



BEGINNERS' LESSONS

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Lesson Two

1-Level Opening Bids



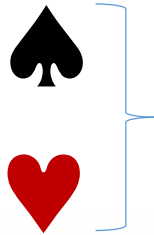
Ranking of the Suits

No**T**rumps



Spades

Hearts

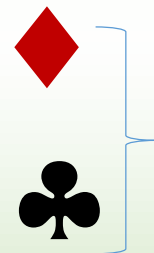


MAJOR suits



Diamonds

Clubs



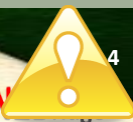
MINOR suits



Finding a Fit



- A Fit is 8+ cards in one suit
- If there is a fit in a major this will be the trump suit
- If there is no fit, then choose NoTrumps



Levels of Bidding



- The number of tricks you must make to get a score = $6 + \text{the level bid}$

- 1-level contracts ... Must make $6 + 1 = 7$ tricks
- 2-level contracts ... Must make $6 + 2 = 8$ tricks
- 3-level Contracts ... Must make $6 + 3 = 9$ tricks
- etc

- 4-level Contracts ... Must make



tricks?

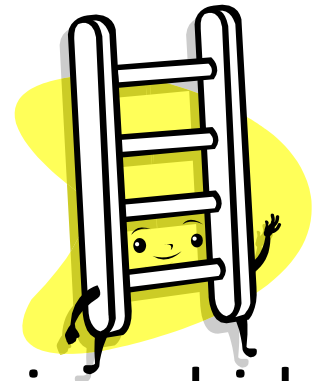
- 6-level Contracts ... Must make



tricks?



The Auction



- Every suit has a ranking order
- Each **bid** must be higher than the previous bid

1♣	1♦	1♥	1♠	1NT
2♣	2♦	2♥	2♠	2NT
3♣	3♦	3♥	3♠	3NT
4♣	4♦	4♥	4♠	4NT
etc				

- The first person to bid is the **Opener**
- Opener's partner is the **Responder**



