



LESSON 6 – TEACHER NOTES OPENER’S REBIDS WITH A STRONG HAND & RESPONDER’S REBIDS SHOWING PREFERENCE

AT THE END OF LESSON 6 STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO RECOGNISE:

- When Opener’s new suit rebid shows a stronger unbalanced hand i.e. with 16-19 HCP
- When Responder’s suit rebid shows ‘suit preference’ for one of opener’s bid suits.

MAIN POINTS TO EMPHASISE:

When Opener Re-Bids a New Suit, it shows an unbalanced hand

Opener’s rebid is used to show the **strength** and **shape** of his hand.

When Opener rebids a second suit he promises **5+ cards in first bid suit and 4+ cards in second suit bid.**

OPENER REBIDS A NEW SUIT - POINT RANGE **Minimal 11-15 OR Strong 16-19?**

Clarify the difference between Opener’s rebids to show a strong hand & a weak hand

With a strong hand opener has 3 options for showing a strong hand 16-19 HCP:

e.g.

In general, opener’s **jump rebids** show **16-19 HCP**.

1) A **jump rebid in opener’s first bid suit** – shows a 6 card one suiter hand, and 16-19 HCP

Opener	Responder
1♥	2♣
3♥	shows 16-19 HCP . Opener has jumped a level to rebid his suit at the 3 level i.e. he has by passed the 2 level! It shows a one suiter hand with 6+ cards. However, this is a non -forcing rebid . Responder can Pass

2. Also, when opener's **suit rebid** is in a **higher ranked suit** than his opening suit this is called a **Reverse** i.e. for responder to return opener to his first bid suit he must rebid at the 3 level! This also shows opener has 16-19 HCP.

Opener	Responder
1♥	2♣
2♠	shows 16-19 HCP. Opener has bid a higher ranking suit in his rebid than in his first bid suit. Opener has bid a 'Reverse' This is a forcing rebid . Responder cannot Pass

3) A '**jump shift**' to a **new suit** shows a very strong hand **18-19** HCP with 5 + cards in the first suit and 4+ in the second

Opener	Responder
1♦	1♥
3♣	shows 18-19 HCP. Opener has jumped a level to rebid his second suit i.e. he could have rebid clubs at the 2 level! This is a forcing rebid . Responder cannot Pass

DISCUSS OPENER'S DREADED 4,4,4,1 HAND!

♠ AK43	There are always exceptions! Bridge is no different! With a hand of this shape, what do you open? What is your rebid? The guidelines here are: 1. Only open if you hold 13+ HCP * 2. Always open with a minor suit (with both, bid the higher)
♥ 7	
♦ JT76	Remember , your rebid must still obey the suit change bidding rules!
♣ AQT6	

***Advise not to open this type of hand with only 12 HCP**

Play and score 4 hands

RESPONDER'S RE-BID

Responder's Re-bid is the 4th bid in the partnership auction

Opener's bid - Responder's bid
Opener's re-bid - **Responder's rebid**

After Opener's rebid **Responder should know** Opener's shape and strength.

Before making his rebid, Responder must take note of Opener's bids.

RESPONDER HAS 3 CHOICES:

- Pass
- Whether to make a **Suit** or **No Trumps** Rebid?
- Choose the appropriate **level** of his Rebid?

RECAP: SUMMARY OF POINTS NEEDED

Opener's Rebid showed	Responder's rebid
12-15	6-9 Pass or 1NT or Suit Preference 10 -12 Invitational 13+ Bid Game
16-17	6-7 Pass or Suit Preference 8 Invite 9+ Bid Game
18-19	6 Invite 7 -13 Bid Game 14+ Consider slam (later in course)

Play and score remaining 4 hands