



Non forced bids on takeout double

You only bid on a take-out double if you have a bid to make.

Bid your best suit at the lowest level with 5-7HCP!

With a stronger hand (8-14HCP) jump bid - one or 2 levels showing your long suit

With no 4 card major and stoppers in the Opener's suit bid :

- 2NT with approx 11HCP
- 3NT with 12-14HCP

| S | W | N | E |
|------|-----|---|-----|
| | 1 ♦ | X | 2 ♣ |
| Pass | | | |

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| 10 | 9 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 6 | Q | 4 | 3 | Q | 9 | 6 |
| ♠ | ♠ | ♠ | ♥ | ♥ | ♥ | ♥ | ♣ | ♣ | ♣ | ♦ | ♦ | ♦ |

Problem E4877 Pass Don't be reckless with your inefficient 4HCP.

| S | W | N | E |
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| | 1 ♦ | X | 1 ♥ |
| 1 ♠ | | | |

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| K | 10 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 3 |
| ♠ | ♠ | ♠ | ♠ | ♠ | ♥ | ♥ | ♣ | ♣ | ♦ | ♦ | ♦ | ♦ |

Problem E5086 1 ♠ With a minimum of points (for a non-forced bid) bid your suit at the lowest level ...especially if it's a 5 carder.



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Non-forced bid (if the Responder has bid)

Less than 5HCP, PASS

From 5-7HCP bid your suit at the lowest level

| S | W | N | E |
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| | 1 ♣ | X | 2 ♣ |
| 2 ♥ | | | |

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| J ♠ | 10 ♠ | 7 ♠ | Q ♥ | J ♥ | 9 ♥ | 7 ♥ | 4 ♥ | 7 ♣ | 4 ♣ | J ♦ | 10 ♦ | 7 ♦ |
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Problem E1017 2♥ Response bid with no jump (5-7HCP) with a "nice" 5 cards and honors in ♠ and ♦.

| S | W | N | E |
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| | 1 ♦ | X | 2 ♦ |
| 3 ♥ | | | |

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| J ♠ | 4 ♠ | A ♥ | J ♥ | 10 ♥ | 8 ♥ | 6 ♥ | K ♣ | 10 ♣ | 9 ♣ | 4 ♣ | 7 ♦ | 4 ♦ |
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Problem E1020 3♥ A jump bid in response to a take-out double shows :

- a 5-carder
- from 8-10HCP

It's up to P to decide the contract



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Non-forced bid in response to a take-out double : with 11HCP and more

5 cards in a major Game

With stoppers in the Opp's opening suit, 2NT

With 13HCP and stoppers in the Opp's opening suit 3NT

No natural bid possible cue-bid Opener's suit.

| S | W | N | E |
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| | 1 ♦ | X | 1 ♠ |
| 4 ♥ | | | |



Problem E4878 4♥ Game with more than 11HCP and 5 trump cards.



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Be Careful!

A take-out double will have consequences on the Opp's bidding sequence.
