

Lesson 5

a) Responder's New Suit Bid

b) Opener's Limit Rebids

Basic Rules for Opening 1-suit

- You must have enough *High Card Points*

12-19

Rule of 20
From 3 minutes



THE RULE OF 20

Another way of counting distribution points:

Add the number of HCPs to the number of cards in your two longest suits.

If the total comes to at least 20 you can open the bidding

Basic Rules for Responder's bids

- You must have enough High Card Points (HCP)

MUST bid with 6 points



Partner may have 19 points.
If so you have a combined
25 points (enough for game)

**To respond in a suit you
must have 4+ cards in the
suit**

[Responding with support Robson](#)



Which bids are Limit Bids

1. Any bid of a suit previously bid by you or by your partner
2. Any NoTrump bid

West	East
1♥	2♥

West	East
1♥	2NT

West	East
1♥ 2♠	1♠

West	East
1♥ 3♥	1♠

West	East
1♥ 2♣	1♠ 2NT



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Memorise!!!!

OPENER

RESPONDER

Strong 19+ points

Intermediate 16-18 points

Minimum 12-15 points

0-11 points



13+ points **Strong**

10-12 points **Intermediate**

6-9 points **Minimum**

0-5 points



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OPENER

1♥

12+ points



RESPONDER

13+ points **Strong**

4♥

10-12 points **Intermediate**

3♥

6-9 points **Minimum**

2♥

6+ points

**25+ points needed
for a game contract**

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OPENER

1♥
12+ points



RESPONDER

13+ points **Strong**

3NT

10-12 points **Intermediate**

2NT

6-9 points **Minimum**

1NT

6+ points

**25+ points needed
for a game contract**

New Suit Bids by Responder

- 1-level bid = 6+ points
- 2-level bid = 10+ points
- All new suit bids are unlimited
 - They are **FORCING!**
 - Opener **MUST** bid again

[Robson - Rule of 14](#)



THE RULE OF 14 (for responder)

Partner opens 1♥. What is your bid?

♠ 7 3

♥ K 9 7

♦ A Q 8 6 3

♣ 9 5 3

Just 9 HCP. Can you show your diamonds?

Add your HCPs to the number of cards in your longest suit

$$9 + 5 = 14$$

Bid 2♦

THE RULE OF 14 (for responder)

Add the number of HCPs to the number of cards in your longest suit.

♠ K 5 3

♥ 7 3 2

♦ A Q 8 6

♣ 9 5 3

Partner opens 1♥

What is your bid?

$$9 + 4 = 13$$

Bid 1NT

Which suit to respond?

1. Usually bid your longest suit first, but....

No.1 Priority is to support partner's major

If you can show your major at the 1-level, don't skip over it. BID IT!!



Don't skip over a 4-card major

Partner opens 1♥. What is your bid?

♠ J 9 7 3

♥ K 9

♦ A Q 8 6 3

♣ 9 5

Respond 1♠

Choice of suit when bidding two 4-card suits

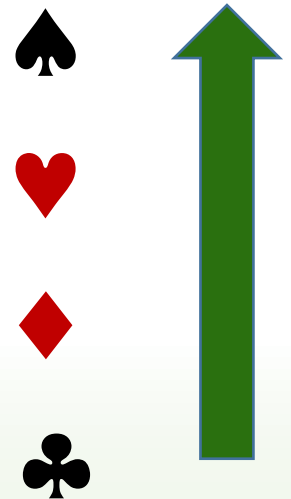
Opener bids "down the line"
(except hearts before spades)



Choice of suit when bidding two 4 card suits

Opener bids "down the line"
(except hearts before spades)

Responder bids "up the line"



Partner Opens 1♥ ... what do you bid?



No fit in hearts, with 6+ points

Bid 1♠ ... bid own suit at 1-level



Partner Opens 1♥ ... what do you bid?

