

When you are **Responder** (partner to **opener**) to 1 of a suit opening bid look at the **shape** of your hand, then **count your HCPs**

- **0-5 HCPs – Pass.**
- **With 6+ HCPs you MUST BID!**

1. **Support partner's suit** – This is your first choice
If you can, support your partner at once.

Your priority is to find a **major Suit Fit**, i.e. 8+ cards in one suit between the two hands of the partnership.

2. **Bid No Trumps** ... this is the bid of last resort.

3. Bid a new suit of your own at the one level
(later)

1. If you have 4+ card support for partner's bid suit
and:

- 6-9 HCPs Minimum hand – **bid 2 of suit**
- 10-12 HCPs Invitational hand – **Bid 3 of suit**
- 13+ HCPs **Bid game** in partner's suit

Once the partnership has found a suit fit, this suit will become the trump suit

2. If you do NOT have 4+ cards in partner's bid suit:
6-9 HCPs Minimum hand – **bid 1NT**

Both these types of bids are LIMIT BIDS They tell Opener the HCP range of your hand within narrow limits + if you have or have not a suit fit!