

## Defence to 1NT opener

### Natural

Double shows 15+ points. Normally a balanced hand unless holding 19+ points or a distributional hand

- Note:
1. A double followed by a new suit bid at the 2 level shows 15-18
  2. A double followed by a rebid of 2NT 19+
  3. New suit at the 3 level shows 19+ and normally a 6 card suit

Eg:

| Opener | Partner | Responder                         | You     |
|--------|---------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| 1NT    | Double  | Pass                              | 2♦ Weak |
| Pass   | 2♠      | 16-18 points and a five card suit |         |

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|------|--------|---------------------------|---------|
| 1NT  | Double | Pass                      | 2♦ Weak |
| Pass | 2NT    | shows 19+ points balanced |         |

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| 1NT  | Double | Pass  | 2♦ Weak |
| Pass | Double | 19+ possibly penalties dependant on vulnerability |         |
|      | 3♣♥♠   | 19+   |         |

- 2♣ Shows both Majors at least 4x4

| Opener | Partner | Responder | You                      |
|--------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|
| 1NT    | 2♣      | Pass      | 2♦ Same length in Majors |
|        |         |           | 2♥ longer ♥              |
|        |         |           | 2♠ longer ♠              |

- 2♦ Natural 11-15 points

- 2♥ Natural 11-15 points

- 2♠ Natural 11-15 points

- 2NT 5x5 in minors Respond by bidding better minor

- 3♣ Natural 11+15 points

- 3♦ Natural 16+ points 6 + of suit

- 3♥ Natural 16+ points 6 + of suit

- 3♠ Natural 16+ points 6 + of suit

### **Reponses to partners double of 1NT**

0-8 points Bid a 5 card suit or bid four card suits in order upwards

9+ points Assess your hand as to whether you can make game

If you think game is on bid 2NT or a 5 card suit at the 3 level This is asking partner to bid game in the suit bid or bid a new suit forcing for 1 round

### **Watch the vulnerability.**

Opposition is not vul and you are vul

Partner doubles and you hold 10 points you have enough points for game

Opposition is vul and you are not vul pass with 9 plus points