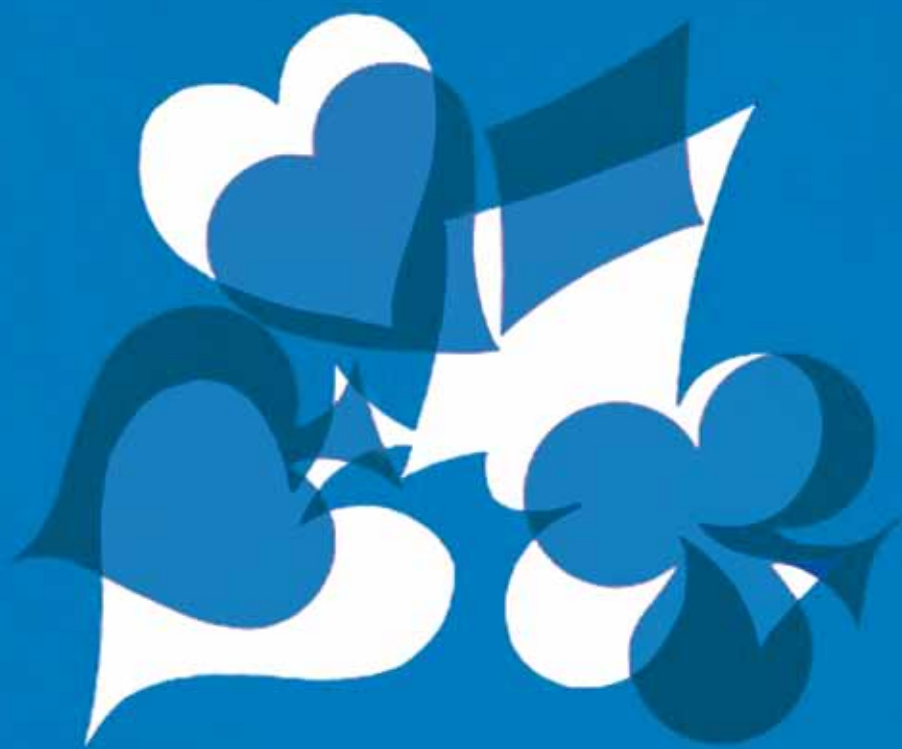


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***A Responsive Double is a double made by Advancer (responder to overcaller).*** This double occurs after opener bids one of a suit, partner overcalls a suit and responder to opener raises opener's suit. Advancer promises 6+ points and at least four cards in the remaining two suits. Not the suit opened and raised, not the suit overcaller (partner) bid.

An example would be:

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1♥	1♠	2♥	Dbl*

\*A Responsive Double showing 6+ points and at least 4 diamonds, at least 4 clubs and less than three spades (since with three spades or more West would have raised spades).

Overcaller will “raise” one of Advancer's suits with a fit or return to his own suit at the appropriate level. Minimum bids show minimum hands. Jump with good hands etc. ***With everyone bidding, this bid tends to be based more on shape (distribution) than on high card points.*** Responsive Doubles have



a much more competitive nature than an attempt to reach a game.

This bid may also be used if partner makes a Takeout Double and responder to opener bids a new suit, but you will need to ***have a discussion with individual partners to iron out your agreement(s)***.

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1♥	Dbl	2♥	Dbl

or

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1♣	Dbl	1♥	Dbl

In the first auction, there would be a tendency for the Responsive Double to be for the minor suits, as West would normally bid spades with four spades.

In the second auction, suppose West had four spades and four diamonds and was more interested in finding a safe fit than necessarily a major fit. West can use a Responsive Double to find a diamond fit when his partner does not have four spades.

## Responsive Double

### Board 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

	♠ K 5		
	♥ K J 9 6 2		
	♦ K 10 4		
	♣ A 9 4		
♠ Q J 8 7	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black;">             N W      E S           </div>	♠ A 6 4 2	
♥ 7 4		♥ 8 3	
♦ A Q 9 6 5		♦ 7	
♣ 8 7		♣ K Q 10 6 3 2	
	♠ 10 9 3		
	♥ A Q 10 5		
	♦ J 8 3 2		
	♣ J 5		

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	2 ♣	2 ♥
Dbl	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West's double is a Responsive Double showing at least four cards in the two unbid suits (spades and diamonds) and a least 6 points.

Since North passed, East must bid and with a spade fit, bids 2♠.

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