

# Responses to a takeout double

To recap, when we have < 18 point hand and they open on our right 1-any , we will DOUBLE for takeout IF –

1. We are **short** in the suit doubled;
2. We have **support** for the other suits;
3. We have > **10 points**.

If we are a balanced 15-18 with a stopper, consider 1NT. Else... PASS and wait for partner to protect.

The rules for responding to a takeout double are -

1. Bid a suit, as requested, with 0 – bad 8 points
2. Jump with 8 – 11 points. After all, you have more than a yarborough!
3. Jump to game with 6-carder and a game-going hand. **He who KNOWS, GOES!**
4. Cue bid their suit with 11+ and bid slowly to your best fit (or NT)
5. With 7-9/10-12/13+ with a good stopper(s) bid 1NT/2NT/3NT resp.
6. Pass if you feel you will defeat it at least 2 down.

## They open 1♦. Dble by partner, Pass by RHO. Your bid?

1 ♠ J972 ♥ K2 ♦ Q876 ♣ K103 Dir: N Vul:	2 ♠ QJ53 ♥ QJ4 ♦ Q102 ♣ K103 Dir: E Vul: N-S	3 ♠ Q7 ♥ QJ4 ♦ Q63 ♣ K10952 Dir: S Vul: E-W	4 ♠ J92 ♥ KJ42 ♦ 1083 ♣ K109 Dir: W Vul: Both
5 ♠ J7 ♥ QJ32 ♦ Q63 ♣ K932 Dir: N Vul: N-S	6 ♠ QJ75 ♥ K43 ♦ Q10632 ♣ 2 Dir: E Vul: E-W	7 ♠ QJ975 ♥ QJ ♦ Q876 ♣ 109 Dir: S Vul: Both	8 ♠ J3 ♥ KQJ432 ♦ 102 ♣ K105 Dir: W Vul:

1 ♠ AT86 ♥ AT98 ♦ 4 ♣ AJ84 Dir: N Vul: None ♠ K4 ♥ 765 ♦ AKJ95 ♣ Q76 ♠ Q53 ♥ QJ43 ♦ T32 ♣ 952 13 ♠ J972 ♥ K2 ♦ Q876 ♣ KT3 13 5 9 N 3 1 2 5 1 S 4 2 2 5 1 E - - - - - W - - - - -	2 ♠ AT86 ♥ AT98 ♦ 4 ♣ AJ84 Dir: E Vul: N-S ♠ K4 ♥ 765 ♦ AKJ95 ♣ Q76 ♠ 972 ♥ K32 ♦ 8763 ♣ 952 13 ♠ QJ53 ♥ QJ4 ♦ QT2 ♣ KT3 13 3 11 N 5 1 5 5 2 S 5 1 5 5 3 E - - - - - W - - - - -	3 ♠ AT86 ♥ AT98 ♦ 4 ♣ AJ84 Dir: S Vul: E-W ♠ K4 ♥ 765 ♦ AKJ95 ♣ Q76 ♠ J9532 ♥ K32 ♦ T872 ♣ 3 13 ♠ Q7 ♥ QJ4 ♦ Q63 ♣ KT952 13 4 10 N 4 - 3 1 1 S 4 - 3 1 2 E - 2 - - - W - 2 - - -	4 ♠ AT86 ♥ AT98 ♦ 4 ♣ AJ84 Dir: W Vul: Both ♠ K4 ♥ 765 ♦ AKJ95 ♣ Q76 ♠ J92 ♥ KJ42 ♦ T83 ♣ KT9 ♠ Q753 ♥ Q3 ♦ Q762 ♣ 532 13 13 6 8 N 4 - 5 3 2 S 4 - 5 3 2 E - 1 - - - W - 1 - - -
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Solutions: 1. 2S 2. 2S 3. 3C 4. 2H 5. 2H 6. 2S 7. 2S 8. 4H!! Remember, doubler has a good 16 dummy points, and after a 2-level bid, raises to game immediately with 4-card support.