

A Masterclass with Andrew: Take-out Double



The Take-out Double

e.g. 1♥ — Double

example hand for the double: ♠QJ105
[try to satisfy S.O.S. criteria] ♥32
♦AK9
♣KJ104

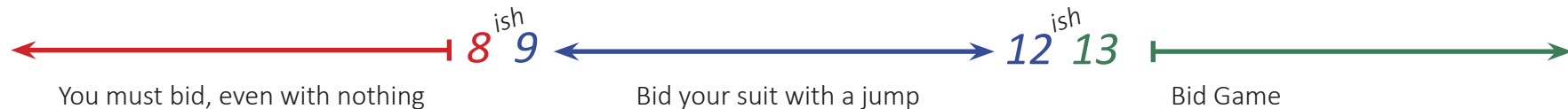
Support (3+ cards) for all unbid suits.

Opening points or more

Shortage (0, 1, or 2 cards)
in opponent's suit(s)

After Partner's Take-out Double

Bid your longest unbid suit, but prefer a major to a (longer) minor



exercise: (1♦) — Dbl — (Pass) — ?

a) ♠9732
♥J72
♦9863
♣109

bid 1♠

b) ♠A9832
♥J42
♦Q76
♣Q4

bid 2♠

c) ♠5
♥KQ93
♦K84
♣K10932

bid 2♥

EXPERT INSIGHT

When unsure which Game to bid, consult Partner by bidding the opponent's suit:

example: (1♣) — Dbl — (Pass) — ?

with ♠J732
♥A742
♦AK
♣J84

or ♠A53
♥J983
♦AKQ7
♣52

bid 2♣

“we’re going to game, tell me more”