

**Doubles – X**

**1. Take Out X by Over caller – 12+ HCP and Support for Unbid Suits**

If stronger with 15+ HCP and a 5 card suit the Overcaller will bid it on the next round or could support partner with fit.

Note: The partner has been forced to bid if the next bid is a PASS and you do not know strength & distribution.

**2. Take Out X after a 1NT Opener – 15+ HCP**

Can be converted to Penalties if partner is strong (7+ HCP) or the partner will bid best suit if weak.

There could be a game for you resulting in more points depending on Vulnerability!

Some people play different systems where the X is for Spades and another Suit, etc

**3. Negative Double – showing 4 cards in unbid suits**

You bid the suit if you have 5, 1NT etc if balanced or Pass to see how auction proceeds

This can be used by ALL people in the bidding auction.

**4. Lead Directing**

Particularly in a 1 NT Opening Auction  
1NT pass 2H (ALERT-Transfer to Spades))  
If you have good Hearts AKxx, KQxxx then X for your partner to lead too

The Opposition have gone Ace or King asking for a slam and they are bidding others suits where you have controls then X

**5. Penalty Double**

Probably have a five card suit and can win at least two tricks in trump suit with winners and points in outside suits.

Pass/Bid the first round and double the 2<sup>nd</sup> round.

You have the balance of points, the bidding has gone to the 3 level. Your partner has X their bid. Based on your distribution you may leave X in or take it out to a suit.

Penalty X are hard and you must have a good understanding & trust with partner's bidding.

Penalty X may not work giving opposition a top score or they are ALERTED to change contract to another suit!!

**6. Reopening Double**

Can be used by Opener showing a strong hand forcing partner to bid best suit or with support bid the Opener's first suit.

Sometimes the Overcaller will do the double on the second round to see what suits have been bid. May have 10 -11 HCP points.

**7. Transfer X or 1C (precision) X**

This is a "Brown Sticker" System and may come into effect when there have been artificial openers.

**Note:**

1. Doubles are Non-Alertable- therefore ask what it means during bidding!!
2. Very good way to show shape and strength of hand
3. It's a good technique/ tool to get the stronger hand to play the hand
4. Get into the right contracts