

Takeout Double

Lesson Content

The Takeout double and what it means
The Responses to a takeout double

Main Points to Emphasise

An overcall shows a **good suit**.

A double shows a **good hand** – opening strength and length in **unbid suits**.

The Double is a **command** – partner must choose their best suit. They can pass only if there is an intervening bid which cancels the takeout double.

Please note we have been conservative in our responses to a takeout double!

Lesson Progression

Review player's roles – opener, responder and overcaller – don't take too much time!

Review overcalls and purpose of an overcall

Now introduce a hand such as a 4441 shape with opening points

The opponent opens 1♣, what do you bid?

If you overcall a 4 card suit – partner will expect a 5+card suit and raise with 3.

Write up some examples of this situation.

Therefore, why not ask partner to choose the trump suit?

Describe what is needed for a double

Discuss responses to a double

Responder bids their longest suit – if you have a choice bid a major before a minor

Play all the hands

Have a break when needed!