

## Competing Over Their Weak 1NT Runouts (Larry Crevier Notes)

Hi Guys

I suggest that you agree on the strength of hands that you will have opposite the various No trump opening.

I suggest that it should always be a Strong No trump equivalent of some variety in HC or playing strength.

Having played for many years 10-12 and at some point 12-14 I suggest that just having equivalent range is akin to Playing Russian Roulette and even with top of range, good to have a 2 way values, either extra strength or good lead and quality of suit to get off to a good start defensively if partner chooses to defend (which we play is showing 'balance of power' 7+ HCP).

a) a Good lead, so a long suit hopefully with good supporting spots and also so if partner is weak we have a safe runout and not go for some number conversely.

b) a real reason to take action.

Over 10-12 I would suggest a very robust 13 with a good suit of my own to lead if it goes all pass, or if the Opponent shows balance of Power and partner runs we have a shot at playing at the 2 level and not getting crushed ourselves as a minimum

Other than that I would expect a minimum Strong No trump.

The greatest value of this tool and treatment is that Responders Pass shows values (7+) and so then all doubles by either side is penalties and you are in a forcing pass up to 2 hearts. They cannot play 2 hearts undoubled but can play 2 spades undoubled.

Like all systems or treatments there is some flaw or imperfection of some kind.

In this case the run from the double, less than 7 points Cpp over Cpp has one scramble element, that is the 2 Club runout.

2 Clubs says

I prefer not to defend 1NT doubled (often very weak) and want to play some where else.

I hold either

a) a 1 suiter and so you can bid 2D and I will either pass or bid a new suit or

b) I have a balanced hand, less than 7 points and no suit or 2 suiter either in majors, and simply want to run from 1nt doubled.

You as Doubler are invited to express yourself at this point.

So you could pass 2 clubs with a Club suit, or by Bypassing 2D you would be showing a suit.

The acceptance of 2D in this auction would have some implications

a) Not single suited clubs (would have passed)

b) Not single suited in 1 of Majors would have bid it here

So like the 2 clubs is nebulous, the 2D suggest to scramble around.

Responder usually passed 2D unless happy to bid a Major single suiter.

Responder will not have 4-4 or longer in Majors as would have bid 2D in response with less than 7 points.

I would play that Responder has other options as follows but would only play these corrolaries over 10-12 or 12-14 NT and not offer 14-16 or stronger openings

Opener	Doubler	Opp 2	Responder
1NT	X	P	2NT would show an invitational 2 suiter and we scramble to find a fit at the 3 level
			3x Invitational of some kind Natural Very offensive hand playing strength not wanting to defend 1nt
			X Invite to 3nt it Minor Invite to 4M or 3nt if Major

Over the years I have simply accepted that game is unlikely opposite a strong No trump generally and so would not entertain the above treatment versus a 15-17 No trump but would be preemptive but still with good playing strength