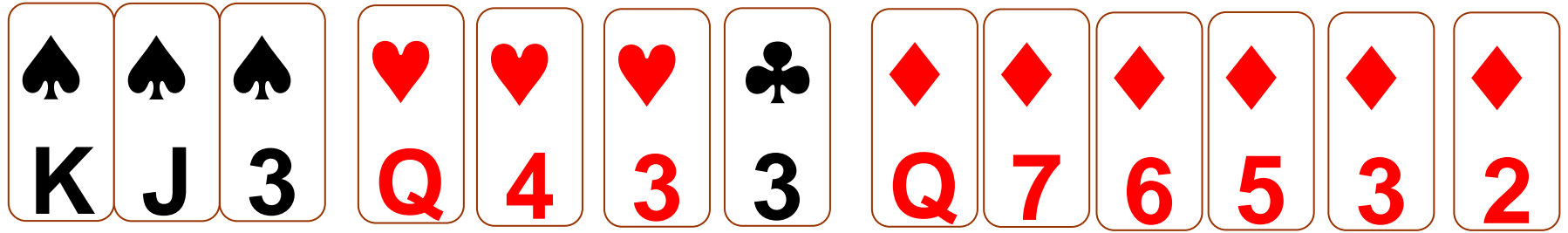


No fit in hearts, with 10+ points

Bid 2♦ ... bid own suit at 2-level



Partner Opens 1♥ ... what do you bid?



Meet the **Dustbin 1NT** response
Just a point count: 6-9 HCP
Might not be balanced



Opener's Limit Rebid



Basic Rules for Opener's Rebid

- Support partner's suit if you have a fit - especially if it is a major
- Bid No Trumps
- Bid your suit again (with extra length)
- Bid a new suit (Next week)

AND AT THE SAME TIME

- Describe the quality of your hand
MINIMUM, NEARLY GAME or GAME



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- Bid your suit again (with extra length)
- Bid a new suit (if you can)



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OPENER

*Rebids
in a Suit*

19+ 4♠

16-18 3♠

12-15 2♠

1♥

0-11 points

RESPONDER

*Suit or
No Trump
responses*

13+

10-12

6-9

1♠

0-5 points



Opener's Rebid - SUPPORT PARTNER

You open 1♥



Partner bids 1♠

You have a fit, 14 HCP

MINIMUM HAND – Bid 2♠



Opener's Rebid - SUPPORT PARTNER

You open 1♦



Partner bids 1♥

You have a fit, 16 HCP

NEARLY GAME (INVITATIONAL) – Bid 3♥



Opener's Rebid - SUPPORT PARTNER

You open 1♣



Partner bids 1♠

You have a fit, 19 HCP

GAME – Bid 4♠



Basic Rules for Opener's Rebid

- Agree partner's suit if you have a fit
- **Bid NoTrumps**
- Bid another suit (if you can)
- Bid your suit again (with extra length)



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OPENER

RESPONDER

*Rebids in
No Trumps*

*Suit or
No Trump
responses*

3NT

19
Bid 3NT

Penthouse

13+

2NT

17-18
Jump NT rebid

Middle Floor

10-12

1NT

15-16*
Simple NT rebid

Ground Floor

6-9

* With a 12-14 balanced
hand, open 1NT (lesson 5)

