

DEFENCE TO 1NT OPENER – DOUBLED BY OPPOSITION

Most partnerships play, as part of their defence, that a double of 1NT shows 15+HCP. This can cause some problems when playing the weak NT and an escape mechanism is an essential tool when holding a weak hand of less than 7 points opposite partners

1NT 12-14 opener.

One system that can be used is:

Partner	Opposition	You
1NT	(Double)	?

Pass: Shows a balanced hand with 0-7HCP **or** 8+HCP
Accepts the contract as has values or has no better place to play with a weak hand.

Redouble Shows an undisclosed 5 card suit
Opener must respond 2♣ if the bid is available.
Responder then passes with ♣ or bids their suit
Use this bid also when holding a 5 card suit and a 4 card suit.

2♣ Shows 4♣ and another higher 4 card suit

Partner passes with 3♣ or bids 3♦

Eg: holding

(a)	♠KT76 ♥AJx ♦xx ♣KQxx Pass	(b)	♠KT76 ♥AJxx ♦KQx ♣xx Bid 2♦ You have at least a 4/3 fit in any suit other than ♣ Responder then bids his own suit or passes with 4♦
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2♦ Shows 4♦ and a 4 card major
Partner passes with 3♦ or bids 3♥

2♥ Shows 4♥ and 4♠
Partners passes or converts to ♠

This is primarily a rescue mechanism and all bids must be alerted.

Whiteboard setup

XX Redouble shows a 5 card suit somewhere

2♣ shows 4♣ and 4 of a higher suit

2♦ shows 4♦ and 4 of a higher suit

2♥ shows 4♥ and 4 of a higher suit ie 4♥ and 4♠

Partner	Opposition	You	Opposition
1NT	Double	?	Pass

2♣	pass	XX You pass or bid your 5 card suit
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2♣

2♦

2♥

♠KT76

♥AJx

♦xx

♣KQxx

Pass

(b) ♠KT76

♥AJxx

♦KQx

♣xx

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in any suit other
than ♣ Responder then bids his
own suit or passes with 4♦