

Negative or Sputnik Doubles

When your **partner** opens the bidding with one of a suit, and an opponent makes a suit overcall, a double by you shows the unbid suits, in particular at least FOUR cards in any unbid major. This double is also known as a **negative** or **Sputnik** double.

Minimum point requirements depend on the level your partner will be required to bid – either to support your suit, or to bid his own suit. There is no upper limit.

At the 1-level 6+ points
 At the 2-level 8+ points
 At the 3 level 10+ points

W	N	E	
1♣	1♦	Dbl	Promises at least 4 cards in each majors and 6+ points
1♦	1♠	Dbl	Promises at least 4 hearts and 8+ points
1♦	1♥	Dbl	Promises exactly 4 spades and 6+ points
1♠	2♥	Dbl	Promises both minors and 10+ points

If a double is available to show exactly 4 cards, then bidding that suit instead of doubling promises at least FIVE cards in that suit.

W	N	E	
1♣	1♥	1♠	Promises at least 5 spades and 6+ points
1♣	1♥	Dbl	Promises exactly 4 spades and 6+ points
1♣	1♦	1♥	Promises at least 4 hearts and 6+ points (a double would promise both majors)
1♦	2♣	Dbl	Promises at least 4 cards in each majors and 8+ points
1♣	1♠	2♥	Promises at least 5 hearts and 10+ points