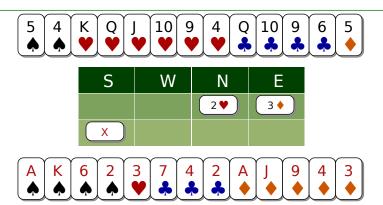


#### **Punitive double**

- Once your pair has the majority of HCP, and overall when your opponents are vulnerable, give preference to a punitive rather than trying to find a part contract. Most of the time, it will be fruitful for you.
- In some bidding sequences, a double is always punitive. That's the case after a 1NT overcall of your opponents and a level 2 response from your partner. That's also the case after your partner's preemptive opening, after a redouble, or when the opponents have named a suit you have called in a take-out double.



Problem E1031 PUNITIVE DOUBLE Your pair holds more points than your opponents...

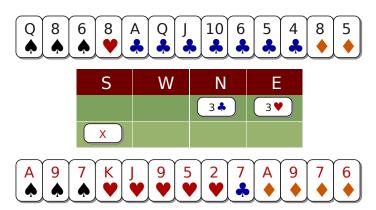


Problem E8570 PUNITIVE DOUBLE Almost too good to be true!

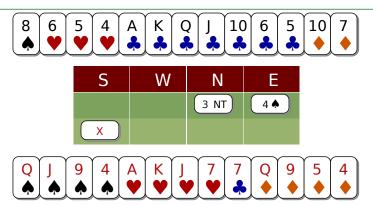


# After your partner's preemptive opening and an overcall, the responder's double is always punitive!

The is no Sputnik double after a preemptive opening.



Problem E8568 PUNITIVE DOUBLE Doubling an overcall after the partner preemptive opening is always punitive.



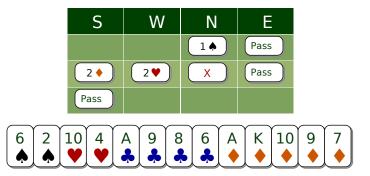
Problem E8569 PUNITIVE DOUBLE You know your partner holds 7 leading 4 cards.... Your opponent wanted to fight.. you are ready!





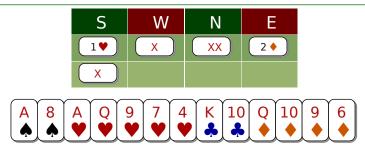
#### **Punitive double**

- After his partner's shift at level 2, the opener's double is punitive.
- After a 1NT overcall, the responder's double is punitive.
- After you or your partner has redoubled, any double is punitive.



#### Problème E1366

PASSE Après votre changement de couleur au palier de 2, l'ouvreur sait que votre camp est majoritaire. Il punit l'adversaire imprudent en passant !



Problem E1021 PUNITIVE DOUBLE After a redouble (10 HCP and above) all doubles are punitive.



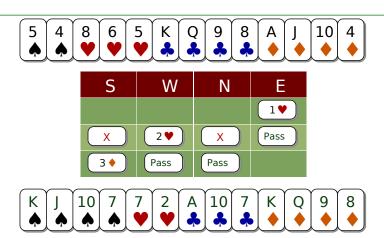
## A "double over" is not always punitive.

A "double over" is a double in response to a take-out double.

- It is punitive when the opponent has named a suit which was called by the take-out double.
- It is not punitive but asking for a take-out when the opponents have supported the same suit.



Problem E4739 PUNITIVE DOUBLE After your take-out double, your partner's double is punitive as far as the responder has named one of suits you've called.



Problem 9092 TAKE-OUT DOUBLE West hasn't named one of the suits you called, he just raised his partner's suit. Therefore, your partner's double is a take-out double. Name your ◆!