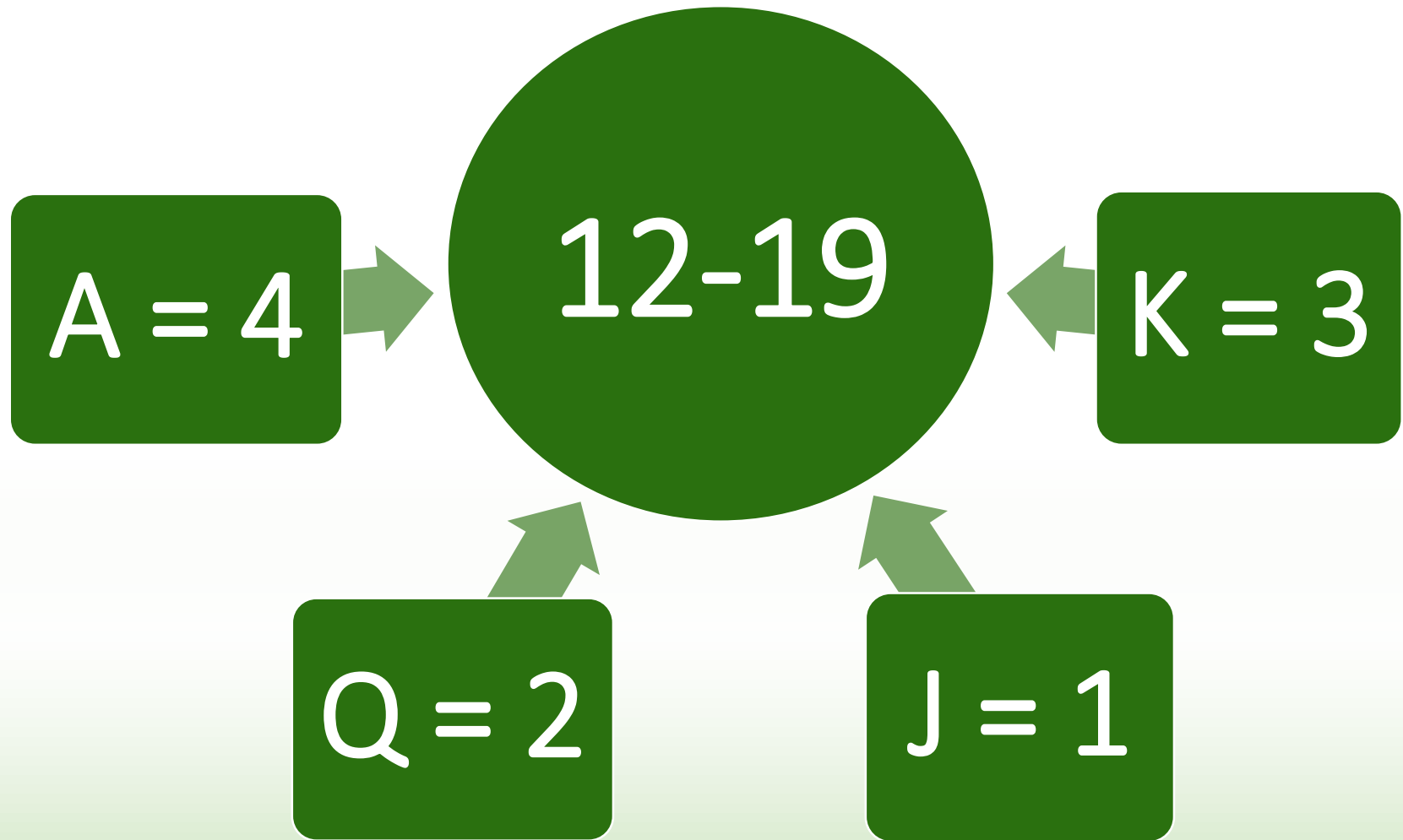
Basic Rules for Opening 1-suit

- You must have enough High Card Points

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Basic Rules for Opening 1-suit



Which hand can open the bidding?

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Teaching Board 1

N North - Click to Sit Robot

W West - C Robot

E East - C Robot

S South - Click to Sit Robot

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH

Hand details:

- North:** A♠, Q♠, 7♥, 6♥, J♣, 7♣, 6♣, 3♣, J♦, 8♦, 4♦, 3♦, 2♦
- West:** J♠, 10♠, 9♠, 8♠, 7♠, 5♥, 4♥, 3♥, 2♥, 10♣, 8♣, 6♦, 5♦
- East:** 6♠, 9♥, 8♥, A♣, K♣, Q♣, 5♣, 4♣, 2♣, A♦, K♦, Q♦, 9♦
- South:** K♠, 5♠, 4♠, 3♠, 2♠, A♥, K♥, Q♥, J♥, 10♥, 9♣, 10♦, 7♦

Which hand can open the bidding?

The image shows a digital card game interface for a bridge hand. At the top left, there is a 'Teaching Board 1' with a 'D' label. The central area is a light blue table. Four player positions are shown: North (top), South (bottom), West (left), and East (right). Each player's hand is displayed as a row of cards. North's hand is J954A76AKJ955. South's hand is Q7Q1084386AJ64. West's hand is 10632, Q10432, Q832. East's hand is AK8, KJ952, K1097. The interface also shows a 'Robot' label for each player and a 'Click to Sit' button. The background is green with a white border around the table area.

Opener's First Bid

	Points	Description
1♣	12 - 19	4 + clubs
1♦	12 – 19	4 + diamonds
1♥	12 – 19	4 + hearts
1♠	12 – 19	4 + spades
1NT	12 – 14	Balanced hand ... SPECIAL CASE



Rules for 1-level suit openings

- Bid your **longest** suit first



Basic Rules for 1-level suit openings

- Bid your lower ranking **4-card** suit first



What do you open?

- Bid your higher ranking **5-card** suit first



Quiz ... what do you open?



Open 1♣

... open your lower ranking 4-card suit first



Quiz ... what do you open?



