

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

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

10-12 HCPs Invitational hand

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

13+ HCPs –a Game going hand

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