

Defense options over opponents' No Trump

D.O.N.T. (Disturb Opponent's No Trump)

The object is to stop your opponents from playing 1NT ...

- What do you need?
 - 7 to 15 HCP and a "shapely" hand
 - At least 6 cards in one suit, or
 - At least 5/4 cards in two different suits
- D.O.N.T. (bid over opponents NT)
 - "Double" - I have a long suit (6 or more) somewhere
 - 2C - clubs and a higher suit (5 cards in one and 4 cards in the other)
 - 2D - clubs and a higher suit (5 cards in one and 4 cards in the other)
 - 2H - hearts and spades (5 cards in one and 4 cards in the other)
 - 2S - 6 or more spades with a very weak hand less than a double (i.e., 7+HCP)
 - 2NT - 5/5 in the minors (clubs and diamonds)
- Responses to partner's D.O.N.T. bid
 - *OBJECT: Find an 8-card fit at the lowest level possible*
 - Over partner's "Double"
 - 2C - asks what is your long suit?
 - Partner (D.O.N.T. bidder) then bids their long suit
 - Partner will "pass" if their long suit is clubs
 - 2D, 2H or 2S - says I have this good 6-card suit (w/only 0 or 1 club)
 - Over partner's 2C or 2D bid
 - 2NT shows a strong hand (15 HCP) with a 4-card major
 - partner will rebid their other suit
 - you hope to find an 8-card fit in a major
 - Pass; if you have 3 or 4 cards in partner's minor
 - If opponents "Double" partner's 2C or 2D bid
 - Pass - to play partner's 2C* or 2D* bid
 - Redouble - to rescue - ask partner to bid their other suit

What do you bid after RHO opens 1NT (15-17HCP)?

Answers

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| 1. | S 10x | H KJ10xxx | D Qxx | C Jx | | 1. Double |
| 2. | S A10xx | H x | D xxx | C KJxxx | | 2. 2C |
| 3. | S A10xxxx | H xx | D xxx | C x | | 3. 2S |
| 4. | S KJx | H QJ10xx | D Qxxx | C x | | 4. 2D |
| 5. | S KJxx | H J10xxx | D Qx | C K | | 5. 2H |

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| 6. | Partner bids 2C | (RHO Passes) | S J10x | H KJ10xxx | D Qxx | C x | | 6. 2H |
| 7. | Partner bids 2D | (RHO Passes) | S xx | H KJ10xxx | D Qxxx | C J | | 7. Pass |
| 8. | Partner bids 2C | (RHO Doubles) | S Axxx | H K10xx | D Jxx | C xx | | 8. Redouble |
| 9. | Partner Doubles | (RHO Passes) | S 10xx | H KJ10x | D Qxx | C Jxx | | 9. 2C |
| 10. | Partner Doubles | (RHO Passes) | S K10xxxx | H xx | D Qxx | C xx | | 10. 2C |

Cappelletti

Useful over strong or weak NT

- **Cappelletti (bid over opponents NT)**
 - **“Double” - for penalties**
 - **2C - I have a long suit (6 or more) somewhere**
 - **2D - I have both majors (5 cards in one and 4 cards in the other)**
 - **2H - hearts and a minor suit (5 cards in one and 4 cards in the other)**
 - **2S - spades and a minor suit (5 cards in one and 4 cards in the other)**
 - **2NT - 5/5 in the minors (clubs and diamonds)**
- **Responses to partner’s Cappelletti bid, when partner bids ...**
 - **Double**
 - **Usually Pass for penalties (trust your partner)**
 - **Bid your long suit (6+ cards) only if you are extremely weak**
 - **2C**
 - **Bid 2D; asking partner to bid their long suit**
 - **Partner will pass if their suit is diamonds**
 - **Pass; if you hold a good 6+ clubs**
 - **Bid 2H/2S; if you hold a good 6+ cards in that major suit**
 - **Bid 2NT; with 12+ points and a balanced hand inviting game**
 - **2D**
 - **Pass; if you hold a good 6+ diamonds and no 4-card major**
 - **Bid 2H/2S; is to play**
 - **Bid 3H/3S; invites partner to bid game in the major w/maximum**
 - **Bid 2NT; asks partner for more information**
 - **Partner rebids 3H or 3S**
 - **Shows 5/4 and a minimum hand**
 - **Partner rebids 4H or 4S**
 - **Shows 5/4 and a maximum hand**
 - **Partner rebids 3C**
 - **Shows 5/5 in the majors with a minimum hand**
 - **Partner rebids 4C**
 - **Shows 5/5 in the majors with a maximum hand**
 - **2H or 2S**
 - **Pass; with 4 cards in that major and minimum hand**
 - **Raise that major with 4 cards in that major and maximum hand**
 - **Bid 2NT; asks partner to bid their minor suit**
 - **Shows both minors and no fit in partner’s major**
 - **Requires slightly more HCPs since auction must go to 3-level**
 - **2NT**
 - **“Unusual NT” shows 5/5 in the minors**
 - **Requires slightly more HCPs since auction must go to 3-level**

