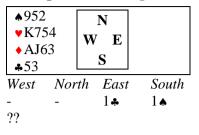


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Examples of the Negative Double



 N
 ♦975

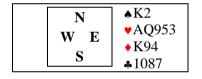
 W E
 ♦AQJ3

 S
 ♦864

 ♣954

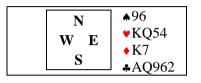
West North East South 1 ◆ 1 ▲ Dbl The Negative double here shows 4 hearts and at least 6 points.

This is a minimum!



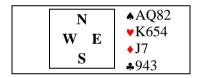
West North East South 1♠ 2♦ 2♥

No need for anything fancy when you can make your normal bid. 2♥ shows 5+cards and 10+HCP One reason for overcalling is to give opponents problems. Without the overcall West bids 1, but 2, shows 10+HCP, 5+hearts. He cannot raise partner, and he cannot bid 1NT. Yet he is worth a bid. The solution to his problem is the <u>Negative Double</u>, an extension of the takeout double. In the same way as a takeout double, the Negative double shows *length in the unbid suits*, and *no good 5-card suit to bid*.



West North East South 1• 1• 2•

A normal forcing 20ver1 response. You are strong enough to bid hearts next time.



West North East South 1 ◆ 2 ♣ Dbl

The auction has got too high for $1 \checkmark$. The negative double allows you to show both majors at once

N	♠ 96
WE	♥ KQ54
	◆ 73
S	♣ KQ962

West North East South 1 ◆ 1 ▲ Dbl You have enough to bid 2 ◆ but

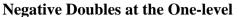
not to bid a new suit later. The <u>negative double</u> shows 4 hearts in case you have a major suit fit

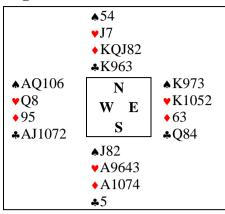
N	▲ 63 ▼ 95
W E S	◆KQ93 ◆AJ942

WestNorthEastSouth $1 \bigstar$ $2 \checkmark$ DblThis one needs to be a littlestronger – partner must go tothe 3-level to support you.



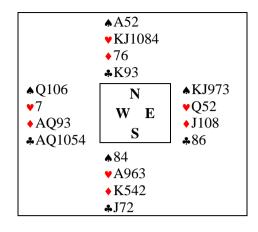
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West North East South 1+ 1 ♦ 1 🗸 3 ♦ A partscore hand. East-West, not playing the **Negative double,** sold out to 3, making 9 tricks 1* 1 ♦ Dbl 3 🔶 Pass Pass 3♠ Pass At another table East made a Negative Double. Over a 1 • overcall this shows 4-4 in the majors. Finding the 4-4 spade fit was worth +140.

	 ▲AQ1092 ♥A74 ♦K8 ♣653 		
 ▲KJ7 ♥KQ1062 ◆Q53 ▲A8 	N W E S	 ▲63 ◆J85 ◆A1074 ▲QJ92 	
	 ▲854 ♥93 ◆J962 ▲K1074 		



West	North	East	South
1*	1 🗸	1 🛦	2 🗸
2	Pass	Pass	Pass

Over a $1 \checkmark$ overcall the Negative double shows *precisely 4 spades*. With 5 or more spades East can bid $1 \clubsuit$, which allows West to raise safely with 3 cards

West	North	East	South
1 🗸	1	Dbl	Pass
1NT	All Pas	SS	

Over a 1 overcall the Negative Double shows support for both unbid suits. West has no second suit, but he can rebid 1NT just as he would without the interference. 1NT shows *stoppers* in the suit overcalled.



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Negative Doubles at the Two-level and higher

S +964 ★964 ★01087

West	North	East	South
1	2•	Dbl	

After an overcall at the 2-level East's double shows **4 hearts** and about 10+ HCP. Ideally he has tolerance for clubs also

Γ	Ν	AQ62
	W E	♥K1065
	S	♦ J7
	6	

West	North	East	South
1 •	2*	Dbl	

A 2. overcall annoyingly uses up the 1-level. East can show both majors at once with a Negative Double. (You may do this with less than perfect shape: say 3-4 in the majors. But like all takeout doubles you should have support for all unbid majors)

WE	 ▲AQ63 ♥95 ◆Q102 ▲A742
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WestNorthEastSouth1 ◆3 ♥Dbl

The pre-emptive overcall gives East a serious problem The Negative double shows the values to bid but no good suit and no primary support.

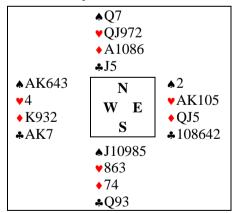
Opener's response to a Negative Double

▲A9	Ν	
 K754 J2 	W E	
♣AQ853	S	

West North East South 1♣ 1♠ Dbl Pass 2♥

West bids his 4-card heart suit. This is NOT a reverse: he is simply 'supporting' partner's known suit

The Penalty Pass



▲J95	Ν	
♦AK643	W E	
♣A1082	S	

WestNorthEastSouth1♥1▲DblPass2♣

West bids his second suit. This does not *guarantee* 5 hearts, but a minimum hand will be unbalanced and likely to be at least 5-4

A2	N	
♥AK94 ♦KQ976	W E	
* 72	S	

West	North	East	South			
1 🔸	1 🛦	Dbl	Pass			
3 🗸						
You would have raised a 1						

response to $3 \checkmark$, so you are worth a 'raise' to $3 \checkmark$ now.

West	North	East	South
1 🛦	2¥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	???	

Playing Negative Doubles East cannot bid over $2 \checkmark$. (Double would show diamonds & clubs). So he passes. When the bidding comes back to West at $2 \checkmark$ he can make a *re-opening takeout double*, showing length in all the unbid suits. East passes, converting the takeout double to a penalty double. He makes a <u>Penalty Pass</u>.