

Defense against balanced 1NT openings

Strong in direct seat (DONT)

- ❑ DBL: 1-suiter. If followed by 2NT shows 20+ balanced (all following bids at level 3 are transfers).
- ❑ 2C: 4+4+ in clubs and a higher suit
 - Raises: Pre-emptive
 - Pass: 3+ clubs
 - 2D: 0-2 clubs
 - Other suit: Natural
 - 2NT: Game interest
- ❑ 2D: 4+4+ in diamonds and a higher suit
 - Raises: Pre-emptive
 - Pass: 3+ diamonds
 - 2H: 0-2 diamonds
 - Other suit: Natural
 - 2NT: Game interest
- ❑ 2H: 4+4+ in hearts and spades
 - 3/4H/S: Pre-emptive
 - 2S: Preference
 - Other suit: Natural
 - 2NT: Game interest
- ❑ 2S: Weak spade 1-suiter
- ❑ 2NT: Very offensive 5+5+ in any suits

If the DONT 2C/D/H bid is DBLed by the opponent, RDBL is the only “pull-out” (all suit bid are natural own suits). If opponent bids a suit over our DONT, DBL is Negative and 2NT is strong.

Balancing seat or Weak/Mini direct seat (Cappelletti)

- ❑ DBL: Business. If followed by 2NT shows 18-20 balanced. If opponent RDBLs for business:
 - Suit: 5+ suit, weak
 - Pass: otherwise. If opener passes:
 - 2C: Baron
 - Other suit: To play

- ❑ 2C: 1-suiter. If followed by 2NT shows 21-22 balanced.
- ❑ 2D: major 2-suiter. If followed by 2NT shows 18-20 balanced.
- ❑ 2H/S: heart/spade-and-a-minor 2-suiter
- ❑ 2NT: minor 2-suiter

1NT(Weak)-pass-2C (Stayman)

- ❑ Pass followed by DBL: Optional (strong NT hand with Hxx or better)
- ❑ DBL: Natural
- ❑ 2NT: Offensive 2-suiter
- ❑ Other: Natural

1NT-pass-2D/H (Jacoby)

- ❑ Pass followed by DBL (against weak NT): Optional (strong NT hand with Hxx or better)
- ❑ Pass followed by DBL (against strong NT): Negative
- ❑ DBL: Natural
- ❑ Cue-bid: Takeout
- ❑ 2NT: 4+4+ in minors

1NT-pass-2S (transfer to clubs)

- ❑ DBL: Natural
- ❑ 2NT: 4+4+ in diamonds and hearts
- ❑ 3C: Takeout

1NT-pass-2NT (transfer to diamonds)

- ❑ 3D: 4+4+ in majors
- ❑ DBL: Takeout