



## Sputnik double

#### This is a conventional bid for Responder after a 1♦ or 1♥ overcall by Opp

With 5-6HCP and 4 or 5 cards in a major - you have to bid!

- Resonder bids a suit one ranked higher than that of the overcalled suit it promises 5 cards in that suit.
- With 4 cards in the suit ranked one level higher, Resonder bids X
- Bidding the suit ranked above (ex. Spades after a diamond overcall) is ambiguous : Responder can have 4 or 5 cards.



Problem E5628 X After a 1♦ overcall, double promises exactly 4 ♥ cards.



Problem E5629 1♥ After a 1♦ overcall, bidding 1♥ promises exactly 5 cards (suit ranked one level higher than that of overcalled suit)





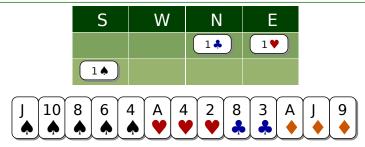
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#### **Negative Double Consequences**

- If Responder's bid suit isn't one just ranked above Overcaller's suit, Opener doesn't know if Responder has 4 or 5 cards.
- After a diamond overcall, Responder's X promises 4 ♥ cards. Of course, you can't use the X to bid 4 ♠ cards.



Problem E5664 1♠ After a 1♦ bid, a 1♠ bid is ambiguous : Responder has 4 or 5 ♠ cards. (suit isn't ranked one level above overcalled suit)



Problem E5662 1♠ After a 1♥ overcall, a 1♠ bid promises at least 5 cards (suit ranked just one level above overcalled suit)





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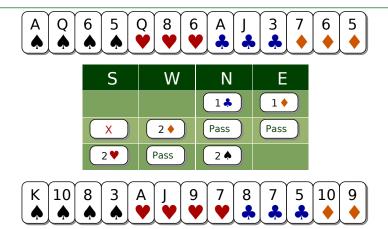
#### Responder's follow on bids after X on a 1♦ overcall

On the following bidding round, Responder can describe his hand :

- after doubling, if he bids the suit which is ranked one level higher than overcalled suit, he promises 4 cards in the other major (♠) and a hand with no Game ambition. He can't have 5♥ cards, otherwise he would have bid them in the 1st round!
- If he bids the other major in the next round, it means he also has 4 cards and a hand to go for Game



Exercise 20223 2♠ shows 4 cards and 4 cards ♥ in a game forcing hand (12HCP or more ...)



Problem E20224 after doubling the 1♦ overcall, 2♥ shows 4 ♥ cards and 4 ♠ cards in a hand with no Game ambition.