

Opener's Rebid: The Reverse (or Barrier) Rebid

Opener's rebid is often the most important bid in the auction.

It helps partner decide what to do next if you can *limit* the strength of your hand.

After a Limited Response

When responder has raised your suit all you need do is decide whether to bid on or not. The rebid after a 1NT or 2NT response was covered in lesson 37.

After an Unlimited Response in a Suit

Your options, in order of preference are:

- 1. Raise partner's suit with 4-card support a limit raise
- 2. Rebid 1NT/2NT with a balanced hand without 4-card support *a limit bid*.
- 3. Bid a new suit, promising 5+cards in your first suit and 4+ in your second an unlimited bid
- 4. Rebid your own suit with 6+ cards and no second suit a limit bid

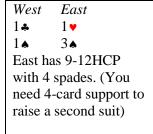
Bidding a New Suit

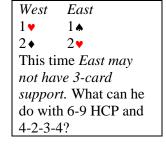
We bid 4-card suits because we are looking for an 8+card trump fit.

West

When we bid a second suit partner can *raise our fist suit* with just 3 cards, since he now knows we have 5. Or he can *raise our second suit* with 4-card support, just as if we had opened the bidding in that suit.

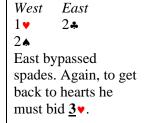
West	East
1♥	1 🛦
2 .	3♥
East shows 9-12HCP	
with 3 hearts. (With 4	
he would raise last	
time) A limit raise	





West	East
1 ♦	1 ♠
2♥	
East d	id not respond
1♥. (F	He may have
5spade	es and 4hearts.)
To return to diamonds	
he mu	st bid 3 ♦

East



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West East

1 ▼ 1NT

2 ♠

East has denied 4

spades He has to bid

3 ▼ to get back to hearts.
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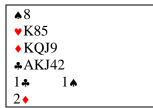
Reverse Bids

When we bid a new suit at the 2-level that is higher-ranking than our first suit we call it a reverse.

A reverse is a bid in a suit that partner has by-passed with his initial response. He probably does not have support for it. It forces him to give preference to our first suit at the 3-level.

Because it raises the bidding so high it is strong: 16+HCP after a loverl response; 15+HCP after a 2overl. The new suit is *shorter* than the first. We promise 5+cards in the first suit, 4+ in the second.

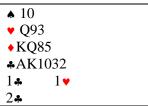
(A reverse shows strength, but do not distort your distribution in order to use it as a way of showing strength)



17HCP is enough to reverse. $(2 \bullet is a new)$ suit at the 2-level which partner has bypassed)



A new suit at the 1-level is *not* a reverse. Partner can return to clubs at the 2-level



14HCP - not enough to reverse. We just have to rebid 2. (An exception: normally we show 6+cards values for game. when we rebid our first suit.)



Enough to reverse after a 2 over 1. Partner has 10+HCP so you have the

A Reverse Bid is a strong bid. It is Forcing.

Partner *must* respond to it. His weakest option is to return to your first suit at the 3-level.