

How to Deal with Opponent's Interference over Partner's 1NT Opening:

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Opponent's interference bids

Dbl	If not penalty and shows something specific, responder bids around the lowest known suit.
Dbl	Not penalty and shows an array of options not yet known - bid as if they had not interfered
2C	C's and another, bid as if they had bid 2C TX to D's, bid as if they had bid 2D Both M's, bid as if they had bid 2H If several options not yet known, bid as if they had not bid. Dbl is stayman
2D	D's and a M, bid as if they had bid 2D Tx to H's, bid as if they had bid 2H M's - bid as if they had bid 2H's
2H	M's - bid as if they had bid 2H's TX to S's, bid as if they had bid 2S's H's and a m, bid as if they had bid 2H's
2S	S's and a m, bid as if they had bid 2S TX to C's, bid as if they had bid 2C or 3C depending on available space
2NT	Both m's, bid as if they had bid 3C 2 undisclosed suits, bid as if they had bid 3C

General rules. Bids at the 2 level are to play and not slightly invitational. Doubles are card showing take out bids. Opp's bid at 3 level responder's 3 level bids are not forcing, but are invitational. Texas on through 3C interference. Direct jump to 3NT denies a stopper. Passing a "nebulous" bid and then x'ing is penalty.

1NT	2C	2NT	Relay to 3C
3C		3D	D's and H's - forcing
		3H	Both M's - forcing
		3S	S's and D's - forcing
		3NT	C stopper and enough to be in game
1NT	2C	3C	TX to D's - invitational or forcing values
3D			Denies interest. If opener bids again, game forcing. 3M shows a 4 card suit with at least 5 and usually 6 D's
3M			Acceptance with values in bid suit, but concern about C's
3NT			Acceptance with C stopper
1NT	2C	3D	TX to H's - invitational or forcing values
3H			No interest. Responder bids again game forcing. A new suit is a Q in support of yourself since could have shown 2 suiter by bidding 2NT
3S			Acceptance with the inability to bid NT. Tends to be a very flat maximum
3NT			Acceptance - flat with C's stopped and offering this as final contract
4m			Acceptance Q bid

4H			Acceptance with 2 few controls to Q	Opp's Bid NT 2/3
1NT 3S 3NT 4suit 4S	2C	3H	S's either forcing or invitational No interest. Responder bids it is a Q in support of themselves Acceptance in NT - tends to be a flat max in fit Slam try Acceptance with too few controls to Q	
1NT 3NT 4C	2C	3S 4M	TX to C's, BUT!!!! C stopper No C stopper Both M's - slam try - guarantees at most 1C loser	
1NT 3C	2D	2NT P 3D 3H 3S 3NT	TX to 3C's C's to play Stayman without D stopper. Opener may be forced to bid a 3 card M without D's stopped. 3NT shows 1.5 D stopper. With a max, good D's, and a 4M opener may conceal M. A jump to 4H shows a max with both M's. H's and C's - forcing S's and C's - forcing D stopper with game values	
1NT 3D	2D	3C 3H 3S 3NT	Transfer to D's Both M's (at least 9 cards) - H's are better - forcing Both M's (at least 9 cards) - S's are better - forcing Both M's with at least 1 D stopper	
1NT	2D	3D	TX to H's. Same structure as the 1NT - 2C - 3D bidding	
1NT	2D	3H	TX to S's. Same structure as the 1NT - 2C - 3H bidding	
1NT 3NT 4C	2D	3S 4D 4M	TX to C's D stopper - may or may not fit C's. Big fit Kxx or better, bids 3NT Denies fit and denies D stopper C slam try - guarantees at most 1D loser Natural and not forcing, BUT strong and guarantees at most 1D stopper	
1NT 3C	2H	2NT P 3D 3H 3S 3NT	Relay to 3C Weak with C's Weak with D's Stayman with a stopper. Opener may bid NT, 3/4 S's or Q Exactly 4S's with game values and no H stopper H stopper	

Opp's Bid NT 3/3

1NT	2H	3C	D's. Same structure as 1NT - 2C - 3C
1NT	2H	3D	TX to H's
3H		3S	S's and a m, forcing
		3NT	m's without a H stopper. With a H stopper on balance better to just show the stopper and bid game in NT
1NT	2H	3H	TX to S's. Same structure as 1NT - 2C - 3H
1NT	2H	3S	TX to C's. Same structure as 1NT - 2D - 3S.
1NT	2S	2NT	TX to C's
3C		P	Weak with C's
		3D	Weak with D's
		3H	Weak with H's
		3S	Stayman with a S stopper
		3NT	Stopper with the values to be in game
1NT	2S	3C	D's. Same structure as in previous bidding
1NT	2S	3D	H's. Same structure as in previous bidding
1NT	2S	3H	TX to S's
3S		3NT	Stayman without a stopper
		4C	C's and H's - forcing
		4D	D's and H's - forcing
		4H	m's - 1S loser - opener bids accordingly
		4S	m's - no S loser - opener bids accordingly