



# BEGINNERS' LESSONS

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# Lesson Four

## Responder's New Suit Bids



# Basic Rules for Responder's bids

1. **Support** partner's suit
2. **Bid a new suit**
3. Bid **NoTrumps** ... this is the bid of last resort

You have 3 choices



# New Suit Bids by Responder

- 1-level bid = 6+ HCP
- 2-level bid = 10+ HCP

(Don't jump to the 2-level if you can bid at the 1-level)

These bids are unlimited  
they are **FORCING**  
partner **MUST** bid again



# Which Suit do you bid?

1. Longest suit
2. Lower available 4-card suit
3. Higher ranking 5-card suit

These bids are unlimited  
they are **FORCING**  
partner **MUST** bid again



Partner Opens 1♥ ... what do you bid



No fit in hearts, with 6+ points

Bid 1♠ ... bid own suit at 1-level



Partner Opens 1♥ ... what do you bid



No fit in hearts, with 10+ points

Bid 2♦ ... bid own suit at 2-level



Partner Opens 1♥ ... what do you bid



No fit in hearts, with 6+ points  
But not enough points to bid 5-card suit

Bid 1♠ ... bid own suit at 1-level





# Partner Opens 1♥ ... what do you bid



No fit in hearts

Cannot bid own suit at 1-level

Not enough points to bid at the 2-level

∴ MUST bid 1NT ... the bid of last resort



## Basic Rules for Opener's Rebid

- Agree partner's suit if you have a fit
- Bid NoTrumps
- Bid another suit (if you can)
- Bid your suit again (with extra length)

AND AT THE SAME TIME

- Describe the quality of your hand  
MINIMUM, NEARLY GAME or GAME



# What type of hand have you got?

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| <b>18 – 19</b> | <b>GAME</b>        |
| <b>16 - 17</b> | <b>Nearly Game</b> |
| <b>12 - 15</b> | <b>Minimum</b>     |



# Support Responder's Suit

- MINIMUM (12-15) ... raise a level
- INVITATIONAL (16-17) ... jump a level
- GAME (18-19) ... bid game

**MUST HAVE A FIT**

**4+ support**



# Opener's Rebid – SUPPORT PARTNER

You open 1♥



Partner bids 1♠

You have a fit, 14 HCP

MINIMUM HAND – Bid 2♠



# Opener's Rebid – SUPPORT PARTNER

You open 1♦



Partner bids 1♥

You have a fit, 16 HCP

NEARLY GAME (INVITATIONAL) – Bid 3♥





# Opener's Rebid – SUPPORT PARTNER

You open 1♣



Partner bids 1♠

You have a fit, 19 HCP

GAME – Bid 4♠



# Bid NoTrumps

- LOWEST LEVEL NT = 15 – 17 HCP

- JUMP IN NT = 18 – 19 HCP

(forcing to game)

Shows a balanced hand





# Opener's Rebid – BID NOTRUMPS

You open 1♣



Partner bids 1♠

You have a balanced hand with no fit, 16HCP

LOWEST LEVEL NT - Bid 1NT



# Opener's Rebid – BID NOTRUMPS

You open 1♦



Partner bids 2♣

You have a balanced hand with no fit, 16 HCP

LOWEST LEVEL NT - Bid 2NT



# Opener's Rebid – BID NOTRUMPS

You open 1♦



Partner bids 1♥

You have a balanced hand with no fit, 18HCP

JUMP IN NT - Bid 2NT



# Opener's Rebid – BID NOTRUMPS

You open 1♦



Partner bids 2♣

You have a balanced hand with no fit, 18 HCP

**JUMP IN NT - Bid 3NT**



# Bid a New Suit

- 2 OF NEW SUIT = 12 – 17 HCP
- 3 OF NEW SUIT = 18 – 19 HCP

(forcing to game)

Shows an unbalanced hand

Shows 5+cards in first suit and 4+cards in  
second suit



# MINIMUM HANDS – 12 - 15



**DO NOT** bid past your  
original opening suit  
**(the barrier)**

12 – 15

Minimum





# Opener's Rebid – BID A NEW SUIT

You open 1♥



Partner bids 1♠

No fit with partner, unbalanced, 13 HCP

MINIMUM – bid new suit BELOW 1<sup>st</sup> suit –  
Bid 2♣



# Opener's Rebid – BID A NEW SUIT

You open 1♦



Partner bids 1♠

No fit with partner, unbalanced, 12 HCP

**MINIMUM – CANNOT BID HEARTS**

**Rebid 1<sup>st</sup> suit – Bid 2♦**





# Opener's Rebid – BID A NEW SUIT

You open 1♥



Partner bids 1♠

No fit with partner, unbalanced, 19 HCP

**GAME – MUST BID PAST THE BARRIER**

**Jump in second suit – Bid 3♦**



# Rebid Your Own Suit

- 2-level = 12-15 HCP
- Jump = 16-17HCP (6+)
- GAME = 18-19 HCP (6+)

Usually shows a single  
suited hand



# Opener's Rebid – REBID OWN SUIT

You open 1♦



Partner bids 1♠

No fit with partner, unbalanced, 12 HCP

**MINIMUM**

**Rebid your own suit – Bid 2♦**



# Opener's Rebid – REBID OWN SUIT

You open 1♥



Partner bids 1♠

No fit with partner, unbalanced, 16 HCP

**NEARLY GAME (INVITATIONAL)**

**Rebid your own suit – Bid 3♥**



# Opener's Rebid – REBID OWN SUIT

You open 1♠



Partner bids 2♣

No fit with partner, unbalanced, 17 HCP

**GAME** (partner has 10+ points), 6+ own suit

**Bid GAME in your suit – Bid 4♠**



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