

When you are **Responder** and partner has opened **1 of a suit** count your HCPs  
0-5 HCPs – Pass.

**With 6+ HCPs YOU MUST BID!**

### **Priorities in Responding:**

- 1.** Support partner's bid **major** with a **'suit fit'** at the **correct level** to show your HCPs
- 2.** Bid a **new suit** of your own at the **1 level** if you can
- 3.** With 6-9 HCPs, no suit fit, and unable to bid a new suit **Bid 1NT** as last resort!
- 4.** If the **opponents bid a suit overcall**, a **Negative X** shows no fit with partner's suit but 4 cards in the other 2 unbid suits!

**Count your HCPs – which group do they fall into?**

#### **6-9 HCPs Minimum hand**

- Bid **2 of major** with a fit  
With no fit in partner's suit;
- Bid a **new suit** at the 1 level or
- Bid **1NT** as last resort!

#### **10-12 HCPs Invitational hand**

- Jump a level to bid **3 of major** with a fit
- Bid a new suit of your own at **1 level** (or 2 level if you must)

#### **13+ HCPs –a Game going hand**

- Bid to game in major with a suit fit – 4 ♥/♠
- Bid your own suit at the **1 level** (or 2 level if you must)