



Opener's Rebid – the Key to the Auction

When partner makes a limit raise you simply have to decide whether to bid on or Pass.

When partner bids a new suit you *must* bid again.

Your choice of bid will define the later auction: a *limit bid* keeps it simple, so choose that if you can.

You can divide your hand into one of three ranges: **Minimum** (12-14HCP)
 Extra values (15-17HCP)
 Maximum (18-19HCP)

1 Raising Partner's Suit

With 4-card support for partner's suit – raise him. All raises are Limit Bids

Opening Bid	Response	Opener's Rebid
1♥ (4+ hearts, either 12-19 unbalanced or 15-19 balanced)	1♠ (Unlimited 1-over-1 response 4+ spades, 6-28 HCP)	2♠ Minimum Opening (12-14 HCP) with 4-card spade support (limit bid)
		3♠ Extra values (15-17 HCP) with 4-card spade support (limit bid)
		4♠ Maximum Opening (18-19 HCP) with 4-card spade support (limit bid)

Whenever raising partner is an Option – Raise Him

2 Rebidding in No-trump

With no support but a balanced hand of 15-19HCP – rebid in no-trump. All no-trump rebids are **Limit Bids**.

You cannot have a Minimum balanced hand – you would open 1NT with that.

Over a 1-over-1 bid 1NT with 15-17 HCP, (**invitational**) and jump to 2NT with 18-19 (**game-forcing**)

Over a 2-over-1 bid (10+HCP), you know you have enough for game. 2NT shows 15-19, (**game-forcing**)

Opening Bid	Response	Opener's Rebid
1 of a suit	1 of a higher suit (1-over-1)	1NT 15-17 HCP, balanced (invitational) (not 4-card support for partner)
1 of a suit	1 of a higher suit (1-over-1)	2NT 18-19 HCP, balanced (game forcing) (not 4-card support for partner)
1 of a suit	2 of a lower suit (2-over-1) (not a jump shift)	2NT 15-19 HCP, balanced (game forcing) (not 4-card support for partner)

3 Rebidding your Suit

When you have an unbalanced hand without 4-card support for partner you have to bid something else.

You can *rebid* a 6-card suit. Rebidding a suit is a Limit Bid.

Opening Bid	Response	Opener's Rebid
1♥ (4+hearts, either 12-19 unbalanced or 15-19 balanced)	1♠ (unlimited 1-over-1 response 4+ spades, 6-28 HCP)	2♥ Minimum Opening (12-14 HCP) no spade support, 6+hearts
		3♥ Extra values (15-17 HCP) no spade support, 6+hearts
		4♥ Maximum Opening (18-19 HCP) no spade support, 6+hearts



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4 Jump Shift Response

When partner opens the bidding and you respond in a new suit, your bid is unlimited (6-28 HCP) and forces partner to bid again. As you know partner will bid again to describe their hand more fully, there is usually no need to jump a level in the bidding just to show a higher number of points.

The one exception to this is when you have a good quality 6+ card suit **and** good points (15+, a little less with good shape). You know the partnership has enough points for game and perhaps enough for slam if partner has better than a minimum hand. With both a 6+ card suit and 15+HCP (13+ with a good shape), raise the level of your reply. This is called a **Jump Shift Response**, and is forcing to game.

W	E	W	E
♠ AKT84	♠ 43	♠ AT63	♠ Q92
♥ A	♥ K64	♥ KJ95	♥ 6
♦ QJ864	♦ 2	♦ T7	♦ AKQ984
♣ 73	♣ AKQJ862	♣ KJ4	♣ A52
1♠	3♣	1NT	3♦
3NT	Pass	3NT	