



Lesson 7 Teacher's Notes

Aims

- To introduce the concept of a **Bidding System**
- To describe how to make logical deductions from partner's bids
- To introduce the concept of a **Limit Bid**

Content

- 1 What a bidding system is NOT:
It is NOT a private code between partners: opponents should know what our bids mean too
It is NOT designed to give a perfect description of your hand: *do not tell opponents more than necessary.*
- 2 Our bidding system is called **Acol**.
It is based primarily on the concept of **limit bids**
Whenever possible, we should make a limit bid rather than something less descriptive.
- 3 What is a **limit bid**?
It has a narrow point range – eg an opening bid of 1NT shows precisely 12-14 high card points
This makes it easy for partner to decide whether the partnership has the combined values for **game** or not
- 4 The **First Response** to an opening bid of one of a suit
When we have four or more cards in the suit partner has bid we know we have an 8-card trump fit.
We **support** partner (**raise** his suit) whenever we have 4-card support, particularly in a major suit
If partner opens 1 of a suit we respond with **6 or more points**. We pass with **0-5 points**
- 5 **Minimum** responses.
With **6-9 points** we have a minimum response.
We bid **2 of partner's suit** with trump support (this is a **limit raise**)
With **4 or more cards** in a suit we can bid at the 1-level we bid that
Otherwise we bid **1NT**
Higher bids mean we have more than minimum points, ie 10 or more