

# Responder's New Suit Bids and Opener's Rebids

Presenter/s  
Date

## With 6+ points you have 3 choices:

1. **Support** for Opener's suit with a suit fit
2. **Bid a new suit. This is an Unlimited Bid!**
3. **Bid No Trumps ... with no fit.** This is the bid of last resort!

A new suit bid by responder shows 6-28 HCP!  
Hence its **UNLIMITED** description

## Longest suit

- Lower available of two 4 card suits (Bid 'up the line')\*
- Bid the Higher ranking of two 5 card suits

## REMEMBER

- A new suit bid by Responder shows an UNLIMITED hand
- It is FORCING
- Partner MUST bid again

\* *Teacher Option – bid 4 card major first*

# RESPONDER'S NEW SUIT BIDS - Summary

- Must have **6+ HCP** otherwise Pass
- Bid your longest suit (ie any **5+** card suit **before** any **4** card suit)
- Bid your **lower** of **two 4** card suits *\*Teacher Option - bid 4 card major first*
- Bid the **higher** ranking of **two 5** card suits
- With none of the above & 6-10 HCP range, bid **1NT** as last resort
- To bid at **2 level** Responder must have **10+ HCP** (2/1 13+)
- Remember the special case, to bid 2♥ you must have 10+ points (2/1 13+) & 5+ ♥s

# RESPONDER'S NEW SUIT BIDS - What to bid?

Partner opens 1♥

♠ Q T 5 3  
♥ A 8  
♦ 7 5  
♣ J 9 8 5 3

7 HCP

Bid 1S to show 4+ Ss &  
6+HCP  
No fit  
Not strong enough for 2 level

♠ K Q T 5 3  
♥ A 8  
♦ A 5  
♣ K Q 5 3

18 HCP

Bid 1S longest suit  
No fit  
Have points for game  
1S is forcing - Opener must bid

♠ Q 9 3  
♥ 6 3 2  
♦ K Q 5  
♣ J 9 8 7

8HCP

Bid 1NT  
No Fit  
No 4 card suit to show at 1 level  
Must bid with 6+HCP

## Opener's Rebid

Support **Responder's** major suit with a 'fit'

Bid another suit (if you can)

Bid No Trumps with a balanced hand 12-14 HCP

Bid your suit again (6+ cards)

**With 4 card support for responder's suit**

**MINIMUM** (12-15 TP) ... raise a level

**INVITATIONAL** (16-17 TP) ... jump a level

**MAXIMUM (GAME)** (18-19 TP) ... bid game

# RESPONDER'S NEW SUIT BIDS - Opener's Rebid



QJ75



AT954



J9



AQ

14 HCP

You, opener, bid 1♥

Responder bids 1♠ (6+HCP)

You have 14 HCP

What is your rebid?

Opener sees a spade 'fit' & does the maths

Opener Rebids 2♠ showing **support** with a **minimum** opening hand - 12-15 TP

# RESPONDER'S NEW SUIT BIDS - Opener's Rebid

♠ Q3

♥ T42

♦ KQ7532

♣ AJ

12 HCP

Opener bids 1♦

Responder bids 1♠ (6+ HCP)

You Opener have no fit with

Responder, **unbalanced**, 12 HCP

What is opener's rebid?

Opener just rebids his own suit at the lowest level

Rebid 2♦ showing a **minimum hand**, 12-15 HCP

and a **6+ card diamond suit**



## NO TRUMPS

**LOWEST LEVEL i.e. 1NT** = 12 - 14 HCP

1  1  1NT


**BUT JUMP to 2NT** = 18 - 19 HCP

1  1  2NT

Both rebids show a **balanced hand**

**LOWEST LEVEL ie 2NT** = 12 - 14 HCP

1  2  2NT

(bid 3NT with 18 - 19)  Bridge  
NSW

# OPENER'S REBID - The Barrier

The barrier is the Opener's original suit at the 2 level, so if open 1♣ the barrier is 1♣. If open 1♥ the barrier is 2♥

To rebid a suit above the barrier must have 16+ HCP

## Hand 1: Opener 14 HCP

♠ K7  
 ♥ AT52  
 ♦ KT984  
 ♣ K9

**Opener**

1♦  
 1NT

**Responder**

1♠

## Hand 2: Opener 17 HCP

♠ A7  
 ♥ AQ52  
 ♦ KT984  
 ♣ K9

**Opener**

1♦  
 2♥

**Responder**

1♠

## Responder's New Suit Bids

- Denies a fit for partner's major
- Bid your longest suit (ie any **5+** card suit **before** any **4** card suit)
- Bid your **lower** of **two 4** card suits
- Bid the **higher** ranking of **two 5** card suits
- With none of the above & 6-10 HCP range, bid **1NT as last resort**
- To bid at **2 level** Responder must have **10+ HCP (2/1 13+ HCP)**
- Remember the special case, to bid 2♥ you must have 10+ points **(2/1 13+)** & 5+ cards in the heart suit

## Opener's Rebids after Responder's New Suit

- With a fit in Responder's major, support at appropriate level (add shortage pts)
- With no fit & a **balanced** hand (12-14HCP) bid 1NT
- With no fit and an **unbalanced** hand: bid your second suit (showing 5:4) at the appropriate level if you can (Barrier)
- Rebid your suit (shows 6+ cards)