

Cappelletti

Cappelletti is a Defensive convention used after an opponent opens 1 NT

Convention Options – All bids by overcaller are Alertable

<u>Overcaller</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
Double	Is a penalty bid with 15-18 HCP (similar to Opener)
2♣	A one Suited Hand normally 6+ cards ; Any Suit with 8-14 points (NV) and 10-14 points (Vul)
2♦	Must Have at least 5-4 or 4-5 in Hearts and Spades. Asks partner to correct to either major (8-14 HCP NV or 10-14 HCP Vul)
2♥	Must have at least 5-4+ in Hearts and a minor (8-14 NV or 10-14 Vul)
2♠	Must have at least 5-4+ in Spades and a minor (8-14 NV or 10-14 Vul)
2NT	Must have at least 5-5 in Clubs and Diamonds (8-14 NV or 10-14 Vul)

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Responses to Double

Advancer typically passes (count the points outstanding)

Responses to 2♣; Shows a single suited hand; **Alertable**

- Pass 6+ cards in Clubs
- 2♦ Relay, asking partner to name their suit – pass with Diamonds
- 2♥ Must have 6+ cards in Hearts and non forcing.
- 2♠ Must have 6+ cards in Spades and non forcing.
- 2NT Must have 10+ points, balanced hand; Forcing for one round.
Partner can bid 3NT or return to their own suit.

Examples

	<u>Hand 1</u>	II		Hand 2
	North	II		North
	♠ A Q 5 3	II		♠ A Q 5 3
	♥ Q J 9	II		♥ Q J 9
	♦ K J 8 4	V		♦ K J 8 4
	♣ Q 5	V		♣ Q 7
		V		
West		II	West	
♠ T 9 4	◀ 2♣ (Long Suit)	II	♠ 9 5 2	◀ 2♣
♥ 7 6		II	♥ 5 4 2	
♦ 3 2		II	♦ Q 8 4	
♣ A J 8 7 6 3	▼ Pass	V	♣ K J 4 2	▼ Pass
		V		
N E S W		V	N E S W	
1NT	2♣*	V	1NT	2♣*
P	p		P	p
			2♦** (Your Suit?)	
			2♥	All Pass

* Single Suited Hand

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** Asking Partner to bid their suit

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Hand 3

North

♠ A Q 5 3

♥ Q J 9

♦ K J 8 4

♣ Q 5

West

♠ T 9

◀ 2♣

♥ T 8 7 6 5 4

♦ 3 2

♣ A J 8

▼ Pass(S)

N	E	S	W
1NT	2♣*	p	2H**

All Pass

* Single Suited Hand

**→ (6+ cards in ♥;N.F.)

Hand 4

North

♠ A Q 5 3

♥ Q J 9

♦ K J 8 4

♣ Q 7

West

♠ J 8 7 6 5 2

◀ 2♣

♥ 5

♦ A 8 4

▼ Pass

♣ K 4 2

N	E	S	W
1NT	2♣*	p	2♠**

All Pass

* Single Suited Hand

**→ (6+ cards in ♠;N.F.)

Hand 5

North

♠ A Q 5 3

♥ Q J 9

♦ K J 8 4

♣ Q 5

West

♠ J T 9

East

◀ 2♣

♥ T 8 7

♦ A T 9

♣ A J 8 3

▼ Pass(S)

N	E	S	W
1NT	2♣*(10-14)	p	2NT**(10+)

P 3NT All Pass

* Single Suited Hand

**→ (10+ pts; Bal; Forcing 1 rnd.)

Hand 6

North

♠ A Q 5 3

♥ Q J 9

♦ K J 8 4

♣ Q 7

West

♠ J 8 7

◀ 2♣

♥ T 8 5

♦ A Q 4

♣ K 4 3 2

▼ Pass

N	E	S	W
1NT	2♣	p	2NT**

P 3♥ All Pass

* Single Suited Hand

**→ (10+ pts; Bal Forcing 1 rnd.)

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Responses to 2♦; Shows both majors in hand; **Alertable**

Pass 6+ cards in Diamonds

2♥ Natural Preference and is non forcing.

2♠ Natural Preference and is non forcing.

2NT Artificial and non forcing. Approx. 10+ points. Overcaller's bids are natural

Examples

Hand 1 North 1NT

West ♠ X ♥ X ♦ K T 9 5 4 2 ♣ J X XXX ▼Pass	East ♠ J 8 7 6 (5) ♥ K T 8 5 2 ♦ A X ♣ X
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N	E	S	W
1NT	2♦*	p	p**(A)
P			

* Both Majors
 **→ (6+ Diamonds)

Hand 2 North 1NT

West ♠ X X ♥ X X ♦ K T 9 5 2 ♣ J X X X ▼Pass	East ♠ J 8 7 6 5 ♥ K T 8 5 2 ♦ A X ♣ X
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N	E(NV)	S	W
	1NT	2♦	P 2♥**
P	All Pass		

* Both Majors
 **→ (Natural Preference, nonforcing.)

