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!