

Play Session 3 - the full auction

Basic Opening Bid Rules

The order in which you bid your suits is very important. Here are the rules:

- Longest suit first
- Lower ranking 4-card suit
- Higher ranking 5-card suit

Further Bidding

Responder needs 6+ **HCP'S** to bid (half of what opener needs to open)

Try to find a fit if possible and remember Game needs **25** points between the two hands. If you do not have a **fit** – bid No Trumps.

You have 3 choices of level; minimum, close to Game and enough for Game. Responder has 3 choices:

- Support bids of partner's suit – **limit** raise, **not forcing**
- No Trump bids – **limit** bids, **not forcing**
- Bid a new suit – unlimited, **forcing** for 1 round
- Limit bids are very useful as they are specific in strength and length.

Supporting Partner's Suit Opening (4+ card support)

1♥ – 2♥	6-9	4+ support
3♥	10-12	4+ support
4♥	13 +	4+ support

Opener's Rebid after a Limit Raise

After 1♥ – 2♥	
Pass	12-15
3♥	16-17
4♥	18-19
After 1♥ – 3♥	
Pass	12-13
4♥	14+

Responder's new suit bids

If a limit bid is not possible, Responder can bid a new suit, looking for an alternative fit. A **major** suit fit is by far the best.

It is important to bid your suits in the correct order.

The same rules apply to Responder as they do to Opener.

- Longest suit
- Lower available 4-card suit
- Higher ranking 5-card suit
- Try and keep the bidding as low as possible to give you room to find a **fit**.

Responses to the opening bid with NO FIT

- Bid & change suit at 1-level 6+ 4+ suit
- Bid & change suit at 2-level 10+ 4+ suit (**don't jump**)
- Bid 1NT 6-9 denies a 4+ card suit at the 1-level

Opener's rebids after a new suit response

- Support partner's suit 4+ in that suit
- Bid NT balanced
- Bid a new suit 4+ in the 2nd suit
- Rebid long suit 5+ in the suit

Opener supports Responder's Suit

It is important to support partner's suit if possible, particularly in a major

After 1♥ – 1♠

2♠	12-15	4-card support	single raise
3♠	16-17	4-card support	invitational raise
4♠	18-19	4-card support	game raise

Opener rebids a new suit – showing an unbalanced hand

After 1♥ – 1♠

2 new suit	12-17
3 new suit	18-19

Opener rebids their own suit – showing an unbalanced hand

After 1♥ – 1♠

2♥	12-15	5+ suit
3♥	16-17	6+ suit
4♥	18-19	6+ suit

Opener bids No trumps – showing a balanced hand

After 1♥ – 1♠

1NT	15-17
2NT	18-19

After 1♥ – 2♣

2NT	15-17
3NT	18-19

Responder's Rebids – the 4th bid of the Auction

Choice of suit or NT

- Give preference to one of partner's suits – Major suit if possible
- Bid NT with no fit and strength in the unbid suit(s) (see example below)
- Rebid own 6+ card suit

Choice of level

- After opener's rebid, responder *should* now indicate their actual strength.
- If you bid 1NT, or support at the 2-level, after you have bid other suits: You *still* show **6-9**
 - 1♣ – 1♥
 - 1♠ – 1NT = 6-9
- If you bid 2NT or support at the 3-level, after you have bid other suit(s): You *still* show **10-12**
 - 1♣ – 1♥
 - 1♠ – 3♠ = 10-12
- If you bid game after you have changed suit:-
You *now* show **13+**
 - 1♣ – 1♥
 - 1♠ – 3NT = 13+

The 4th Bid of the Auction

Opener's Rebid showed	Responder Rebid	
12-15	pass or 1NT or suit preference	6-9
	Invite	10-12
	bid Game	13+
16-17	pass or suit preference	6-7
	bid Game	8-9+
18-19	bid Game	6-13
	think Slam!!	14+