Hand 3 North 1NT

West ♠ X X X ♥ X X ♦ K T 9 5 4 ♣ J X X ▼Pass	East ♠ J 8 7 6 5 ♥ K T 8 5 (2) ♦ A X ♣ X
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N	E	S	W
1NT	2♦*	p	2S**
P			

* Both Majors
 **→((Natural Preference, nonforcing.)

Hand 4 North 1NT

West ♠ A X ♥ X X ♦ K T 9 5 ♣ A J X XX ▼Pass	East ♠ J 8 7 6 5 ♥ K T 8 5 2 ♦ A X ♣ X
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N	E	S	W
1NT	2♦	P	2NT**
P	All Pass		

* Both Majors
 **→ (Non Forcing;10+ points.)

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Responses to 2♥; Shows Hearts and a Minor Suit; **Alertable**

- Pass A weak hand and a tolerance for Hearts
- 2♠ 6+ spades --- no hearts support, non forcing.
- 2NT* Artificial, no heart support, asking partner to bid his minor at 3-level(Alertable)
- 3♣ Promises 6+ good clubs, no Heart support; Non Forcing;
- 3♦ Promises 6+ good diamonds no Heart support; Non Forcing;
- 3♥ Promises 3+ Hearts; Non Forcing (10+ points)

Examples

Hand 1				Hand 2								
North				North								
1NT				1NT								
West				East				West				East
♠ X X X X				♠ J 8				♠ QxXxXx				♠ J8
♥ Q				♥ K T 8 5 2				♥ X				♥ K T 8 4 2
♦ K T 9 X				♦ A X X X X				♦ K T X X				♦ A
♣ J X X X	▼ Pass			♣ Q				♣ J X	▼ Pass			♣ XxXxX
N	E	S	W	N	E	S	W	N	E	S	W	
1NT	2♥*	p	2NT**	1NT	2H*	P	2♠**	1NT	2H*	P	2♠**	
P	3D	ALL PASS		P	All Pass			P	All Pass			
* Hearts and a minor				* Hearts and a minor				* Hearts and a minor				
**→ (Tolerance for Hearts)				**→ (6+ Spades, no Heart support; N.F.)								

Hand 3				Hand 4								
North				North								
1NT				1NT								
West				East				West				East
♠ K X X				S J 8				♠ XXXXX				S J8
♥ Q				♥ K T 8 5 (2)				♥ X				♥ K T 8 5 2
♦ K Q T 5 4				♦ A X				♦ T				♦ A X X X X
♣ J X X X	▼ Pass			♣ X X X X				♣ AKXXXX	▼ P			♣ X
N	E	S	W	N	E	S	W	N	E	S	W	
1NT	2♥*	p	2NT**	1NT	2♥*	P	3♣ (I want to play 3c)	1NT	2♥*	P	3♣ (I want to play 3c)	
P	3♣	All Pass		All Pass				All Pass				
* Hearts and a minor				* Hearts and a minor								

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Hand 5 North 1NT

West ♠ X X X ♥ X ♦ K T 9 5 4 3 ♣ J X X ▼ Pass	East ♠ J 8 ♥ K T 8 5 (2) ♦ A X ♣ X X X X
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N	E	S	W
1NT	2♥*	p	3♦**(6+Diam.NF)

P All Pass

* Hearts and a minor

**→ (6+DiaM. No H. Supp.; nf)

Hand 6 North 1NT

West ♠ AXXX ♥ JXX ♦ KX ♣ AXXX ▼ P	East ♠ J8 ♥ KT852 ♦ AXXXX ♣ X
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N	E	S	W
1NT	2♥*	P	3♥**(3+ Hearts;NF)

P All Pass

* Hearts and a minor

**→

Responses to 2♠; Shows Spades and a Minor Suit; **Alertable**

- Pass A weak hand and a tolerance for Spades
- 2NT Artificial, no Spade support, asking partner to bid his minor at 3-level
- 3♣ Promises 6+ good clubs, no Spade support; Non-Forcing
- 3♦ Promises 6+ good diamonds no Spade support; Non-Forcing
- 3♥ Promises 6+ good Hearts, no Spade support; Non Forcing
- 3♠ Promises 3+ Spades; Non Forcing

Examples

Hand 1 North 1NT

West ♠ X X ♥ Q X X X ♦ K T 9 ♣ J X X X ▼ Pass	East ♠ A X X X X ♥ K T ♦ A X X X X ♣ Q
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N	E	S	W
1NT	2♠*	p	p**

* Spades and a minor

**→ (Tolerance for Spades)

Hand 2 North 1NT

West ♠ Q ♥ X X X X ♦ K T X X ♣ J X X X ▼ Pass	East ♠ J 8 X X X ♥ K T ♦ Q ♣ AXXXX
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N	E	S	W
1NT	2♠*	P	2NT** (bid minor please)

* Spades and a minor

**→ (No Spade supp.; Bid your Minor;)

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Hand 3 North 1NT

West

♠ X
♥ XXX
♦ KT
♣ JxXxXxX ♠ Pass

East

♠ J 8 X X X
♥ K T
♦ A X X X X
♣ X

N	E	S	W
1NT	2♠*	p	3C**
P	P	P	(No Spade Supp.)

