

# The Wriggle

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Most people play “system on” after a double of 1NT, so that 2C is still Stayman, 2D and 2H still transfers. This means that it is not possible to do a weak take-out into a minor suit.

The wriggle is a convention that allows you to escape from a 1NT\* contract into 2 of a minor.

## How it works

After 1NT – Double, partner’s Redouble is the wriggle, and instructs opener to bid 2C. Partner will then pass (with a 5 card club suit) or bid 2D (with a 5 card diamond suit), which opener will pass.

## When to use it

As with weak take outs of 1NT into Hearts and Spades, you should do it if you think playing at the two level in a suit will do better than 1NT. The weaker you are, the more you should bid – but you must have a 5+ card minor suit.

Bear in mind that the 1NT is doubled, whereas 2 of a minor is unlikely to be doubled (if it is, it will be for takeout and you are “off the hook”).