IMPROVER LESSON 9: STUDENT NOTES



Minimum, Invitational and Game Force Bids

Opener's Minimum Rebids = 11-15

- Opener supports partner at the 2-level eg: 1♥ 1♠
 2♠
- Opener rebids their own suit at the 2-level eg: 1 ◆ 1 ▼
- 3. Opener rebids a new lower-ranked suit at the 2-level (could have 16)

eg: 1♦ 1♠ 2♣

Opener's Invitational Rebids = (15)16-17

- Support partner's suit at the 3-level = 16-17 eg: 1♣ 1♥
 3♥
- 2. Jump in your own suit(6+ suit) = 15-17 eg: 1♥ 1♠ 3♥
- 3. 1NT rebid by opener = 15-17 or 2NT rebid after a 1NT response = 16-17

Opener's Forcing Rebids = 18-19 or shapely If opener is not sure which game to bid:

- Reverse bid (rebid higher ranked suit) = 17-19, one round force (1RF). You have rebid a suit responder has bypassed, so must be stronger eg: 1 ◆ 1 ◆
- 2. New suit at 3-level = GAME FORCE (GF) eg: 1♥ 1♠ 3♣
- 3. Jump rebid in NT = 18-19 GAME FORCE (GF)

Opener's Rebids after a 2-level response (10+ points)

- 1. Reverse by Opener = 15+ and GF
- 2. New suit at 3 level by Opener = 15+ and GF
- 3. Jump rebid of 6+ suit by Opener = 15+ and GF
- 4. Any NT rebid by Opener = 15+ and GF
- 5. New suit at 2-level = 12+ and a one round force to at least two of the first bid suit

Responder's Minimum Second Bid = 6-9



 Pass opener's minimum rebid or give preference to one of opener's suits at the 2-level

eg: 1♣ 1♥ 1♥ 1♠ 2♣ Pass 2♥ (preference – may only have a doubleton)

- 2. Rebid your own suit at the 2-level shows a 6+ suit
- 3. Bid a lower ranked suit at the 2-level gives opener a choice
- 4. Bid 1NT

Responder's Invitational Second Bid = 10-12

1. Raise opener's suit to the 3-level – now shows 3-card support

2. Rebid your own suit at the 3-level if opener showed a minimum – shows a 6+ suit

- 4. Bid 2NT
- 5. Remember if opener's second bid has shown 16-17, you only need 7-8 to invite

Responder's Forcing Second Bids = GF 13+

Often responder can set the contract after opener's rebid and bid game with 13+. However, sometimes responder is not sure which game to bid and needs to force the opener to further describe their hand. To Game Force, responder can:

Reverse bid (rebid a higher ranked suit)
 eg: 1 → 1 ▼
 2 → 2 ◆

2. New suit at the 3-level eg: 1 ◆ 1 ♠ 2 ◆ 3 ♣

4. Fourth suit. Natural, game forcing (GF).

5. Remember, if opener's rebid has shown 16-17 you only need 9+ to Game Force.

Summary:

- Rebids at the 2-level are minimum
- Rebids at the **3-level** (one already bid by either partner) are invitational
- A new suit at the 3-level is GF
- A reverse bid by opener is 1RF or by responder is GF
- 1NT rebid by opener is invitational and 2NT is GF
- 1NT rebid by responder is minimum 6-9 HCP and 2NT is invitational 10-12 HCP