

Lesson Four

Responder's Limit Bids





BEGINNERS' LESSONS

Welcome

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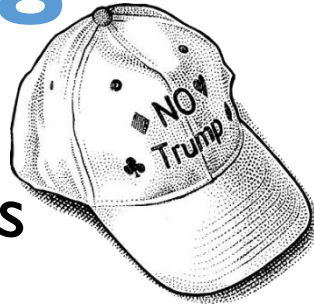
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Ranking of the Suits

No **T**rumps



Spades



Hearts



Diamonds



Clubs



Finding a Fit



- A Fit is 8+ cards in one suit between the two hands
- If there is a fit in a major suit, then this will be the trump suit
- If there is no fit, then choose NoTrumps



Basic Rules for Opening bids

- You must have enough **High Card Points**

12+



Basic Rules for Responder's bids

- You must have enough **High Card Points**

6+



Basic Rules for Responder's bids

1. **Support** partner's suit
2. Bid a new suit (next week's lesson)
3. Bid **NoTrumps** ... the bid when you have no other choice

You have 3 choices



Responder's Limit bids

- **Support** partner's suit
- Bid **NoTrumps** ... the bid when you have no other choice

These are limit bids
... they are NOT FORCING



FIRST CHOICE: Support Partner's suit

- **Minimum (6-9)** ... bid at the 2-level
- **Nearly game (10-12)** ... bid at the 3-level
- **Game (13+)** ... bid at the Game level

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Partner Opens 1♥ ... what do you bid?



6 - 9 points ... with a fit

Bid 2♥ ... **MINIMUM**



Partner Opens 1♥ ... what do you bid?



10 – 12 points ... with a fit

Bid 3♥ ... **CLOSE TO GAME**



Partner Opens 1♥ ... what do you bid?



13+ points ... with a fit

Bid 4♥ ... **GAME**



Can't bid a suit ? Bid NoTrumps

- Minimum (6-9) ... bid **1NT**
- Nearly game (10-12) ... bid **2NT**
- Game (13-15) ... bid **3NT**

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Partner Opens 1♥ ... what do you bid?



No fit in hearts

with 6-9 points **MUST bid INT**



Partner Opens 1♥ ... what do you bid?



No fit in hearts

with 6-9 points **MUST bid INT**



Partner Opens 1♥ ... what do you bid?



No fit in hearts

with 10-12 points ... **MUST** bid 2NT



Opener's REBID after 2-level (6-9) raise

OPENER	HCP	ACTION
Minimum	12 – 15	PASS
Close to Game	16 – 17	INVITE (bid 3)
GAME	18 – 19	BID GAME



Opener's REBID after 3-level raise

OPENER	HCP	ACTION
Minimum	12 – 13	PASS
GAME	14+	BID GAME



Opening – Responding - rebidding

Opener



Open: 1♥

Opener's rebid: PASS

Responder



Respond: 2♥



Opening – Responding - rebidding

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HCP

Opener



Open: 1♥

Opener's rebid: 3♥

Responder



Respond: 2♥

6
HCP



Opening – Responding - rebidding

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HCP

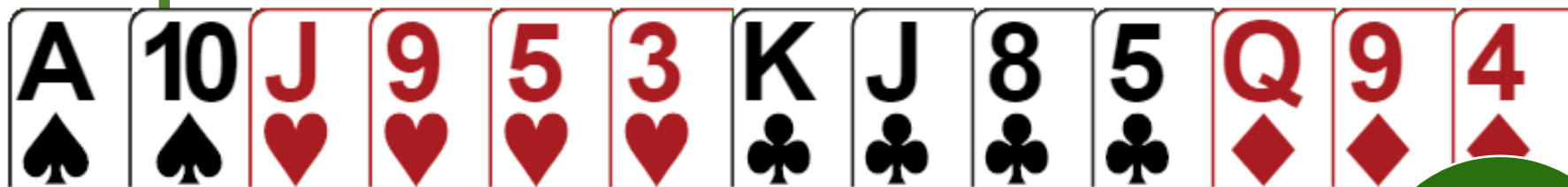
Opener



Open: 1♥

Opener's rebid: 4♥

Responder



Respond: 3♥

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HCP



Opener's REBID after INT response (6-9)

OPENER	HCP	ACTION
Minimum	12 – 15	Pass Bid lower new suit Rebid own suit
Close to Game	16 – 17	Bid new suit Bid 2NT Jump in own suit (6+)
GAME	18 – 19	BID GAME Bid 3NT Bid 4 Major (6+)



Opener's REBID after 2NT response (10-12)

OPENER	HCP	ACTION
Minimum	12 – 13	Pass Rebid own suit (6+)
GAME	14 +	Bid new suit Bid 3NT Bid 4 Major (6+)





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