



SOS Redouble

A redouble calling for partner to select another denomination.

It applies whenever there is no possibility of the redouble being left in, i.e.

West South East South

1 C

Dbl Pass Pass Redouble

South may have opened on a short club suit. His redouble requests North to bid his best suit outside of clubs (as a rescue). This does not apply if South has opened a major suit, because he has at least 5 of them and wants to show North a good hand.

A double of an opening weak NT bid often prompts an SOS redouble, i.e.

West North East South

1 NT

Dbl 2 C Dbl Pass

Pass Redouble

The above sequence implies that North is planning to play in some other suit and does not hold clubs. South should bid his lowest-ranking four-card suit, and if his only suit is clubs he should bid his lowest-ranking three-card suit.

This is all very complicated; you must be sure that your partner can differentiate between an SOS redouble and a strength showing redouble. You should be a VERY experienced partnership before you use it. It is a very touchy thing, and is often misused.