## **WEAK NOTRUMP (roughly 11-15) or MINI-NOTRUMP (roughly 9-12 HCP)**

NAT, playing strength, not HCP, according to VUL

3M

DBL HCP (pull only with length AND weakness; delayed pull to 2C=SCRAMBLE)
DBL(PH)\* 6+C or 6+D
2C\* H+S, constructive (may be lighter if reopening)
2D\* 6+H or 6+S, constructive (may be lighter if reopening)
2H\* H+m (at least 5/4 either way)
2S\* S+m (at least 5/4 either way)

After they run from 1NT doubled, **FORCING PASSES only through 2D**; our partnership's first DBL AFTER THAT is COOPERATIVE TAKEOUT; subsequent DBLs are COOPERATIVE PENALTY (and are usually passed by an unexceptional hand).

Should they run to **2H or higher, PASS=NF**, and DBL is COOPERATIVE TAKEOUT (cards); **TRANSFER LEBENSOHL** (along the same lines as if the bidding had gone: e.g. 1NT (2M) 3C=D, INV+

(1NT)	2C*	(P)	2D* 2NT 3M	ART, asks longer M: H with equal length NAT, INV 4/5M, mildly INV (with STR INV, ask with 2D*, then bid 3M)
(1NT)	2D*	(P)	2H/2S* 3HS/4H* 3S* 2NT*	Pass or correct (2S=constructive in H) Pass or correct to S NAT/INV, a sound opening bid with a strong suit Game try with support for both majors
(1NT)	2D* 3C* 3D* 3M	(P)	2NT*	H, some extras S, some extras NAT, minimum
(1NT)	P 2S*	(P)	2D*	Constructive with support for both majors
(1NT)	2D*	(DBL)	Pass* RDBL* 2M* Higher	D, suit good enough to prefer play opposite SPL Puppet to 2H, to play in advancer's OWN suit Pass or correct As without the DBL
(1NT)	2M*	(P)	2NT* 3m* 2S 3OM	Value-showing ASK for the minor Pass or correct NAT, NF NAT/INV, a sound opening bid with a strong suit

Same agreements apply if third hand bids 2S over a 2H overcall.

When an ART 2NT is available, DBL by advancer is PEN (unless he doubles a forcing bid, in which case DBL shows a useful opening bid, strength outside the suit being doubled)

A DBL by intervenor is TAKEOUT, in context, extra values

(1NT) P (2C)	DBL	DBL of 1NT (14-18-)
	2D*	H (could be CANAPE two-suiter)
	2H*	S (could be CANAPE two-suiter)
	2S*	Good hand with C or D ("Reject" Advances?)
	2NT	Very good DBL of 1NT (roughly 18+-21; 2NT system ON)
	3m	Lesser hand than 2S*

(1NT) P (2C) 2D\* H (could be CANAPE two-suiter)
2H 2NT\* Confirms CANAPE (now pass-or-correct technique)
3m NAT, 5+H/4+m, extras
3H 6+H, extras

Same techniques used by 2D\* bidder if opponents compete to 2S

(1NT) P (2C) 2H\* S (could be CANAPE two-suiter)
2S 2NT\* Confirms CANAPE (now pass-or-correct technique)
3m NAT, 5+S/4+m, extras
3H 6+S, extras

Same techniques used by 2H\* bidder if opponents DBL 2H

(1NT) P (2M) **DBL** DBL of 1NT (14-18-) where 2M=NAT 2NT Very good DBL of 1NT (roughly 18+-21; 2NT system ON) 3M Strong two-suiter (1NT) P (2R)\* **DBL** Takeout of the ANCHOR transfer suit (where 2R=TFR) Two-suiter, OM+m 2R+1 Very good DBL of 1NT (roughly 18+-21; 2NT system ON) 2NT Lesser or imperfect takeout Pass, then DBL Pass, then 2NT

See also: "DEFENSE vs the MINI-NOTRUMP" by EOK (Bridge Today Magazine)