

Responder's New Suit Bids

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.

Responder's bids

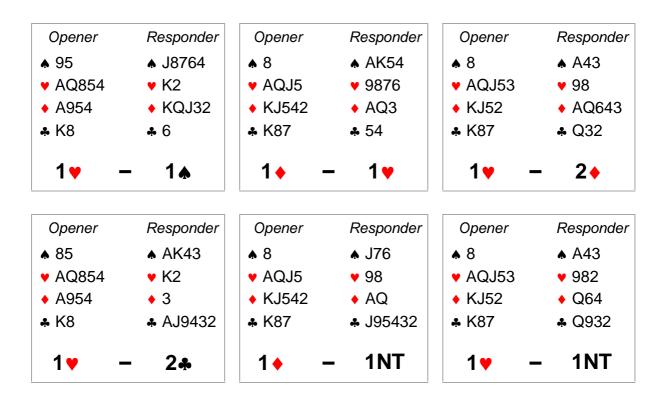
Important – Responder's **new suit** is **forcing**

They are **unlimited** bids and can have a wide range of points (6-28)

Responses to the opening bid with NO FIT

- Bid & change suit at 1-level
 Bid & change suit at 2-level
 Bid 1NT
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 6-9
 depies a 4+ card suit at the 1-level
 - Bid 1NT6-9denies a 4+ card suit at the 1-level

Examples





Opener's rebids after a new suit response

- Support partner's suit
- Bid NT
- Bid a new suit
- Rebid long suit

4+ in that suit balanced 4+ in the 2nd 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 ♠ 3 ♠ 4 ♠

12-154-card support16-174-card support18-194-card support

single raise invitational raise 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 Notrumps – showing a balanced hand

After	1♥ - 1♠	
	1NT	15-17
	2NT	18-19
After	1 🗸 – 2 🖡	
	2NT	15-17
	3NT	18-19

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Responder's Rebids

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

Opener's Bid	-	Responder's Bid
Opener's Rebid	-	Responder's Rebid

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:-

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 v	
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1♠ – 3♠	= 10-12
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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 invite bid Game	6-9 10-12 13+
16-17	pass or suit preference bid Game	6-7 8-9+
18-19	bid Game think Slam	6-13 14+