

Lesson 60 Examples

4th Suit Forcing after Opener's Change of Suit Rebid

▲ KQ832	Ν	▲ J10
♥AK732	W E	♥QJ4
♦8	S	♦KJ1054
* 63		♣ A74
1		2•
2•		3*
3♥		4♥

A slightly pushy 3 & from East but it is a good12 count. West repeats ♥ to show 5-5+ and East bids the best game.

▲AK852	Ν	▲ J4
♥ Q5	W E	♥AKJ43
♦ J4	S	♦ 873
♣AK74	~	♣ Q63
1		2•
3*		3♦
3♥		4♥

forcing. Since East's 2 valready promised a 5-card suit, West would have raised immediately with 3-cards. planning on bidding 3 • next time. So the later support can only be a doubleton. With no \blacklozenge stop, East chooses the 5-2 fit.

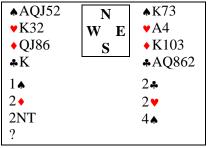
 ▲AJ86 ♥KQ873 ◆A753 ♣ - 	N W E S	 ▲102 ◆AJ ◆K962 ◆KQ983
1 🗸		2*
2 •		2
3♠		3NT

Opener's high reverse of 3. is game It is still possible to find a 4-4 fit in the 4th suit on the rare occasions when there is one. East bids 2 But when West raises the 4th suit to show 4-card \bigstar . East can see that 3NT should be best. If East happened to also have 4-cards in spades they would raise to $4 \bigstar$.

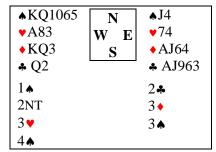
Other 4th Suit Forcing situations

▲ J2	Ν	▲A10753
♥AJ10642	WE	♥K
♦K7	S	♦Q2
♣ KQ5		♣ A9863
1 🗸		1
2•		3•
3♦		3♥
4♥		

Having limited their hand with 2♥ (12-14(15) hcp), West is East shows a strong hand. 3NT, show \forall K than bid 3NT on \diamond Qx. should bid on and get to slam.



Here East knows that A will be best after West's 2 but a slam could be worth a positive move $(3 \blacklozenge)$ after missed if they just jump to $4 \blacktriangle$. The solution is to use 4th suit forcing and. $4 \checkmark$ or \bigstar are possible from West's then jump to $4 \bigstar$, showing a hand too point of view. East does better to strong for an immediate jump. West



When East bids $3 \blacklozenge$, West can see that there may be a weakness in **v** in 3NT. 4th suit forcing persuades East to show \bigstar Jx and the best game is reached.

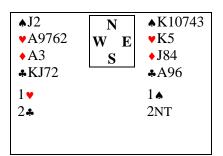
When not to use 4th Suit Forcing

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▲ KQ865	Ν	▲ A3		▲ A6
♥ A2	W E	♥QJ93		♥AQ
♦AQJ7	S	♦K64		♦KQ
* 84	~	♣ K1053		* 7
1		2*		1 🗸
2•		3NT		2•
				3♠

Don't use 4th suit forcing when you have a descriptive, natural alternative. Here 3NT shows your hand perfectly, since you have a good heart holding.

52 ♦OJ753 Ν 2952 **∀**K6 W E Q64 ♦J103 S **♣**A92 1 2NT 4♠

East is not strong enough for 3. (you would need a **good** 12 hcp or more). So, despite the iffy club holding, 2NT is the only sensible bid. West shows 3-card ♠ support on the way to 3NT and East is happy to choose spades.



No good rebid for East. This is the reason why some people play 4th suit not forcing to game (they can bid 2♦ here). Perhaps 2NT is the least lie, even though Jxx is not really a stopper.