

Redouble and Jordan 2NT

What does a bid over a double mean?

- ▶ When your partner opens the bidding and the next hand doubles:
- ▶ WITH A GOOD HAND YOU SOMETIMES REDOUBLE
 - ▶ If a hand is worth more than 10 points, then you should redouble first to advise partner that your side the balance of power.
 - ▶ A player who redoubles becomes the temporary captain of the team because the opening bidder is requested to pass the next bid around to the redoubler, who promises to double or bid.
- ▶ BUT WITH A GOOD HAND YOU SOMETIMES BID
 - ▶ A bid at the one level is **one round forcing**.
 - ▶ Some hands are not suitable for a redouble.
- ▶ WITH A BAD HAND YOU PASS? NOT NECESSARILY
 - ▶ With a bad hand and trump support for partner you can raise or even jump.
 - ▶ This serves as an obstructive measure and intends to interfere with the opposition without incurring any risk.
 - ▶ With a bad hand and a suit of your own, you can bid it at 2 level, which is never forcing.

Why Redouble

Most experienced players use the redouble when they have **10 high card points AND they are prepared to defend**. In other words, they use the redouble when they have NO FIT for partner's bid. Partner then can safely pass at the next time around in case the redoubler wants to double whatever bid the opponents have made. This is a very important concept in the use of the redouble.

Suppose the auction is

North	East	South	West
1♠	Double	?	

Your hand may be

♠4 ♥KQJ3 ♦A1037 ♣J1042

You would redouble to show 2 things. First that you and your partner hold the balance of the points and second that if the opponents were to step into the bidding, you would be willing to defend a low-level contract doubled.

Jordan 2NT

Many experienced players like to use a bid called Jordan 2NT (misnamed because it was actually invented by Alan Truscott and called Truscott by some) when they have a fit for partner's suit and at least a limit raise. This bid is alertable!

Suppose the auction is

North	East	South	West
1♠	Double		?

Your hand may be

♠QJ42 ♥K3 ♦A1075 ♣1043

Using Jordan, you would bid 2NT to show a fit for partner's spades and at least a limit raise. This bid effectively shuts the opponents out of their heart or club bid at a low level and shows partner your fit. Partner can now bid 3S or 4S depending on strength of opening bid or explore for slam.

To Summarize Jordan 2NT

S	W	N	E
1 S	Dbl	2 S	

Shows 6-9 points including distribution and at least 3 card support for partner's major.
e.g. S Q76 H 76 D J9432 C K65

S	W	N	E
1 S	Dbl	Redbl	

Redouble shows 10 or more HCP and 2 cards or fewer in Spades.
e.g. S K6 H K87 D J6432 C A76

S	W	N	E
1 S	Dbl	2 NT!	

2NT shows 10 or more HCP and at least 4 card support for Spades. Some believe it shows 3 card support. This is a partnership agreement that you should discuss with partner.
e.g. S Q762 H 76 D KJ94 C KJ6

S	W	N	E
1 S	Dbl	3 S	

3 S is weak and preemptive. 2-6 points (including distribution) and at least four card support for Spades.
e.g. S Q765 H 7 D J9432 C Q65

Bidding Over Opponent's Takeout Double

North	East	South	West
1H	X		?

Your Hand

S 43	H KQJ4	D 43	C J654
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S 43	H K2	D 43	C QJT654
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S 43 H KQJ2 D K3 C J654

North	East		South	West
1 S	X		?	

Your Hand

S 43 H K4 D KQJ3 C J654

S KQ43 H K4 D K32 C J654

S 43 H 952 D 42 C KQJ654

S 43 H 952 D A2 C KQJ654

SAYC

This information is in compliance with the SAYC system (Standard American Yellow Card), which is the system that is most often used by duplicate bridge players. According to SAYC, if RHO makes a takeout double:

- ▶ • 1♦ -- (Double)
 - ▶ o -- 1♥, 1♠ = forcing, point count not limited.
 - ▶ o -- 2♣ = non-forcing (6-10 points, usually a six-card suit).
 - ▶ o -- 2NT = limit raise (at least 10 points or more 4+ in partner's suit) (Note: This is the Jordan 2NT bid)
 - ▶ o -- Redouble = 10 points or more, but no good fit in partner's suit (You could have 3-card support.)
 - ▶ o -- 3♦ = Preemptive, good trump support but fewer than 10 points (but not if you play flip flop).

Flip Flop for Minors

- ▶ Some think that Jordan 2NT is best to use for majors.
- ▶ 1S X 2NT is 10+ points with 4 spades.
- ▶ 1S X 3S is a preemptive weak bid showing 4+ spades.
- ▶ 1C X 2NT is a preemptive weak bid showing 5+ clubs.
- ▶ 1C X 3C is 10+ points with 5+ clubs.
- ▶ This bid could help opener find a 3NT contract.

Try Bidding These Hands with Flip Flop

North	East	South	West
1D	X	?	
S 43	H K4	D KQJ32	C Q652
S 43	H 54	D KQJ32	C 8652
S 43	H K952	D Q2	C KQJ654

Try It

You'll get it wrong the first few times! If you are perfect every time at bridge, you aren't playing often enough. It is a game of mistakes for players at ALL levels, even experts. The more mistakes you make, the faster you will learn so play often...and yes, be prepared to be humbled often! But NEVER say die and keep coming back for more!

OVER OPP'S T/O DOUBLE				
New Suit Forcing: 1 level <input type="checkbox"/> 2 level <input type="checkbox"/>				
Jump Shift: Forcing <input type="checkbox"/> Inv. <input type="checkbox"/> Weak <input type="checkbox"/>				
Redouble implies no fit <input type="checkbox"/>				
2NT Over	Limit+	Limit	Weak	
Majors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Minors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other	_____			

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