Open 1♠

... open your higher ranking 5-card suit first



Further Bidding ... To come in more detail

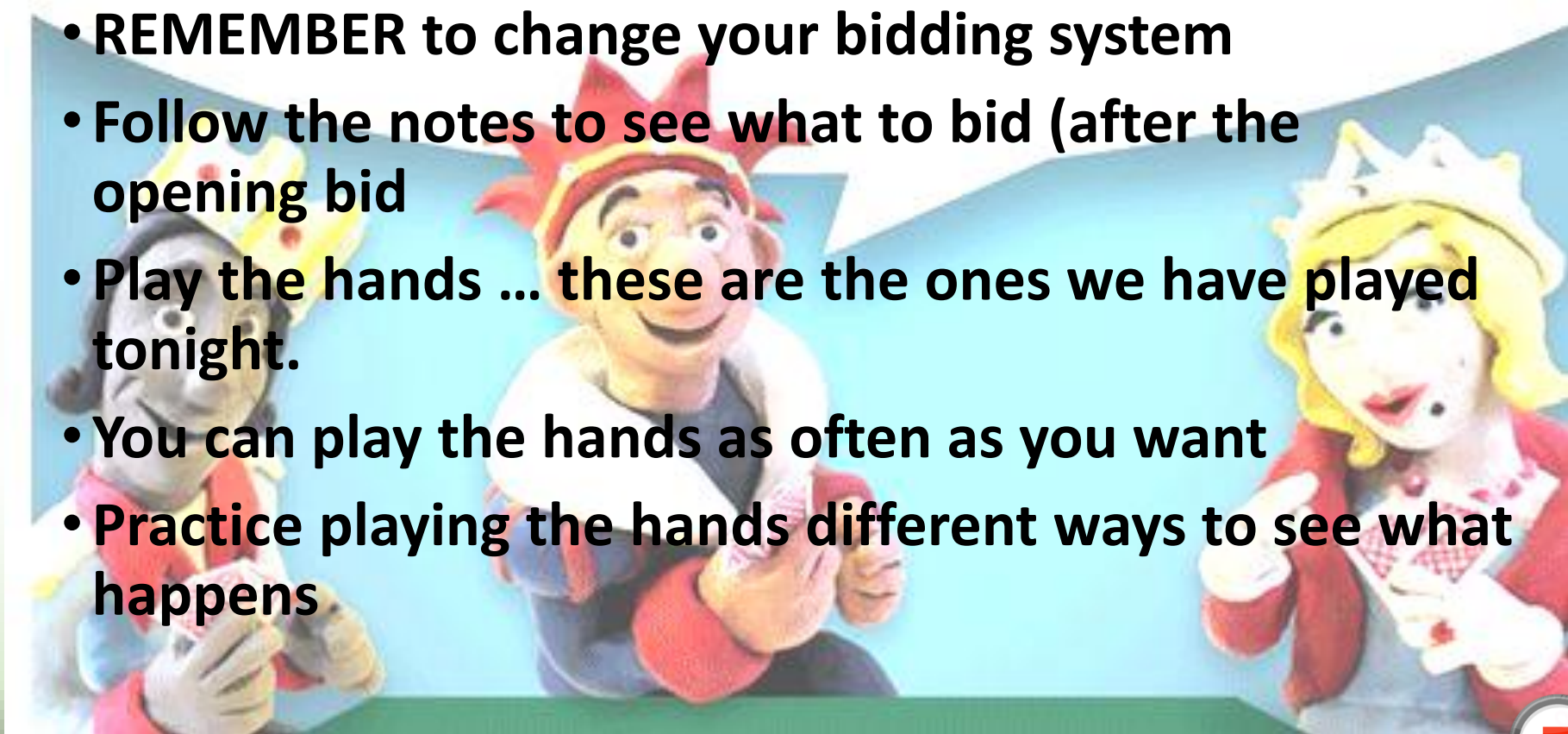
- **Responder** needs 6 + points to bid ... $\frac{1}{2}$ of what Opener needs
- Try to find a **Fit** as soon as possible
- There are 3 choices of level
 - Minimum (6 – 9)
 - Close to Game (10 – 12)
 - Enough for Game (13+)
- If there is NO fit, then bid notrumps
- To bid **Game** you need **25+** points between the two hands

What
Next?



Practice Online

- Go to www.skybridgeclub.com
- Follow the instructions in the Welcome Pack
- REMEMBER to change your bidding system
- Follow the notes to see what to bid (after the opening bid)
- Play the hands ... these are the ones we have played tonight.
- You can play the hands as often as you want
- Practice playing the hands different ways to see what happens



Summary for 1-level suit openers

12-19

- Open with 12-19 points
- Bid your longest suit first
- If you have two 4-card suits bid the lower ranked suit first
- If you have two 5-card suits bid the higher ranked suit first
- Suit quality does not matter



Homework (sorry)

LESSON 2 QUIZ

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What do you open with the following hands?

♠ AQ6542

♥ 72

♦ A2

♣ A92

♠ AJ52

♥ J8

♦ A105

♣ J1085

♠ K2

♥ AKQ2

♦ J9875

♣ 97

♠ AJ952

♥ AQ862

♦ K5

♣ 4

♠ A52

♥ AK62

♦ AJ85

♣ 97

What do you open with the following hands?



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