

# C/1MX: Cappelletti over 1 of a Major Doubled

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## After 1♠ - x

1♠	x	xx	no ♠ support, 10+ hcp
		1N	transfer to ♣ (see <i>Note 1</i> )
		2♣	transfer to ♦
		2♦	transfer to ♥
		2♥	constructive 3-card ♠ raise, or 3-card limit raise (see <i>Note 2</i> )
		2♠	preemptive 3-card ♠ raise
		2N	Truscott/Jordan, 4-card limit raise or better
		3♣	Mixed Raise 7 – 9 with a splinter
		3♦	Mixed Raise 7 – 9, no shortness
		3♥	Mixed Raise 7 – 9, with a void

### (*Note 1*)

1♠	x	1N	pass	
2♣	pass	pass		a weak hand with 6+ clubs
		2♦		5-card ♦ suit with 2-card ♠ raise, constructive
		2♥		5-card ♥ suit with 2-card ♠ raise, constructive
		2♠		2-card ♠ raise, constructive, may or may not have a 5-card ♣-suit
		2N		4=3=3=3 with a ♠ honor, 10 or 11 points

### (*Note 2*)

1♠	x	2♥	pass	constructive or limit raise
2♠	pass	pass		3-card constructive raise
		3♠		3-card limit raise

## After 1♥ - x

1♥	x	xx	10+, no ♥ support
		1♠	natural, forcing
		1N	transfer to ♣ (see <i>Note 3</i> )
		2♣	transfer to ♦
		2♦	constructive 3-card ♥ raise, or 3-card limit raise
		2♥	preemptive 3-card ♥ raise
		2♠	(see <i>suggested USP adjustments</i> )
		2N	Truscott/Jordan, 4-card limit raise or better
		3♣	Mixed Raise 7 – 9 with a singleton
		3♦	Mixed Raise 7 – 9, no shortness

### (*Note 3*)

1♥	x	1N	pass	
2♣	pass	pass		a weak hand with 6+ clubs
		2♦		5-card ♦ suit with 2-card ♥ raise, constructive (7-9 points)
		2♥		2-card ♥ raise, no side 5-card suit, constructive (7-9 points)
		2♠		
		2N		3=4=3=3 with a ♥ honor, 10 or 11 points

## General Agreement

- After a double of opener's bid of 1 of a major, responder describes
  - The number of cards held in opener's major
  - General strength: 4 – 6, 7 – 9, 10+
  - A second suit, if any
- Direct raises of opener's major are preemptive:

1♠	x	2♠	3-card	1♥	x	2♥	3-card
		3♠	4-card			3♥	4-card
		4♠	5-card			4♥	5-card

- Direct jumps to 3♣ or 3♦ are 4-card mixed raises, 7 – 9/10 support points; 3♣ promises an anonymous splinter; 3♦ denies shortness. After 3♣, opener may puppet through 3♦ to force to game and ask for the specific splinter; default responses are "*up-the-line*" in suit order:

1M	x	3♣	pass	anonymous splinter
3♦	pass	3♥		♣-splinter
		3♠		♦-splinter
		3N		<b>other- major splinter</b>

- All bids from 1N through 2 of opener's major are transfers showing the next higher suit.
  - A transfer to opener's major is a constructive 3-card raise:

1♠	x	2♥		1♥	x	2♦	
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- A transfer to opener's major followed by a raise is a 3-card limit raise:

1♠	x	2♥	pass	1♥	x	2♦	pass
2♠	pass	3♠		2♥	pass	3♥	

- A transfer to clubs followed by a bid of 2 of opener's major is a constructive 2-card raise:

1♠	x	1N	pass	1♥	x	1N	pass
2♣	pass	2♠		2♣	pass	2♥	

- A transfer to clubs followed by a bid of 2 diamonds or hearts is a constructive 2-card raise together with 5 cards in the second suit:

1♠	x	1N	pass	1♥	x	1N	pass
2♣	pass	2♦/2♥		2♣	pass	2♦	

- 2N is Jordan/Truscott promising at least a 4-card limit raise, but may be stronger by an unpassed responder. The treatment described in **note 2** (above) shows how to describe a 3-card raise, so our version of Jordan/Truscott shows specifically an *at-least-4-card* raise.

## USP Adjustments

Consistent with the Useful Space Principle, it is helpful to adjust the 1♥x responses:

1♥	x	2♠	Truscott/Jordan, 4-card limit raise or better
		2N	Mixed Raise 7 – 9/10 with shortness (singleton or void)
		3♣	Mixed Raise 7 – 9/10, balanced or semi-balanced

Now, the entire **universal splinter** structure may be adopted following opener's puppet:

1♠	x	3♣	pass	1♥	x	2N	pass
3♦	pass	3♥		3♣	pass	3♦	

See <http://users.cis.fiu.edu/~pestaina/UniversalSplinter.pdf>