



Responder after 1 Clubs opening and a 1 Spades overcall

After a 1♣ opening and a 1♠ overcall

- Evaluate your hand - not only your HCP but also how your honors are positioned To bid a suit or bid a negative double, the honors need to be in your team's suits.
- Jump bids of 3 and 4♥ are pre-empts with 7-8 ♥ cards and less than 10HCP
- NT bids need ♠ stoppers and at least 2 ♣ cards
- a cue-bid denies the possibility of a natural or a negative double bid

Last but not least, if you have a great defensive hand, learn to pass so that you can defeat your Opp's contract.

S	W	N	E
		1♣	1♠
Pass			

K♠	Q♠	10♠	8♠	9♥	7♥	5♥	3♥	2♣	Q♦	J♦	6♦	2♦
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Problem E5274 PASS No negative doubles without honors in the Team's suits. It's not enough to have 8HCP and 4 ♥ cards. The honor cards need to be well placed.

S	W	N	E
		1♣	1♠
Pass			

A♠	J♠	10♠	8♠	6♠	J♥	8♥	3♥	2♥	3♣	A♦	10♦	4♦
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Problem E5282 PASS with this poor heart suit. Be happy that the Opp is going to play a spade contract and will lose.



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Suit shifts

Need a "nice suit with at least 5 cards (incl honors) and at least 11HCP.
After an overcall at the 1 level, these bids are forcing for one bidding round.

S	W	N	E
		1 ♣	1 ♠
2 ♥			



Problem E5275 2♥ : this is a forcing bid showing a minimum of 11HCP and a 5-carder. 3♥ or 4♥ would be pre-empt.



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No fit in the major. Negative double.

Responder's negative double needs :

- 4 cards in the other major
- a minimum point count of 7-8HCP and honors in the team's suits

S	W	N	E
		1 ♦	1 ♠
X			

A ♠	10 ♠	9 ♠	8 ♠	A ♥	J ♥	9 ♥	7 ♥	7 ♣	2 ♣	9 ♦	6 ♦	5 ♦
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Problem E1571 Negative double describing ♥.