

## Defensive Bidding Against 1NT

### Cappelletti Against Weak 1NT

Also applies in fourth seat.

X	Penalty. If balanced 14+ HCP. Otherwise a long/strong suit and at least one sure entry.	
2	One-suited hand (6+cards), then	
	2	Weak hand, pass or correct
	2 2	Good 5+card suit
	2NT	Strong hand, asks for suit
2	Majors	
2 2	Suit and a minor, then	
	Raise	mildly invitational
	2NT	strong invitation, asks for minor
2NT	Both minors	

#### 1NT-X-P

Advancer converts (by passing) with around 8-9 or more balanced or semi-balanced HCP. If advancer doesn't want to sit for 1NT doubled, **front-of-card applies** (Stayman, Transfers, etc).

#### 1NT-X-P-P or 1NT-X-any-X

When advancer passes the double or doubles a runout bid, all subsequent, consecutive doubles are penalty and "buy it or belt it" applies. In other words, don't let them off the hook. If the doubler or advancer does anything other than double, "buy it or belt it" is off.

1NT-X-XX

### DONT Against Strong 1NT

Also applies in fourth seat.

X	One-suited hand (6+cards), then 2 is pass or correct
2 2 2	Suit and higher-ranking suit
2	Spades
2NT	Both minors, strong
3 3 3 3	Preemptive
3NT	Gambling with stoppers

#### 1NT-2 -X

Where 2 shows both majors:

Pass	No preference or preference for hearts
XX	Preference for spades
2	I want to be declarer and may be operating

After a double and a pass, overcaller has no problem with 4 -5 or 5 -5, but with 5 -4, he must guess which suit to play in and must take that into consideration when deciding to overcall or pass, particularly with 5-4-2-2. I prefer 2 to show 5 -5 (or 4 -5 at favorable or equal vul).

# Precision

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North Deals ♠ A 4  
N-S Vul ♥ A 8 3  
♦ K J 10 5 3  
♣ K 8 7

♠ 10 8 2	N	♠ Q J 7 6 3
♥ 9 7 4	W	♥ K Q 6 5
♦ A Q 7 6	E	♦ 4 2
♣ 9 6 2	S	♣ Q 3

♠ K 9 5  
♥ J 10 2  
♦ 9 8  
♣ A J 10 5 4

NS 4N; NS 5♣; N 3♥; NS 4♦; S 2♥; Par +630

West	North	East	South
	1NT	2♥	Dbl

All pass

This situation resulted in a wrong guess that should be avoided. Declarer went for -800 in 2 X.