

## LESSON 5: TEACHER NOTES

**Responder's New Suit Bids**

This is a big lesson. Be well prepared - don't be concerned if you can't play all the hands. Mention NT rebids for the sake of fullness but they're covered properly in the next lesson.

**Lesson Content**

If a limit bid is not possible, responder changes suit  
 Rules for new suit response  
 Values for new suit response  
 Opener's rebids after a new suit response

**Main Points to Emphasise**

Keep the bidding as low as possible to give room to find a fit – don't jump with 10+ HCP  
 Rules for changing suit are the same as opener's when making an opening bid  
 Opener has 4 choices of rebids after a new suit response  
 Rather than listing specific ranges, the rebids are described in broad categories of minimum, invitational and game values  
 Stress that a rebid of a second suit shows 5+ in the first suit

**Lesson Progression**

Revise limit bids – quickly  
 Revise the rules for opening the bidding because – responder's options are the same

- Longest suit
- Lower available 4-card suit (not lower-ranking)
- Higher ranking 5-card suit

Need 6+ if you can bid at 1-level  
 Need 10+ if **responding** at 2-level  
 Bid 1NT if you can't bid at the 1-level and are not strong enough to bid at the 2-level

Stress here the fact that you should **never** jump when changing suit – this is enormously difficult because it is often interpreted that with 10+ you need to jump. A 1NT response becomes the bid of last resort

**Play hands 1-4 Coffee Time****Opener's rebid choices after a new suit response**

Examples on the board to elicit the **four** possible choices:

Support partner	– shows 4-card support
Bid a new suit	– shows 5/4 shape
Bid the same suit	– shows 5+ and is usually the last recommended option
Bid NTs	– shows a balanced hand

NT rebids are covered in detail next week when the concept of balanced hands is discussed

**Play the remaining hands or as many as possible**

**Keep your talking to a minimum**