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Using Cappelletti ...

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Answers

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| 1. S 10x | H KJ10xxx | D Qxx | C Jx | 1. 2C |
| 2. S A10xx | H x | D xxx | C KJxxx | 2. 2S |
| 3. S A10xxxx | H x | D Qxx | C x | 3. 2C |
| 4. S KJx | H QJ10xx | D Qxxx | C x | 4. 2H |
| 5. S KJxx | H J10xxx | D Qx | C K | 5. 2D |

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| 6. Partner bids 2C | (RHO Passes) | S J10x | H KJ10xxx | D Qxx | C x | 6. 2H |
| 7. Partner bids 2D | (RHO Passes) | S xx | H KJ10xxx | D Qxxx | C J | 7. 4H? (*LTT) |
| 8. Partner bids 2D | (RHO Doubles) | S Axxx | H K10xx | D Jxx | C xx | 8. 2NT |
| 9. Partner Doubles | (RHO Passes) | S 10xx | H KJ10x | D Qxx | C Jxx | 9. Pass |
| 10. Partner Doubles | (RHO Passes) | S K10xxxxx | H xx | D xx | C xx | 10. 2S |

*Law of Total Tricks?

**Asking partner for more information... a rebid of a major shows 5-cards suit which would be your best suit

Bloomin*Keeps bidding over opponents NT at lower level**Gives up the seldom useful penalty double*

- **Bloomin (bid over opponents NT)**
 - "Double" - 5/4 in two suits
 - 2C, 2D, 2H, or 2S - shows a long (6+ cards) in that suit
 - 2NT - 5/5 in the minors (clubs and diamonds)
- **Responses to partner's Bloomin bid, when partner bids ...**
 - **Double**
 - **Requires a 2C bid**
 - Partner response of 2D, 2H, 2S, or 2NT same as Cappelletti
 - 2D shows both majors
 - 2H shows hearts and an undisclosed minor
 - 2S shows spades and an undisclosed minor
 - 2NT shows 5/5 in the minors with more than minimum

Using Bloomin ...**What do you bid after RHO opens 1NT (15-17HCP)?**

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1.	S 10x	H KJ10xxx	D Qxx	C Jx		1. 2H
2.	S A10xx	H x	D xxx	C KJxxx		2. Double
3.	S A10xxxx	H x	D Qxx	C x		3. 2S
4.	S KJx	H QJ10xx	D Qxxx	C x		4. Double
5.	S KJxx	H J10xxx	D Qx	C K		5. Double

What do you bid after LHO opens 1NT (15-17HCP)?

6.	Partner Doubles	(RHO Passes)	S J10x	H KJ10xxx	D Qxx	C x	6. ?
7.	Partner bids 2S	(RHO Passes)	S xx	H KJ10xxx	D Qxxx	C J	7. ?
8.	Partner bids 2D	(RHO Doubles)	S Axxx	H K10xx	D Jxx	C xx	8. ?
9.	Partner Doubles	(RHO Passes)	S 10xx	H KJ10x	D Qxx	C Jxx	9. ?
10.	Partner Doubles	(RHO Passes)	S K10xxxxx	H xx	D xx	C xx	10. ?