



Lesson 10 Teacher's Notes

Responding in a New Suit

Aims

- To introduce the *change of suit* response
- To emphasise the importance of responding in a 4-card major when we have one
- To introduce the concepts of *Forcing* and *Non-forcing* bids
- To explain the difference in strength between a one-over-one and two-over-one responses
- To take a first look at opener's rebid after a change of suit-response

Content

- 1 Introduce the concept of a *biddable suit* – **any** suit of 4-cards or more.
Stress that *length* is more important than *strength*
You **cannot** open or respond in a suit with fewer than four cards.
- 2 More on responding to one of a suit.
When partner opens one of a suit and you have 6 or more points you **must respond**
Raise partner with 4+card support
Bid 1NT with 6-9 HCP and no 4-card suit you can bid at the one-level
When you cannot raise partner - bid a new suit: a *change of suit response*
- 3 Introduce the *One-over-one* response
When we can bid our suit at the one-level (1♦ - 1♥ or 1♠ but not 2♣) we promise a biddable suit (4 cards) and 6+HCP
The **one-over-one** is *unlimited*. (6-27HCP: 27=maximum when opener has 13)
Since responder may still be very strong opener **MUST NOT PASS** a 1-over-1 response
- 4 Define “**Forcing**” (partner cannot pass) and “**Non-forcing**” (partner may pass)
- 5 Emphasise the importance of bidding one of a major when you can – to find the 8-card fit
When you have the choice between 1NT and one of a major prefer the biddable major in case partner also has 4-cards. **With two 4-card majors respond 1♥ - just like opening the bidding.**
- 6 Introduce the **Two-over-one response**
When you have to go to the two-level to bid your suit (eg 2♣ or 2♦ over 1♥) it is a **2-over-1 response**. Like a 1-over-1, it is **forcing**: opener cannot pass
Since we have propelled the partnership to the 2-level the minimum point count is NOT 6HCP, but 10
A 2-over-1 response promises a 4-card suit and 10-27 HCP
- 7 Opener's Rebid after a change of suit response – remember, opener **MUST** bid again here
Always raise partner with four-card support
 With a **minimum** opener (13-14HCP) – raise **one** level
 With extra values (15-17 HCP) – raise **two** levels
 With a maximum opener (18-20 HCP) – raise to game