Partner opened in a suit and RHO doubled - Summary Sheet

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What do you do next?

You have 4-card support

Tend to raise partner's suit as rapidly as you can rather than search for a better fit.
With a weak hand raise rapidly to the level of the fit (assume that's partner's suit is 5-card).
With a stronger hand (say 10+ points) bid 2NT. This bid is forcing to 3 of the agreed suit in all 4 suits.

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣	A T K 5 4 3 J T 5 2 9 8 4	Partner opened 1♥ and RHO doubled. 4-card support but less than 10 points. Bid 3♥ – weak raise.

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣	Q T A K 4 3 J 7 2 J 8 7 2	Partner opened 1♥ and RHO doubled. 4-card support and 11 points. Bid 2NT agreeing hearts, promising 10+ points, and forcing to 3♥.

You do not have support

With less than 4-card support you can change suit at the lowest level - strength as in the uncontested auction.
Recommended is that your suit should be at least 5-card and of good quality.

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣	Q 6 5 T 9 K Q T 5 2 A 3 2	Partner opened 1♥ and RHO doubled. 12 points and only 2 hearts, but a decent 5-card diamond suit and strong enough to change suit at the 2-level. Bid 2♦. (Alternatively – redouble. See below).

None of the above in a good hand

With a good non-fit hand (say 10+ points) **redouble**.
This will frequently lead to a penalty double in the ongoing auction.

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣	K Q 5 T 9 K T 5 2 A 9 3 2	Partner opened 1♥ and RHO doubled. 12 points with minimum support and no good suit of your own. This hand has 'defence' written all over it. **Redouble**, and look to double any further offerings from the opponents for penalties.

Weak hand – no fit

Remember, you don't have to bid if you have nothing to say – partner will get another chance – but you should not miss the opportunity to raise to the 2-level with 3-card suit and next to nothing (or nothing) by way of points.

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣	J 6 5 T 9 2 9 7 5 2 Q 3 2	Partner opened 1♥ and RHO doubled. 3-card support and nothing else. Bid 2♥.