

# Minimum, Invitational and Game Force Bids

## Opener's Minimum Rebids = 11-15

1. Opener supports partner at the 2-level eg: 1♥ 1♠  
2♠
2. Opener rebids their own suit at the 2-level eg: 1♦ 1♥  
2♦
3. Opener rebids a new lower-ranked suit at the 2-level (could have 16)  
eg: 1♦ 1♠  
2♣

## Opener's Invitational Rebids = (15)16-17

1. Support partner's suit at the 3-level = 16-17 eg: 1♣ 1♥  
3♥
2. Jump in your own suit( 6+ suit) = 15-17 eg: 1♥ 1♠  
3♥
3. 1NT rebid by opener = 15-17 or 2NT rebid after a 1NT response = 16-17

## Opener's Forcing Rebids = 18-19 or shapely If opener is not sure which game to bid:

1. Reverse bid (rebid higher ranked suit) = 17-19, one round force (1RF). You have rebid a suit responder has bypassed, so must be stronger eg: 1♦ 1♠  
2♥
2. New suit at 3-level = GAME FORCE (GF) eg: 1♥ 1♠  
3♣
3. Jump rebid in NT = 18-19 GAME FORCE (GF)

## Opener's Rebids after a 2-level response (10+ points)

1. Reverse by Opener = 15+ and GF
2. New suit at 3 level by Opener = 15+ and GF
3. Jump rebid of 6+ suit by Opener = 15+ and GF
4. Any NT rebid by Opener = 15+ and GF
5. New suit at 2-level = 12+ and a one round force to at least two of the first bid suit  
eg: 1♠ 2♣  
2♦ = one round force

## Responder's Minimum Second Bid = 6-9

1. Pass opener's minimum rebid or give **preference** to one of opener's suits at the 2-level

eg: 1♣ 1♥ | 1♥ 1♠  
2♣ Pass | 2♦ 2♥ (*preference – may only have a doubleton*)

2. Rebid your own suit at the 2-level – shows a 6+ suit
3. Bid a lower ranked suit at the 2-level – gives opener a choice
4. Bid 1NT

## Responder's Invitational Second Bid = 10-12

1. Raise opener's suit to the 3-level – now shows 3-card support

eg: 1♥ 1♠ | 1♦ 1♠  
2♣ 3♥ | 2♦ 3♦

2. Rebid your own suit at the 3-level if opener showed a minimum – shows a 6+ suit

eg: 1♦ 1♥  
2♣ 3♥

4. Bid 2NT
5. Remember if opener's second bid has shown 16-17, you only need 7-8 to invite

## Responder's Forcing Second Bids = GF 13+

Often responder can set the contract after opener's rebid and bid game with 13+. However, sometimes responder is not sure which game to bid and needs to force the opener to further describe their hand. To Game Force, responder can:

1. Reverse bid (rebid a higher ranked suit) eg: 1♦ 1♥  
2♦ 2♠
2. New suit at the 3-level eg: 1♦ 1♠  
2♦ 3♣

4. Fourth suit. Natural, game forcing (GF).

eg: 1♦ 1♠ | 1♦ 1♥ | 1♦ 1♠  
2♣ 3♥ (GF) | 2♣ 2♠(GF) | 2♣ 3NT (heart stop, 13+)

5. Remember, if opener's rebid has shown 16-17 you only need 9+ to Game Force.

## Summary:

- Rebids at the **2-level** are minimum
- Rebids at the **3-level** (one already bid by either partner) are invitational
- A **new suit at the 3-level** is GF
- A **reverse bid** by opener is 1RF or by responder is GF
- 1NT rebid by opener is invitational and 2NT is GF
- 1NT rebid by responder is minimum 6-9 HCP and 2NT is invitational 10-12 HCP