1♥

1♠ 10+ points



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No Trumps*

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responses*

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Middle Floor

10-12

2NT

15-16*
Simple NT rebid

Ground Floor

6-9

1♥

2♦ 10+ points



Opener rebids No Trumps

You open 1♣



Partner bids 1♠

You have a balanced hand with no fit, 16HCP

LOWEST LEVEL NT - Bid 1NT



Opener rebids No Trumps

You open 1♦



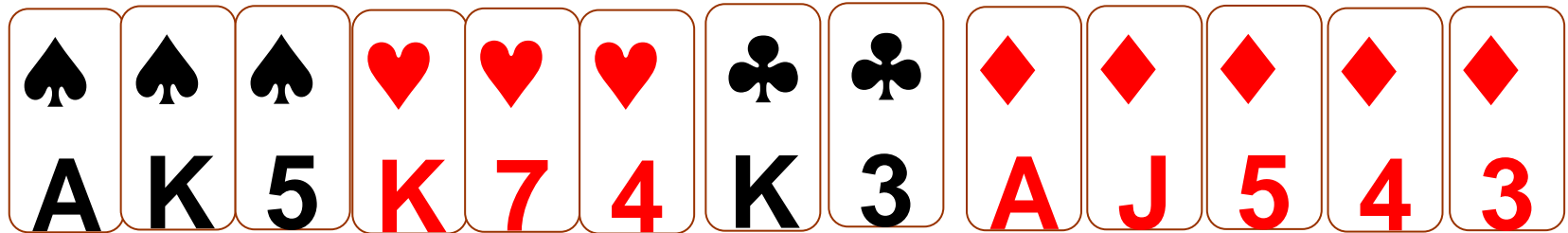
Partner bids 2♣

You have a balanced hand with no fit, 16 HCP

LOWEST LEVEL NT - Bid 2NT



Opener rebids No Trumps
You open 1♦



Partner bids 1♥

You have a balanced hand with no fit, 18HCP

JUMP IN NT - Bid 2NT



Opener rebids No Trumps

You open 1♦



Partner bids 2♣

You have a balanced hand with no fit, 18 HCP

JUMP IN NT - Bid 3NT



Bid NoTrumps

- LOWEST LEVEL NT = 15 - 16 HCP

1♦ - 1♥ - 1NT;

1♠ - 2♦ - 2NT

Game forcing - 25+
points combined!!

- JUMP IN NT = 17 - 19 HCP

1♦ - 1♥ - 2NT;

1♠ - 2♦ - 3NT

Shows a balanced hand



Basic Rules for Opener's Rebid

- Agree partner's suit if you have a fit
- Bid NoTrumps
- **Bid your suit again (with extra length)**
- Bid another suit (if you can)



Rebid Your Own Suit

- **2-level** = 12-15 HCP (5+ card suit)
- **Jump** = 16-18 HCP (6+ card suit)
- **GAME** = 19+ HCP (6+ card suit)

Usually shows a single suited hand



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OPENER

*Rebids
in a Suit*

19+ **4♥** 6+ hearts

16-18 **3♥** 6+ hearts

12-15 **2♥** 5+ hearts

1♥ 0-11 points

RESPONDER

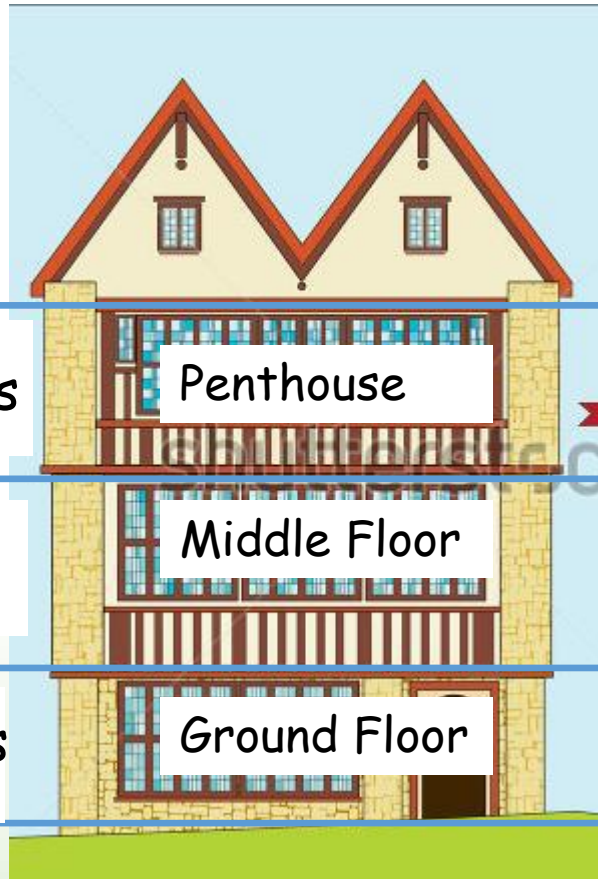
*Suit or
No Trump
responses*

13+

10-12

6-9

1♠
0-5 points



Opener's Rebid - REBID OWN SUIT

You open 1♦



Partner bids 1♠

No fit with partner, unbalanced, 12 HCP

MINIMUM

Rebid your own suit – Bid 2♦



Opener's Rebid - REBID OWN SUIT

You open 1♥



Partner bids 2♦

You have an unbalanced hand with no fit, 13 HCP

Awkward! Rebid your suit – 2♥



Opener's Rebid - REBID OWN SUIT

You open 1♥



Partner bids 1♠

No fit with partner, unbalanced, 16 HCP

NEARLY GAME (INVITATIONAL)

Rebid your own suit – Bid 3♥



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