



Opener's Rebid

Some Basic Principles of Bidding

When one player has made a **limit bid** his partner is in charge: he knows his side's combined values to within a point or two, and is well-placed to decide whether to play in a part-score, to invite game, or to bid game.

Limit bids simplify the auction: If you do not make a limit bid it is because your hand is unsuitable.

The simplest auctions are best – they give least information to opponents.

Opener's Rebid when Responder Has Bid a New Suit

A 1-over-1 response tells you that partner has 6-27 HCP without 4-card support for your suit

A 2-over-1 response tells you he has 10-27 HCP without 4-card support for your suit

Your priorities are:

1. Raise partner with **4+card support**
2. Bid no-trump with a **balanced hand without 4-card support**
3. Bid a new suit with an **unbalanced hand without 4-card support**
4. Rebid your own suit with an **unbalanced hand without 4-card support** and no second suit to bid

Raising partner is a **limit bid**.

West East

1♥	1♠	2♠ A single raise shows a minimum opening bid, 13-14 HCP	<i>Not forcing</i>
??		3♠ A jump raise shows extra values, 15-17 HCP	<i>Not forcing</i>
		4♠ A raise to game shows a maximum opening bid, 18-20 HCP.	

Rebidding in NT is a **limit bid**

West East

1♥	1♠	1NT shows a balanced hand of 15-17 HCP, without 4-card support	<i>Not forcing</i>
??		2NT shows a strong hand of 18-19 HCP without 4-card support	<i>Forcing</i>

1♥ 2♣

??		2NT shows a balanced hand 15+ HCP, without 4-card support.	<i>Forcing</i>
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Bidding a new suit is NOT a limit bid

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1♥	1♠	a new suit denies 4-card support for partner, and denies a balanced hand.
2♣		it follows logically that you have at least 5-cards in your first suit
		Bidding a new suit shows 5+-4+ in your 2 suits and opening values

It is generally better to bid a new suit rather than rebid your first suit:

both bids show extra length in your first suit but this one tells partner more.

A new suit is not absolutely forcing, but partner should try to find another bid.

Rebidding your first suit is a limit bid

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1♥	1♠	2♥ shows a minimum opening bid, 13-14 HCP, no other 4-card suit, 6+♥s	<i>Not forcing</i>
??		3♥ shows extra values, 15-17HCP, no other 4-card suit.	<i>Not forcing</i>
		4♥ shows a maximum opening bid, 18-20 HCP. A <i>sign off</i> unless partner is very strong	

1♥ 2♣

??		2♥ shows a minimum opening bid, 13-14HCP	<i>Not forcing</i>
		3♥ shows a stronger hand, 15+HCP, no other 4-card suit.	<i>Forcing</i>
		Since responder has show 10+HCP this bid is	<i>Forcing to game</i>