#### **LESSON 4: STUDENT NOTES**



# Responder's New Suit Bids

#### 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+ Hearts (**don't jump**)

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

## **Examples**

Opener	Responder
<b>♦</b> 95	<b>▲</b> J8764
<b>♥</b> AQ854	<b>♥</b> K2
♦ A954	♦ KQJ32
<b>♣</b> K8	<b>.</b> 6
1♥	<b>–</b> 1▲
	<b>—</b> 1 •

1 🔷	<b>-</b> 1 <b>v</b>
<b>♣</b> K87	<b>.</b> 54
♦ KJ542	<ul><li>◆ AQ3</li></ul>
♥ AQJ5	<b>y</b> 9876
<b>&amp;</b> 8	♠ AK54
Opener	Responder

1♥	<b>-</b> 2♦
<b>♣</b> K87	<b>♣</b> Q32
♦ KJ52	◆ AQ643
♥ AQJ53	<b>y</b> 98
<b>A</b> 8	<b>♦</b> A43
Opener	Responder

Responder
<b>▲</b> AK43
<b>♥</b> K2
<b>♦</b> 3
♣ AJ9432
<b>-</b> 2♣

1 🔸	– 1NT
<b>♣</b> K87	♣ J95432
♦ KJ542	◆ AQ
♥ AQJ5	<b>y</b> 98
<b>A</b> 8	<b>♠</b> J76
Opener	Responder

Opener	Responder
<b>&amp;</b> 8	<b>▲</b> A43
♥ AQJ53	<b>y</b> 982
♦ KJ52	◆ Q64
<b>♣</b> K87	<b>♣</b> Q932
1♥	- 1NT



## Opener's rebids after a new suit response

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

■ Bid NT Balanced

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

Rebid own suit 5+ in the 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
	<b>4</b> ♠	18-19	4-card support	game raise

# Opener rebids a new suit - showing an unbalanced hand

After 1 v − 1 a

2<sup>nd</sup> suit below the barrier \* 12-15

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

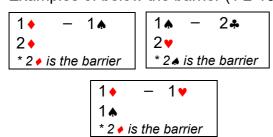
#### The barrier

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. If Opener bids 1. the barrier is 2. 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)

