LESSON 5: STUDENT NOTES



Responder's New Suit Elds

Responder's new suit bids

If a limit bid is not possible, responder can bid a new suit, looking for an alternative fit. A **major** suit fit is by far the best.

It is important to bid your suits in the correct order.

The same rules apply to Responder as they do to Opener.

- Longest suit
- Lower available 4-card suit
- Higher ranking 5-card suit
- Try and keep the bidding as low as possible to give you room to find a fit.

Responder's bids

Important – Responder's **new suit** is **forcing**

They are **unlimited** bids and can have a wide range of points (6-28)

Responses to the opening bid with NO FIT

•	Bid & change suit at 1-level	6+	4+ suit
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Bid & change suit at 2-level
10+
4+ minor/5+ Major (don't jump)

■ Bid 1NT 6-9 denies a 4+ card suit at the 1-level

Examples

Opener	Responder
♦ 95	▲ J8764
♥ AQ854	♥ K2
♦ A954	♦ KQJ32
♣ K8	. 6
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1♥	– 1 •

Opener	Responder
•	•
♦ 8	♠ AK54
♥ AQJ5	y 9876
◆ KJ542	◆ AQ3
♣ K87	* 54
1 ♦	- 1♥

1♥	- 2 •
♣ K87	♣ Q32
♦ KJ52	◆ AQ643
♥ AQJ53	y 98
A 8	♦ A43
Opener	Responder

Opener	Responder
♦ 85	♦ AK43
♥ AQ854	♥ K2
♦ A954	♦ 3
♣ K8	♣ AJ9432
4	2.
1♥	2♣

1NT
4 J95432
AQ
9 8
▲ J76
Responder

Opener	Responder
& 8	▲ A43
♥ AQJ53	y 982
♦ KJ52	◆ Q64
♣ K87	♣ Q932
1♥	- 1NT



Opener's rebids after a new suit response

4+ in that suit (3+ if responder has bid 2 of a major) Support partner's suit

Bid NT Balanced

Bid a new suit 4+ in the 2nd suit (5+ first suit if it is a higher ranking suit)

5+ in the suit Rebid own suit

Opener supports Responder's Suit

It is important to support partner's suit if possible, particularly in a major

After 1	∨ -1•			
2	^	12-15	4-card support	single raise
3	^	16-17	4-card support	invitational raise
4	^	18-19	4-card support	game raise

Opener rebids a new suit – showing an unbalanced hand

After 1 ♥ - 1 ♠ 2nd suit below the barrier * 12-15 2nd suit above the barrier * 16-19 * The barrier is explained below

Opener rebids their own suit - showing an unbalanced hand

After	1♥ -1♠		
	2♥	12-15	5+ suit
	3♥	16-17	6+ suit
	4♥	18-19	6+ suit

Opener bids Notrumps – showing a balanced hand

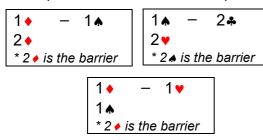
After	1♥ - 1♠	
	1NT	15-17
	2NT	18-19
After	1♥ - 2♣	
	2NT	15-17
	3NT	18-19

The barrier

The barrier applies to the Opener and is their original suit at the 2-level. eg if the Opener bids 1♣ the barrier is 2♣. If Opener bids 1♥ the barrier is 2 vetc. If the Opener bids a suit above the barrier, they must have at least 16 HCP.



Examples of below the barrier (1 2-15 HCP)



Examples of above the barrier (16+ HCP)

