

Play Session 2 – 1 level opening bids and limit responses

Opener's 1st bid

- 1♣ 12-19 4+ clubs
- 1♦ 12-19 4+ clubs
- 1♥ 12-19 4+ clubs
- 1♠ 12-19 4+ clubs
- 1NT 12-14 Balanced hand, special case, already covered

It is important to bid your suits in the correct order so that you describe your hand accurately. Use the following rules:

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

Responder's 1st bid

Responder needs only 6 points to respond, and has choices:

Support bids of Partner's suit – *limit raises*, not forcing, as follows:

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

Bid 1 NT – *limit bid* (6-9), no fit, no biddable suit at the 1 level, not forcing

Bid a new suit – unlimited, forcing for one round – *covered in later sessions*

Opener's rebid after a limit raise:

After 1♥ - 2♥

- Pass 12-15
- 3♥ 16-17
- 4♥ 18+

After 1♥ - 3♥

- Pass 12-15
- 4♥ 14+