

# DONT

## Over Opponent's 1 NoTrump Opening Bid

What do you need in your hand to bid after an opponent's 1NT opening bid? Your bid should be based on the distributional features of your hand, not on the point count. You should usually pass and choose to defend with a balanced hand.

**DONT** (Disturbing Opponents No Trump) is one convention players use to bid after an opponents' 1NT opening bid. In DONT:

- Double shows a single-suited hand (6+ cards).
  - Responder must bid 2 clubs (if possible) to allow partner to name her long suit.
- 2 clubs shows 5+ clubs and 5+ cards in a higher suit.
  - Responder passes with 3+ clubs.
  - A 2-diamond bid by responder denies club support and asks partner to bid his higher suit. (Note: DONT bidder passes if diamonds is her higher suit.)
- 2 diamonds shows diamonds and a higher suit.
  - Responder passes with 3+ diamonds, unless s/he has support for both majors.
  - A 2-heart bid by responder denies diamond support and asks partner to bid his/her major. (Note: DONT bidder passes if hearts is his higher suit.)
- 2 hearts shows hearts and spades.
  - Responder must choose between hearts and spades.
- 2 spades shows 6+ spades. It shows a weaker hand than a double followed by 2 spades.
  - Responder should pass.
- 2NT shows both minors.
  - Responder should bid his/her best minor.

What if RHO opens 1NT, you make a DONT bid, and partner bids an unexpected suit? For example, the bidding goes

1NT            2C (you)            Pass            2H (partner)

Partner is showing 6+ hearts with no interest in playing in any other suit.

# What Do You Bid?

Opponent opens 1NT.

Partner bids 2C. What do you bid with:

A10x      Qxxx      Jxxx      xx    ?

Kxxx      Jxxxx      x      xxx    ?

Partner doubles. What do you bid with:

QJxx      xxxx      AQxx      x    ?

Jxx      AQJxxx      xx      xx    ?

Partner bids 2H. What do you bid with:

x      x      xxxxx      AQxxxx    ?

x      Qx      KJxxx      AQxxx    ?

Partner bids 2NT. What do you bid with:

AQxxx      Jx      xxx      Q10x    ?

Qxxx      Axxx      xxx      Kx    ?

*Answers: 2D, Pass; 2C, 2C; 3C, Pass; 3C, 3D.*