

WHAT TO DO WHEN PARTNER OPENS 1NT and YOUR RHO (right hand opponent) INTERFERES?

This has become more of a challenge in the world of modern day bridge. Much of the time, your RHO will be making a bid that has an artificial meaning e.g. Opponents are playing D.O.N.T. or Cappelletti or Meckwell. Often they are showing 2 suits, one of which may be an unknown suit. It is essential that you discuss your responses with partner. The following guidelines will work if opponents are making a natural bid. If it is artificial, then you will have to use some extra judgement.

Don't forget to discuss this. MANY people have MANY different opinions about this subject. The following is a simple approach that assumes that you are not playing LEBENSOHL (a very good convention but a complicated one). O.B. = OPENING BIDDER

| O.B. | R.H.O. | YOU | MEANING OF YOUR BID (Responder to 1NT OPENING BID) |
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| 1NT | Double | Redouble | 7 or more HCP. "We have more points than they do". O.B. must pass. |
| 1NT | Double | 2C | Stayman |
| 1NT | Double | 2D | Transfer to Hearts |
| 1NT | Double | 2H | Transfer to Spades |
| 1NT | Double | 2S | Relay to Clubs. O.B. must bid 3C & you will pass or now bid 3D. Shows a weak hand. |
| 1NT | 2C | Double | Stayman. This is the ONLY "stolen bid" you should use. |
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| 1NT | 2C | 2S | Relay to Clubs. O.B. must bid 3C & you will pass or now bid 3D. Shows a weak hand. |
| 1NT | 2C | 2NT | 8-9 HCP, inviting O.B. to bid 3NT with a maximum or pass with a minimum. Your hand is not suitable for Stayman. You may or may not have a C stopper. This assumes you are NOT playing Lebensohl. |
| 1NT | 2C | 4D | Texas Transfer showing 8 + HCP & 6 or more Hearts. Partner has to bid 4H |
| 1NT | 2C | 4H | Texas Transfer showing 8 + HCP & 6 or more Spades. Partner has to bid 4S |
| 1NT | 2C | 3NT | 10 - 15 HCP. May or may not have a C stopper. Your hand is not suitable for Stayman. |
| 1NT | 2D | Double | Value-showing double 7 + HCP. This is NOT a stolen bid. O.B. will usually bid again. |
| 1NT | 2D | 2H | 5-9 HCP + a 5 card Heart suit |
| 1NT | 2D | 2S | 5-9 HCP + a 5 card Spade suit |
| 1NT | 2D | 2NT | 8-9 HCP, inviting O.B. to bid 3NT with a maximum or pass with a minimum. You may or may not have a D stopper. This assumes you are NOT playing Lebensohl. |
| 1NT | 2D | 3C | 10+ HCP & a GOOD 5 card C suit or a 6 card C suit. You don't have a 4 or 5 card major. Forcing. |
| 1NT | 2D | 3D | Stayman. 10+ HCP. |
| 1NT | 2D | 3H | 10+ HCP & a 5 card H suit . With 6, you would have used Texas. Partner must raise or bid 3NT |
| 1NT | 2D | 3S | 10+ HCP & a 5 card S suit . With 6, you would have used Texas |
| 1NT | 2D | 3NT | 10 - 15 HCP. May or may not have a D stopper. No 4 , 5 or 6 card major. (Assumes no Lebensohl) |
| 1NT | 2D | 4D | Texas Transfer showing 8 + HCP & 6 or more Hearts. Partner has to bid 4H |
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