

Beginner's Lesson 3 (Option A): Responder's Limit Bids

Board 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 5
♥ K J 6 5
♦ A 8 6 5 3
♣ A K

♠ K 6 4 2
♥ A 8 3
♦ 9 7
♣ Q J 10 5

♠ Q 10 8 7
♥ Q 9 4
♦ Q J 10
♣ 8 4 2

♠ A J 3
♥ 10 7 2
♦ K 4 2
♣ 9 7 6 3

West North East South
1 ♦ Pass 1 NT

All pass
Lead: ♣ Q

South has no support for diamonds so bids 1 NT showing 6-9 HCP. North passes.

The ♣ Q lead is the top of a sequence..

Declarer should play their longest suit (diamonds). They must lose a diamond to make 4 diamond tricks.

Board 2
East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K J 7 4
♥ 3
♦ A 6 4 3 2
♣ J 5 3

♠ 8 2
♥ K Q 10 5 4 2
♦ K Q
♣ K 8 6

♠ A Q 6 5
♥ A 9 8 7
♦ J 7
♣ A 9 7

♠ 10 9 3
♥ J 6
♦ 10 9 8 5
♣ Q 10 4 2

West North East South
4 ♥ All pass 1 ♥ Pass

Lead: ♦ 10

East opens 1 ♥ (the lowest 4-card suit).

West bids game in hearts as they have 4 hearts and enough points for game.

The ♦ 10 lead is the top of a sequence.

Draw trumps and take the spade finesse to capture the ♠ K.

Board 3
South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A J 9
♥ J 10 9
♦ A 4 3
♣ Q 8 3 2

♠ Q 8 6 4 3
♥ K 7 2
♦ 9 8
♣ J 9 7

♠ K 5 2
♥ Q 8 4 3
♦ Q 10 5
♣ 10 6 4

♠ 10 7
♥ A 6 5
♦ K J 7 6 2
♣ A K 5

West North East South
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT

Lead: ♥ 3

South opens longest their suit. North responds 2 NT with 10-12 HCP and no 4-card major. South bids game with 3 NT.

The small heart lead by East is from their longest and strongest suit.

Declarer plays their longest suit first (diamonds), then clubs.

Board 4
West Deals
Both Vul

♠ 10 2
♥ Q J 6 3
♦ Q 7
♣ Q J 10 7 2

♠ A J 8 6 5 4
♥ A 10 5
♦ A 9 4
♣ 3

♠ K 7
♥ 7 4 2
♦ K 8 5 3 2
♣ K 9 8

♠ Q 9 3
♥ K 9 8
♦ J 10 6
♣ A 6 5 4

West North East South
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass

Lead: ♣ Q

West opens 1 ♠ and East, with no fit, bids 1 NT showing 6-9 HCP. West prefers spades to notrumps, so now bids 2 ♠.

Lead is ♣ Q, top of a sequence.

Declarer draws trumps and then plays diamonds (their next longest suit).

Board 5
North Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K Q J 10 9 8
♥ K 6 3
♦ A 6 3
♣ 2

♠ A 6
♥ 4 2
♦ Q 7 2
♣ Q J 9 6 5 4

♠ 5 3
♥ 10 9 8 5
♦ J 9 5 4
♣ K 10 7

♠ 7 4 2
♥ A Q J 7
♦ K 10 8
♣ A 8 3

West North East South
Pass 1 ♠ Pass 3 NT

Lead: ♥ 10

North opens 1 ♠ and South bids 3 NT with an opening hand and fewer than 4 spades.

North rebids 4 ♠ with long spades and a singleton club..

The ♥ 10 lead is the top of a sequence.

Draw trumps and play hearts, to discard the diamond loser.

Board 6
East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 4
♥ A 10 6 4
♦ K 9 5
♣ K 10 9 5 2

♠ K Q 7
♥ J 7 5
♦ Q 10 8 3
♣ A J 8

♠ A 9
♥ K Q 9 2
♦ A J 7 6 2
♣ Q 4

♠ J 10 8 6 5 3 2
♥ 8 3
♦ 4
♣ 7 6 3

West North East South
3 NT All pass 1 ♦ Pass

Lead: ♣ 2

East opens their longest suit and West, with 13+ HCP, bids 3 NT.

The small club lead is from their longest and strongest suit.

Declarer should firstly play diamonds (their longest suit).

Board 7
South Deals
Both Vul

♠ K J 4
♥ Q J 10 3 2
♦ J 9
♣ Q 6 3

♠ Q 10 9 6
♥ 9 5
♦ K 10 5 4
♣ J 7 2

♠ 5 3 2
♥ 8 6
♦ A 7 3 2
♣ K 9 8 4

♠ A 8 7
♥ A K 7 4
♦ Q 8 6
♣ A 10 5

West North East South
Pass 3 ♥ Pass 4 ♥

Lead: ♦ 4

South opens 1 ♥ and North invites game with 3 ♥ promising 10-12 and 4+ hearts.

South knows there is enough for game, so accepts the invitation and bids 4 ♥

The small diamond lead by West is from their longest and strongest suit.

Draw trumps first.

Board 8
West Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 4 3
♥ A J 4 2
♦ K J 10 5
♣ 8 7

♠ K Q 9
♥ K 8 3
♦ 6 2
♣ J 6 5 4 2

♠ 8 7 6 2
♥ Q 5
♦ A 9 7
♣ A K Q 10

♠ A J 5
♥ 10 9 7 6
♦ Q 8 4 3
♣ 9 3

West North East South
Pass Pass 1 ♣ Pass

Lead: ♥ 10

East opens 1 ♣ and West bids 2 ♣ with 6-9 and a fit.

East passes with a minimum hand.

♥ 10 is the top of a sequence.

Draw trumps and lead twice towards spade honours in West's hand.