



Support Doubles

The Support Double provides an opportunity to exchange Major Suit information with partner after the opponents interfere.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1♥	2♦	1♣

Robot

E

S South - Click to Sit Robot

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THE SUPPORT DOUBLE

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Detailed description: This screenshot shows a bridge bidding interface. At the top, the positions WEST, NORTH, EAST, and SOUTH are labeled. The bidding sequence is: WEST Pass, NORTH 1♥, EAST 2♦, and SOUTH 1♣. A yellow button labeled 'Dbl' is highlighted under the SOUTH position, indicating a support double. On the left, a blue button labeled 'Robot' is visible. On the right, a blue button labeled 'E' is visible. At the bottom, the player's hand is shown: ♠K, ♠J, ♠9, ♥10, ♥8, ♥4, ♣K, ♣J, ♣9, ♣3, ♦A, ♦4, ♦3. A yellow bar at the bottom left contains the text 'S South - Click to Sit' and a lock icon. A blue bar at the bottom right contains the text 'Robot'.

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Pass 1♥ **Dbl** **Rdbl** 1♣

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The Support Double will show exactly 3 card support for the Major suit partner responded with.

The range for this bid is still **12 – 21 pts.** (the same range as your opening bid) because it is a forcing call.

This bid does not establish a fit (because partner may still only have 4), but for those times where partner has 5+ cards in their Major, they will know about the fit after we make our double.

The screenshot shows a bridge bidding interface. At the top, the player names are WEST, NORTH, EAST, and nycpro. The bidding sequence is: WEST Pass, NORTH 1♥, EAST 1♠, and nycpro 1♣. Below the bidding area, the hand layout for player nycpro is shown. The hand consists of: Spades: A, Q, 6; Hearts: Q, 9, 4; Clubs: A, Q, 9, 8, 5; Diamonds: A, J. The player's name 'nycpro' and a crown icon are visible at the bottom left of the hand layout, and the number '6' is at the bottom right.

The Support Double is very useful for finding Major suit fits in, low level, competitive auctions.

THE RULES

1. The opening bidder will always be the player making the support double.
2. We will only make support doubles below the two level of the Major suit bid by responder.

The screenshot shows a bridge bidding interface with the following elements:

- WEST** (red box)
- NORTH** (white box)
- EAST** (red box)
- Player name: **nycpro**
- West's bid: **Pass**
- North's bid: **1♠**
- East's bid: **2♣**
- South's bid: **1♦**
- A yellow button labeled **Dbl** is highlighted, indicating a support double.

Below the bidding area, the hand of the player **nycpro** (South) is shown:

J♠	7♠	2♠	A♥	K♥	2♥	J♣	10♣	9♣	A♦	J♦	6♦	5♦
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At the bottom left, there is a blue button labeled **S** and a crown icon next to the name **nycpro**.



This is **not a support double** because we are **beyond the 2 level of the Major** our partner responded with.



This is **not a support double** because we are **the responder**. Remember, the opening bidder will always be the one making the support double.

The **Support Double is one of the most forgotten conventions in the game of Bridge. It can be very hard to recognize when you should do it, and/or when partner makes the bid.**

So, unfortunately, the only way to become skilled with the Support Double is to put it on the card and screw it up as much as possible 😊.

Eventually you will all be expert support doublers 😊