

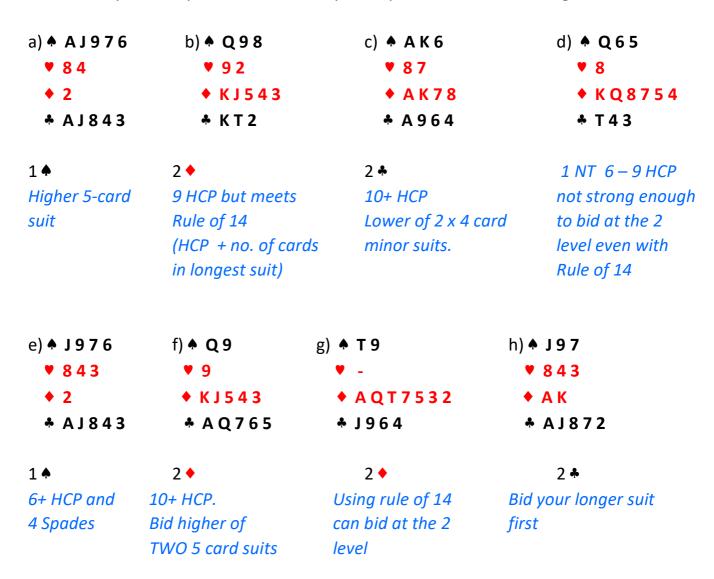
1 What is the Rule of 14 and when is it used?

Responder can use it to bid at the 2 level after opener's 1 of a suit bid if the sum of Responder's HCP added to the number of cards in his longest suit = 14. Responder can bid at the 2 level in this suit

- 2 Your partner opens 1♥. What do you tell your partner by the following bids?
- a) 2 \checkmark 6 9 HCP and 4+ Hearts
- b) 1 NT 6-9 HCP, no 4 card Heart or Spade suit
- c) 3 ♥ 10 12 HCP and 4+ Hearts
- d) 1 6 28 HCP, 4+ Spades and fewer than 4 Hearts
- e) 2 ◆ 10+ HCP, (or meets rule of 14), 4+ Diamonds (may have 4 spades but if so must have 5+ diamonds)
- 3 The opening bid is 1♥. Is Responder's bid shown forcing? This means that the bid cannot be passed. Opener must bid again.

	Opener	Responder	
a)	1 🔻	3♥	Not forcing (3♥ is a limit bid) Responder can pass
b)	1 🔻	1 🌢	Forcing-a new suit shows 6-28 HCP. An
			UNLIMITED hand. Opener must rebid
c)	1♥	2 NT	Not forcing (2NT is a limit bid)
d)	1♥	2 ♦ Forcing - a new suit at the 2 level shows 10+ HC	
			(or meets the rule of 14) and maybe as many as
			28HCP! An UNLIMITED hand.
			Opener must rebid

4 Your partner opens 1 ♥. What do you respond with the following hands?



5 What does Responder know about Opener's hand after these bidding sequences?

	Opener	Responder
a)	1♥	14
	1NT	

Opener has 15 - 17 HCP and a balanced hand. He has not supported your Spades so does not have 4 Spades. This bid is not forcing – responder can pass.

b) 1♥ 1♠ 2NT

Opener has 18 - 19 HCP and a balanced hand. He does not have 4 Spades otherwise he would have supported your suit. This bid is forcing – Responder should bid.

c) 1♥ 2♣ 2NT

Opener has a balanced hand. The 1 NT bid was unavailable to him because responder bid at the 2 level, therefore this bid has the point range 15 - 19 HCP. **This bid is forcing**. Responder must have 10+ HCP (or meet the Rule of 14) to have bid at the 2 level and partner has 15+ so there must be enough strength for a game somewhere.

- **6** a) What do you open with this dreaded 4,4,4,1 hand?
 - b) What is your planned rebid?



Always open with a minor (with both minors as in this case bid diamonds) planning to rebid the lower minor unless responder bids 1, then opener can rebid 1. (This promises 5 cards in your first bid suit and 4 cards in your second – always try to 'lie' in a minor!)

- A bid of 2♥ over an opening bid of 1♠ can **only** be done with **5** + cards in hearts. Can you think why?
 - A 2♥ bid by responder after a 1 of a suit opening bid takes up so much bidding space, hence the need for a 5+ card heart suit
- 8 What is the difference between and Limit Bid and Unlimited Bid?

A limit bid is one where the strength and shape of Responder's hand is described in a narrow range by a single bid. Once Responder has made a limit bid your partner, Opener, knows a great deal about your hand, so Opener is now **in charge**.

Opener can also make a limit bid or rebid.