deal 11

| | | | |
|---|--|---|--|
| N | | | |
| W | | E | |
| S | | | |

♠ —
♥ 3 2
♦ 10 8 6 3 2
♣ 9 8 7 5 4 3

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 ♠ | Pass | 2 ♦ | Pass |
| 2 ♥ | Pass | 4 NT | Pass |
| 5 ♥ | Pass | 6 ♥ | ? |

Suit Slam - Unusual Lead

Deal 12

| | | | |
|---|--|---|--|
| N | | | |
| W | | E | |
| S | | | |

♠ A 7 2
♥ J 10 8 6 4
♦ 10 8 5 4 3
♣ —

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 ♠ | Pass | 3 ♠ | Pass |
| 6 ♠ | Pass | Pass | ? |

Suit Slam - Unusual Lead

Deal 13

| | | | |
|---|--|---|--|
| N | | | |
| W | | E | |
| S | | | |

♠ 8 6 4
♥ 4 3
♦ K 10 9 8 7 5
♣ A K

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| 2 ♥ | Pass | 1 ♠ | Pass |
| 6 ♥ | Pass | 4 ♥ | Pass |
| | | Pass | ? |

Deal 14

| | | | |
|---|--|---|--|
| N | | | |
| W | | E | |
| S | | | |

♠ 7 5 3
♥ 6 4
♦ 10 9 8 2
♣ A K 10 9

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 ♥ | Pass | 2 ♣ | Pass |
| 3 ♥ | Pass | 4 NT | Pass |
| 5 ♥ | Pass | 6 ♥ | ? |

Notrump Slam

Deal 15

| | | | |
|---|--|---|--|
| N | | | |
| W | | E | |
| S | | | |

♠ A K 2
♥ 8 6 5 4 3
♦ 7 6
♣ 9 4 2

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 ♦ | Pass | 1 ♠ | Pass |
| 2 NT | Pass | 6 NT | ? |

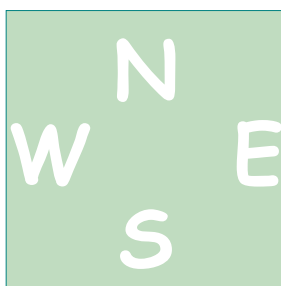
Deal 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 9 4
 ♥ 10 6
 ♦ 10 8 7 3
 ♣ K Q 5 4

♠ A 3 2
 ♥ K J 9 8 7
 ♦ A 9 4
 ♣ 7 6



♠ 8 7 6 5
 ♥ 2
 ♦ 6 5 2
 ♣ J 10 9 8 3

♠ Q J 10
 ♥ A Q 5 4 3
 ♦ K Q J
 ♣ A 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 NT

Pass

1 ♥

3 NT

Dbl!

All pass

3 NT× by North

Opening Lead: ♥ 2