

DOPI AND DEPO

When an opponent interferes with Blackwood or Gerber by sticking in a suit bid after the ace-asking call, use the following procedures:

- When the overcall is against Gerber, use DOPI: Responder doubles with zero, passes with one, bids 2♦ with three, etc.
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- When the overcall is below five of the agreed suit against Roman Key Card Blackwood (RKCB), use DOPI to show key cards, including the king of trumps.
- When the overcall is five of the agreed suit or higher against RKCB, double with an even number of key cards, pass with an odd number (Double Even, Pass Odd--DEPO) of key cards.
- When the overcall is at the five level against regular Blackwood, use DOPI at the five level (there is no agreed suit); at the six level or higher use DEPO. The reasoning is that a higher level overcall makes DOPI rather risky.