



Mandatory responses to takeout doubles

Your Partner who has just overcalled can have anything from 12HCP to over 20HCP.

The 3rd seat player didn't bid so you have to respond:

- with a very weak hand, bid your best suit at the lowest level (even with 0HCP)
- with a stronger hand (8-10HCP), give your 4-card suit with a jump and your 5-card suit with a double jump
- Without a 4-card major and with stoppers in the opener's suit, look for a contract in NT.



Problem E4869 The 3rd seat player passed so you have to bid. Here, 1 ... which doesn't promise very much !



Problème E4869

The 3rd seat player passed so you have to respond. Bid 1 heart here, which doesn't promise much!

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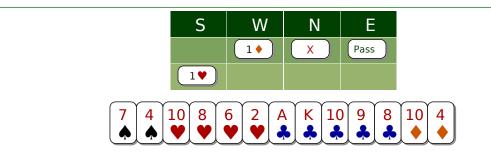
Responding with a suit

- With 0-7HCP: the best suit at the lowest level giving priority to the majors.
- With 8-10HCP:
 - with a 4-card major or a 5-card minor, bid with a JUMP
 - with a 5-card major bid with a DOUBLE JUMP
 - with a 6-card major bid go to game
 - With 11HCP or more cue bid the opener's suit to show strength.



Problème E4873

You have to give your least feeble suit!



Problème E4870

The lowest possible bid with only 7HCP.

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Examples of responses with a suit

Be careful!

A jump and a double jump don't promise strong hands but respectively:

- single jump = 4 cards in that major
- double jump = 5 cards in that major



Problème E4871

With more than 7HCP, a jump to show 4 $\mathbf{\Psi}$.



Problème E5796

3 ♥, a double jump which shows 5 cards in that suit as well as 8-10HCP.

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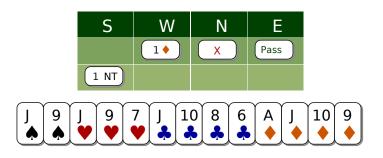


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NT responses

They guarantee a stopper in the opener's suit and deny a 4-card major.

- With 7-9HCP: 1NT
- With 10-11HCP: 2NT



Problème E4875

1NT with 7-9HCP and a diamond stopper.

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