

I. **What gives you the most fun at bridge**

1. Bidding slams
2. Clobbering the opponents
3. Making a doubled contract
4. Simply fooling the opponents somehow

II. **Let's talk doubles**

1. **Penalty**

- a. High cards
- b. Trumps and their position (possession of A of trumps an additional plus)
- c. You have good lead
- d. How confident has their auction been
- e. Best to have a surprise
- f. Feel like you can beat them 2 tricks at least
- g. What can go wrong
- h. Double (and delayed doubles) of two suited bids
 1. Puts pressure on you
 2. Might locate cards for declarer
 3. Partner might get in the way i.e. pull your double
 4. Beating them undoubled might be a good score so why risk it

2. **Takeout**

- a. Negative
- b. Responsive
- c. Stolen bid
- d. Fourth suit doubles
- e. Should be reasonably balanced, with big shape make a two suited bid
- f. Delayed takeout double (generally holding RHO's suit)

3. **Support**

- a. Support double
- b. Maximal double

4. **Lead Directing**

- a. Stayman
- b. Transfer
- c. Bergan
- d. Drury
- e. Splinters
- f. Sidebar – just plan bidding a suit over 2NT or Drury as lead directing
- g. Lightner double – doubling after you have preempted
- h. Doubles of 1NT – 3NT
- i. Fisher double

5. **Novelty**

- a. Striped tailed ape

III. **Redoubles**

1. Business - BY FAR THE LEAST COMMON
2. Obvious i.e. 1C-double-redouble
3. Rescue
4. To play i.e. (when opponents double your transfer or stayman)
5. When you have extra strength and suggest penalizing opponents
6. Honor redouble

7. Bluff

IV. GM bridge tips

1. If partner opens a minor play them to have 12-14 balanced until proven otherwise
2. Be attentive to vulnerability
3. If you open a 6 or more card major and partner has a limit raise, bid game no matter how bad your opener.
4. Consider preempting with some unusual hands
5. Consider down grading 3334 hands and only one card above a queen
6. If partner splinters and you have shortness in another suit, be very bullish

Ex. A

Void
KQJxxxx
A10xxx
xx

Ex. B

Qxxx
Qx
AKQJxx
A

Ex. C

Ax
Q10xxx
KJxxx
K

E Deals
E-W Vul

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<p>♠ 972 ♥ AJ2 ♦ J9 ♣ AJ973</p> <p>13 11 9 7</p>	<p>♠ AJ43 ♥ 953 ♦ K75 ♣ KQ5</p> <p>♠ Q108 ♥ K1074 ♦ A10832 ♣ 10</p> <p>♠ K65 ♥ Q86 ♦ Q64 ♣ 8642</p>
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EW 3♥; EW 2N; EW 3♦;
EW 2♣; EW 1♠; Par -140

S Deals
Both Vul

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<p>♠ 974 ♥ Q106 ♦ Q76 ♣ AQ103</p> <p>7 10 14 9</p>	<p>♠ Q53 ♥ J73 ♦ K43 ♣ J762</p> <p>♠ AK82 ♥ A9542 ♦ 105 ♣ K4</p> <p>♠ J106 ♥ K8 ♦ AJ982 ♣ 985</p>
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EW 3♥; EW 2♠; EW 1N;
EW 2♣; NS 1♦; Par -140

S Deals
None Vul

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<p>♠ K1064 ♥ AJ62 ♦ Q72 ♣ Q4</p> <p>13 12 8 7</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ KQ8753 ♦ J96 ♣ AK97</p> <p>♠ AJ82 ♥ — ♦ K10543 ♣ 10832</p> <p>♠ Q9753 ♥ 1094 ♦ A8 ♣ J65</p>
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NS 3♥; EW 2♠; W 1N;
EW 2♦; NS 1♣; Par +100;
EW 3♠x-1