



Overcalls after a 1NT opening: the minor/major double

The minor/major double

This is the most frequent two-suited overcall after a 1NT opening. (There are 4 possible combinations...against only one for the Landy!) It promises:

- A minor of at least 5 cards, a four-card major,
- at least 10 or so HCP and, above all, the high cards concentrated in the long suits.

Remember, to overcall after a 1NT opening, distribution is more important than the number of points.

S	W	N	E
			1 NT
X			

K	Q	10	8	4	A	J	10	9	7	5	6	5
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦

double After a 1NT opening the double shows a two-suiter with a five-card minor and a four-card major.

S	W	N	E
			1 NT
X			

4	A	K	9	7	A	9	4	Q	J	10	9	7
♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦

double With such a hand don't hesitate to double (minor/major)!



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The ensuing bids

- If your Partner wishes to know the long minor suit, he bids 2 clubs.
- If he wishes to know the 4 card major, he bids 2 diamonds.
- With a strong hand your Partner can pass and turn the double into a penalty double!

K	Q	10	8	4	A	J	10	9	7	5	6	5
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦
S	W	N	E									
	1 NT	X	Pass									
2 ♦												
J	9	7	6	A	8	7	8	6	A	10	8	7
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

2 diamonds with a 4 card major ask your Partner, who doubled, to name his major to see if a fit exists.

K	Q	10	8	4	A	J	10	9	7	5	6	5
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦
S	W	N	E									
	1 NT	X	Pass									
2 ♣												
J	9	7	A	8	7	8	6	4	A	10	8	7
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

2 clubs You are bound to have a minor fit. Ask your Partner, who doubled, to name his minor .



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The bidding after the doubler's Partner has replied 2 clubs or 2 diamonds

- After your bid of 2 diamonds, pass if the major called by the doubler suits you. If not, bid 2NT to find refuge in the minors (not to play 2NT of course!)
- After your bid of 2 clubs, pass after your Partner bids his minor.



S	W	N	E
	1 NT	X	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
Pass			



Pass Your Partner has bid 2 diamonds in reply to your 2 club bid which asked him for his long minor. You are going to play this contract relaxed!



S	W	N	E
	1 NT	X	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
Pass			



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Not fitted in the Major... to play a ♣ contract



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The ensuing bidding: your Partner passes with a strong hand and turns the double into a penalty double.



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	1 NT	X	Pass
Pass			



Pass South, who knows that his side has the majority of points by far, passes and cashes 3 down doubled and vulnerable...