

Beginner Lesson 5: Responder's new Suit Bid and Opener's Limit Rebid

NG34Bridge

Partnership bidding Practice

With a foursome, North and East can act as North opposite South and West acting as South.

Fold sheet 1 down the middle so that each partner / pair only see their cards

East and West pass throughout.

Sheet 1

NORTH HANDS

Board: 1

Dealer: North

♠ A 8 5
♥ K J 4
♦ Q 9 5
♣ A Q 8 5

Board: 2

Dealer: North

♠ Q 10
♥ A Q J 9 8
♦ J 5 3 2
♣ A 7

Board: 3

Dealer: South

♠ Q 9 8 6 3
♥ A Q 5
♦ A 8 4 3
♣ 5

Board: 4

Dealer: West

♠ Q 9 8
♥ A J
♦ A K 2
♣ K 10 7 3 2

SOUTH HANDS

Board: 1

Dealer: North

♠ Q 6
♥ Q 10 9 7 3
♦ 7 6 3
♣ K J 3

Board: 4

Dealer: North

♠ A 6 4
♥ 3
♦ A K 10 9 8
♣ K 10 8 5

Board: 3

Dealer: South

♠ A 5
♥ K 6 4 2
♦ K 9 7 5
♣ 8 7 6

Board: 4

Dealer: West

♠ K J 7 5
♥ 10 6 5 3
♦ 6 4
♣ Q 9 8

NORTH HANDS

Board: 5

Dealer: North

♠ K 4

♥ K Q 8 6

♦ 5 4 3 2

♣ 7 5 2

Board: 6

Dealer: South

♠ A 8 6 5

♥ A 9

♦ A J 10 6 3

♣ 9 8

Board: 7

Dealer: East

♠ A J 6 2

♥ K J 5

♦ 8

♣ A Q 10 8 6

Board: 8

Dealer: South

♠ K J 6 5

♥ A 10 3

♦ Q 3 2

♣ Q 8 3

SOUTH HANDS

Board: 5

Dealer: North

♠ A 7 3

♥ A 10 7

♦ J 6

♣ A Q 10 9 3

Board: 6

Dealer: South

♠ K J 10 7

♥ K 5

♦ 9 7 5 2

♣ J 6 3

Board: 7

Dealer: East

♠ K Q 9 3

♥ 10 9 8

♦ 10 9 3

♣ J 3 2

Board: 8

Dealer: South

♠ A Q

♥ K Q J 8 6 4

♦ A 8 4

♣ 9 4

Sheet 2 - Solutions

Board: 1

Dealer: North

West North East South

1♣ Pass 1♥

Pass 1NT Pass Pass

Pass

North has a balanced hand too strong to open 1NT so bids 1♣, his 4 card suit. South responds 1♥ with his 4+ card major suit. North rebids 1NT showing 15-16 points. With no possibility of game, South passes.

Board: 2

Dealer: North

West North East South

1♥ Pass 2♦

Pass 3♦ Pass 3NT

Pass Pass Pass

North opens 1♥ with his unbalanced 12 point hand. South responds 2♦, satisfying the Rule of 14. North's raise to 3♦ shows he has 5 hearts and 4 diamonds. South has enough points for game, and knowing his partner has the good heart holding he bids 3NT.

Board: 3

Dealer: South

West North East South

Pass

Pass 1♠ Pass 2♦

Pass 3♦ Pass Pass

Pass

South does not have enough points to open. North has an unbalanced hand and opens 1♠, his longer suit. South has no spade fit but is strong enough to bid at the 2 Level, satisfying the Rule of 14. With two 4 card suits he bids the lower ranking suit first, 2♦. North shows his 4 card support by raising to 3♦. South does not have enough points for a minor suit game so passes.

Board: 4

Dealer: West

West North East South

Pass 1♣ Pass 1♥

Pass 2NT Pass Pass

Pass

With 4-4 in the majors South bids "up the line", i.e. hearts rather than spades (despite having weaker hearts). When North shows 17-18 points by jumping to 2NT, South has an easy pass.

Board: 5**Dealer:** North

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

South opens 1♣ planning to rebid No Trumps. North shows his 4 card major with 1♥. With no fit for hearts South rebids 1NT showing 15-16 points. North knows they do not have enough for game and passes.

Board: 6**Dealer:** South

West	North	East	South
		Pass	
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

North has 13 points, but with two doubletons cannot bid 1NT. He opens 1♦, his longer suit. South should not support the diamonds at this stage but shows his 4 card major, bidding 1♠. North has 4 card support for spades so raises to 2♠. He has not jumped in South's suit so has a maximum of 15 points. South does not have enough strength for game and passes.

Board: 7**Dealer:** East

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

South is just strong enough to respond 1♠. The jump raise to 3♠ isn't forcing, so South passes.

Board: 8**Dealer:** South

West	North	East	South
		1♥	
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

South has an unbalanced hand of 16 points and opens 1♥. North responds 1♠ showing his 4 card major and 6+ points. South rebids 3♥ which shows 16+ points and a 6 card suit. North has 3 card support and plenty of strength to raise to game in hearts.