

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 or three aces, passes with one or four (Double 0, Pass 1--DOPI). With two aces responder bids the next ranking suit holding 0-2 kings, the one higher than that with two aces and 3-4 kings. This is all in accordance with Gerber responses, as shown in section 6-9.

-- 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 aces, pass with an odd number (Double Even, Pass Odd--DEPO) of key cards, including the king of trumps.

-- 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.