Hand 4 North 1NT

West

♠ X
♥ XXXX
♦ TxXxXxX
♣ A ♠ Pass

East

♠ KT852
♥ J3
♦ A
♣ XXXXX

N	E	S	W
1NT	2♠*	P	3D**(6+ Diam;NF)
P	All Pass		(No Spade Supp.)

Hand 5 North 1NT

West

♠ X
♥ AXXXXX
♦ K T 9 5
♣ J X ♠ Pass

East(nv)

♠ J 8 X X X
♥ K
♦ A X
♣ X X X X X

N	E	S	W
1NT	2♠*	p	3H**(6+Hearts.NF)
P	All Pass		(no Spade supp.)

* Spades and a minor

**→ (6+Hearts. No Sp. Supp.; nf)

Hand 6 North 1NT

West

♠ QXXX
♥ JXX
♦ KJ
♣ AXXX ♠ Pass

East

♠ J8XXX
♥ KX
♦ AXXX
♣ XX

N	E	S	W
1NT	2♠*	P	3♠**
All Pass			

* Hearts and a minor

**→ (3+ Spades; 10+pts;N.F.)

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Responses to 2NT; Shows 5-5 in Minor Suits; **Alertable**

- 3♣ A weak hand and a tolerance for Clubs
- 3♦ A weak hand and a tolerance for diamonds; Tends to deny clubs
- 3♥ Promises 6+ good Hearts, no support for minors; Non Forcing
- 3♠ Promises 6+ good Spades, no support for minors; Non Forcing
- 3NT To Play (Rarely)
- 4♣ 3+ Clubs Non forcing (Rarely)
- 4♦ **3+ diamonds; Non forcing (rarely)**

Examples

Hand 1				Hand 2			
North				North			
1NT				1NT			
West		East		West		East	
♠ X X X X X		♠ A		♠ Q X X X		♠ J	
♥ Q X X X		♥ K T		♥ X X X X		♥ K T	
♦ J T		♦ K X X X X		♦ K J X		♦ A X X X X	
♣ K X		♣ Q X X X X		♣ X X		♣ A X X X X	
		▼ Pass				▼ Pass	
N	E	S	W	N	E	S	W
1NT	2NT*	p	3C**	1NT	2NT* P		3D**
P	P	P		P	All Pass		
* 5-5 in minors.				* 5-5 in minors.			
**→ (Tolerance for Clubs)				**→ (Tolerance for Ds;)			

Hand 3				Hand 4			
North				North			
1NT				1NT			
West		East		West		East	
♠ J X		♠ Q		♠ AKXXXX		♠ X	
♥ AQXXXX		♥ K T		♥ XXXX		♥ K3	
♦ K T X		♦ A X X X X		♦ T X		♦ A X X X X	
♣ X X		♣ K X X X X		♣ X		♣ Q T X X X	
		▼ Pass				▼ P	
N	E	S	W	N	E	S	W
1NT	2NT*	p	3H**(6+ H; NF)	1NT	2NT* P		3S**(6+ Sp;NF)
P	P	P	(No minor Supp.)	P	All Pass		(No minor Supp.)

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Hand 5
North
1NT

West S AXX ♥ AXX ♦ KJ ♣ JX	▼ Pass	East(vul) S J8 ♥ K ♦ AXXXX ♣ AXXXX
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N	E	S	W
1NT	2NT*	p	3NT**
P	All Pass		(no Spades supp.)
* Both minorS			
**→ (ToPlay)			

Hand 6
North
1NT

West S AXXX ♥ JXX ♦ KX ♣ AXXX	▼ P	East S J ♥ KQ ♦ AXXXX ♣ QXXXX
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N	E	S	W
1NT	2NT*	P	4♣** (3+ Clubs; NF)
P	All Pass		
* Both minorS			
**→ (3+ Clubs N.F.)			

Hand 7
North
1NT

West S AT98 ♥ JXX ♦ KX XX ♣ AX	▼ P	East S J ♥ KX ♦ AXXXX ♣ QXXXX
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N	E	S	W
1NT	2NT*	P	4♦** (3+ Diams; NF)
P	All Pass		
* Both minorS			

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If		Then
2♣ is doubled	▶▶▶	Redouble is SOS
2♣ is <u>overcalled</u>	▶▶▶	<u>Double is for takeout (advancer has values).</u>
2♦ is doubled	▶▶▶	Redouble is SOS (asks partner to bid better Major)
2♦ is <u>overcalled</u>	▶▶▶	<u>Double is for penalty.</u>
2♥ or 2♠ is doubled	▶▶▶	Redouble is SOS (asks partner to bid better Minor)
2♥ or 2♠ is <u>overcalled</u>	▶▶▶	<u>Double is for penalty.</u>

If you Google “Cappelletti aka Hamilton” you will see the material which has been used to present these notes.

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