

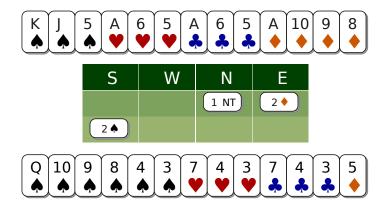


The Rubensohl after a 1NT opening and a 2 diamond overcall

The Rubensohl is used by the responder after a 1NT opening and an overcall. Zia recommends that experienced players use this system.

After a natural overcall of 2 diamonds:

- - all the responder's bids in a suit at the two level are natural
- - from 2NT onwards all bids are Texas transfer bids. 2NT is therefore artificial (Texas for clubs)
- - the impossible Texas is a Stayman
- - the double is a takeout. It could be a Stayman with just 8HCP or show a balanced hand of 8HCP or more.



Problème E9089

2 spades which shows five spades and a hand limited to 7HCP maximum



Problème E9011

double This multi-purpose double takes the place of the Stayman.

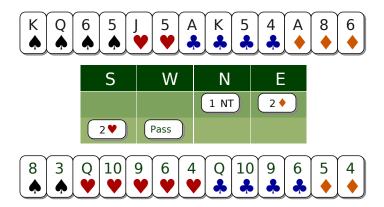




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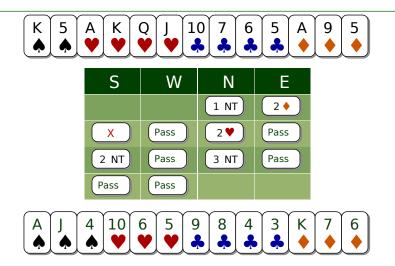
After a natural overcall of 2 diamonds

- The responder's bids
- in a suit at the two level are natural and non forcing. They are limited to a maximum of 7HCP.
- The double is not punitive. It requires at least 7-8HCP and often reveals a hand that would have bid 2NT without the overcall. The double asks the Partner to bid a four or five-card suit or to bid NT if he has stoppers in the overcall suit. With a suitable hand, the opener can also pass and transform the double into a punitive one!With a hand of just 8HCP it can also be used by the responder as a Stayman non game forcing.



Problème E9004

2 heartsA natural bid with five hearts and less than 8HCP. This is a stop.



Problème E9003

DoubleHere this multi-purpose double corresponds to the 2NT bid that you would have made without the overcall. Remember that 2NT would be Texas for clubs in this situation!



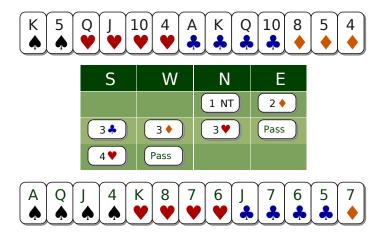


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The Texas responses

From 2NT onwards all the responses are Texas. The impossible Texas (for the overcall suit) is a Stayman. This forcing bid requires 8HCP and at least one four-card major.

- 1NT 2 diamonds 2NT = Texas for clubs (it guarantees 6 cards)
- 11NT 2 diamonds 3 clubs = the impossible Texas. The responder cannot want to play 3 diamonds so it's a game-forcing Stayman.
- 11NT 2 diamonds 3 diamonds = Texas for hearts
- 11NT 2 diamonds 3 hearts = Texas for spades
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Problème E9013

3 clubs - the impossible Texas. You can't possibly want to play in the overcall suit! It's a game-forcing Stayman.