

## COMPETITIVE BIDDING

### Advancer's Options THE TAKEOUT DOUBLE

# Bridge Lab

*with the Monroes*

- 1 Your Opponent "The Enemy" opens the bidding with a SUIT (not NoTrump).
- AND**
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  - You are next to bid and would like to compete for the contract.
  - But you need Partner's **HELP** choosing a trump suit for your side.

<b>DOUBLE</b> by the "INTERVENER"	→	<b>S</b> hort in Opener's Suit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Count High Card Points (HCP) + Dummy Points</li> <li>• Doubleton = 1 Singleton = 2 Void = 3</li> </ul> <b>O</b> pening Hand 13+ Valuation Points <b>S</b> upport for all unbid suits – 3 cards or more. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 cards in Unbid Major(s) is best.</li> </ul>
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<b>ADVANCER</b> Doubler's Partner	→	<b>Bid Your Longest Suit</b> Count High Card Points (HCP) + Length Points									
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**DON'T PASS!**

The double is **forcing** – *unless* Responder bids.

<b>WARNING!</b> Dummy Points are lost in NoTrump! Opener must revalue using HCP only.	→	<b>With STRENGTH in Opener's Suit ~ Bid NoTrump</b>									
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**STRONG HANDS 18+** DOUBLE ... then at your next turn *if possible*

- Balanced Hand with Stopper(s) in Opponents' Suit. → Bid No Trump (no Jump)
- Balanced Hand with no Stopper(s). → Double Again
- Unbalanced Hand. → Bid Your Long Suit
- Unsure? "Cuebid" is **Forcing**. → Bid The Opponents' Suit

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## TAKE OUT DOUBLES

Take out doubles suggest a desire for partner to choose an unbid suit. Unless you have 18+, you should have support (meaning at least three cards) in all the unbid suits.

<u>RHO</u>		<u>A</u>		<u>B</u>		<u>C</u>
1♥		♠ AJ43	♠	A1076	♠	KQ43
	<u>YOU</u>	♥ 6	♥	--	♥	32
		♦ AJ87	♦	J10873	♦	873
		♣ A1065	♣	AJ65	♣	AK65

Double with all three of these hands.  
**Just like bidding one "clubdiamondspade."**

<u>RHO</u>		<u>D</u>		<u>E</u>		<u>F</u>
3♦		♠ AJ4	♠	A1076	♠	KQ43
	<u>YOU</u>	♥ J6543	♥	KQ76	♥	A32
		♦ 7	♦	3	♦	73
		♣ AK65	♣	AJ65	♣	AQ65

Double on all three--similar to a double of 1♦ except by forcing 3-level action, the doubler implies more than minimal values.

Opener Partner Responder YOU  
 1♥ Pass 2♥ ?

	<u>G</u>		<u>H</u>
♠	AJ43	♠	A1076
♥	6	♥	76
♦	QJ765	♦	A653
♣	KQ10	♣	AJ6

Double for takeout on both hands – just like doubling a 1♥ opening bid.

Opener Partner Responder YOU  
 1♣ Pass 1♥ ?

	<u>I</u>		<u>J</u>
♠	KQ43	♠	A1076
♥	6	♥	76
♦	K8765	♦	A653
♣	A32	♣	AJ6

Double on both hands. Opening values and support for the unbid suits.

<u>RHO</u>		<u>K</u>		<u>L</u>		<u>M</u>
1♠		♠ AJ43	♠	A87	♠	Q43
	<u>YOU</u>	♥ 6	♥	K2	♥	QJ2
		♦ AJ87	♦	Q1087	♦	QJ73
		♣ A1065	♣	AJ65	♣	KJ5

Do not double with any of these hands. Simply "PASS"—not a dirty word.

## ADVANCING TAKEOUT DOUBLES

RESPONSE	MEANING (APPROXIMATE VALUES)
NON-JUMP IN A NEW SUIT	0-8/9 points, longest unbid suit.
JUMP RESPONSE IN A NEW SUIT	9-12 points, four or more cards. Non-forcing.
JUMP TO GAME IN A SUIT	Usually distributional values but good hand.
BID OPPONENT'S SUIT (CUE BID)	Artificial, forcing. Promises a rebid.
AFTER RHO BIDS ('FREE BID')	6-10 points, constructive.
PASS	Converts take out to penalty. Length and strength in the opponent's suit. Not out of fear!
1NT	6/7-10/11 points, stopper(s).
2NT	11-12 points, stopper(s). Invitational.
3NT	13+ points, stopper(s).

**Opener** Partner Responder YOU  
**1♣**      **X**      **Pass**      **?**

	A		B		C
♠	Q1053	♠	A1076	♠	432
♥	62	♥	32	♥	432
♦	A872	♦	J1087	♦	5432
♣	1065	♣	AJ6	♣	432
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**Opener** Partner Responder YOU  
**1♥**      **X**      **Pass**      **?**

	D		E		F
♠	53	♠	76	♠	K432
♥	K62	♥	108732	♥	32
♦	8742	♦	1087	♦	AQ32
♣	10652	♣	J62	♣	A32
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**Opener** Partner Responder YOU  
**1♦**      **X**      **1♥**      **?**

	G		H		I
♠	Q543	♠	76	♠	K932
♥	62	♥	QJ87	♥	A2
♦	874	♦	A1087	♦	8632
♣	10652	♣	J62	♣	1032
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