# **Responding to 1**♥/♠ with support

You *must* respond to partner's opening bid if you have 6 or more HCP

If Partner has bid hearts or spades, they have shown a 5-card suit, therefore you need only three cards in the suit to raise the suit bid

## **Distribution Points**

If, as **Responder** you have a fit with partner, you can add **shortage (or distribution) points** to your **HCP** to get your **Total Points** 

If you have a **void** (no cards in a suit) add 5 SP If you have a **singleton** (one card in a suit) add 3

SP

If you have a **doubleton** (two cards in the suit) add 1 SP

If your singleton or doubleton involves honour cards you may need to discount their HCP

The level to which you bid tells partner how many points you have. This is known as a "Limit Raise"

#### **Responder's Limit Raises**

1 ♥/♠	2 💙/🛦	6- 9TP	3+ card support
	3 💙/🔶	10 – 12 TP	3+ card support
	4 ♥/♠	13 + TP	3+ card support

### **Opener's Rebid after a Limit Raise**

(Opener may also add shortage points now that a fit has been established)

1 ♥/♠	2 💙 / 🛦	
Pass		12 – 15 TP
3 ♥/♠		16 – 18 TP
4 ♥/♠		19 – 20 TP
1 ♥/♠	3 ♥/♠	
Pass		12 – 14 TP
4 ♥/♠		15 + TP

### Examples of Responses to opening 1v/1

<ul> <li>♦ K8543</li> <li>♦ 843</li> <li>♣ J2</li> <li>♣ AQ86</li> </ul>	♦ KQ64 ♣ J107
<ul> <li>♦ 943</li> <li>♦ 965</li> <li>♥ Q76</li> <li>♥ KQ95</li> <li>♦ 642</li> </ul>	<ul><li>▲ 10964</li><li>♥ AK10</li></ul>

Key	Key         Partnership agreement (see later lessons)           Forcing (partner must bid again)			
	Invitational (partner may bid again)			
	Non-forcing (partner needs not bid again)			

Responses to 1 A				
4 🌲	13 +	3 + spades		
4 ♣/♥/♦	Partnership agreement			
3 NT	13 – 15	balanced		
3 🔶	10 - 12	3 + spades		
3 ♣/♦/♥	Partnership agreement			
2 NT	10 - 12	balanced		
2 🔶	6 - 9	3 + spades		
2 💙	10 +	4 + hearts		
2 ♦	10 +	4 + diamonds		
2 🐥	10 +	4 + clubs		
1 NT	6 – 9	Could be unbalanced		
Pass	0 - 5			

Responses to 1♥					
4 💙	13 +	3 + hearts			
4 ♣/♦	Partnership agreement				
3 NT	13 – 15	balanced			
3 🛦	Partnership agreement				
3 💙	10 – 12	3 + hearts			
3 ♣/♦	Partnership agreement				
2 NT	10 - 12	balanced			
2 🔺	Partnership agreement				
2 💙	6 - 9	3 + hearts			
2 🔶	10 +	4 + diamonds			
2 🐥	10 +	4 + clubs			
1 NT	6 - 9	Could be unbalanced			
1 🔺	6 +	4 + spades			
Pass	0 – 5				

## Examples of Responses to an opening of 1v with distribution points

	<ul> <li>♦ 9</li> <li>♥ Q76</li> <li>♦ K8543</li> <li>♥ QJ74</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>♦ 97542</li> <li>♥ KQ95</li> <li>♦ -</li> <li>♣ KJ86</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>▲ K</li> <li>♥ 10742</li> <li>♦ K64</li> <li>♣ QJ107</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>▲ A2</li> <li>♥ 643</li> <li>♦ KQ964</li> <li>♣ K962</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>▲ 10964</li> <li>♥ A105</li> <li>♦ KQ64</li> <li>♣ QJ</li> </ul>	▲ A ♥ 108653 ♦ Q64 ♣ KJ107
HCP DP TP	8 <u>3</u> 11	9 <u>5</u> 14	9 <u>0</u> * 9	12 <u>1</u> 13	12 <u>-1</u> ** 11	10 <u>5</u> *** 15
Bid	3 🗸	4 💙	2 💘	4 💘	3 💘	4 🗸

\* no distribution points as singleton K

\*\* doubleton QJ is worthless unless partner bids clubs, therefore -2 HCP + 1 SP \*\*\* a singleton Ace is worth 4 HCP and equals a void when played therefore + 5 SP

### Examples of Responses to an opening of 1 with distribution points

	<ul> <li>▲ Q9742</li> <li>♥ Q76</li> <li>◆ Q8543</li> <li>♣ 7</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>♦ 954</li> <li>♥ KQ95</li> <li>♦ KQ</li> <li>♣ KJ86</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>▲ K85</li> <li>▼ 107</li> <li>◆ K6</li> <li>▲ KQ10743</li> </ul>
HCP DP TP	6 <u>3</u> 9	14 <u>-2</u> * 11	11 <u>2</u> 13
Bid	2 🛦	3 🔺	4 🔺

\* doubleton KQ is worth only 2HCP for the  $Q \blacklozenge$  and 1 SP for the shortage = 3 (not 5 + 1)

### Examples of Opener's Rebid after partner has raised opener's suit

	1♥2♥	1♥ 2♥	1♥ 2♥	1♥ 3♥	1♥ 3♥	1♥ 2♥
	<ul> <li>♦ 9</li> <li>♦ AK765</li> <li>♦ K53</li> <li>♣ Q974</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>▲ 9754</li> <li>♥ KQJ95</li> <li>◆ -</li> <li>▲ AK86</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>▲ K83</li> <li>♥ KQ742</li> <li>◆ AQ6</li> <li>♣ Q7</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>▲ A2</li> <li>◆ 643</li> <li>◆ KQ964</li> <li>♣ K962</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>▲ 64</li> <li>♥ AQ1053</li> <li>♦ AQ6</li> <li>♣ 876</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>▲ A</li> <li>◆ A8653</li> <li>◆ QJ4</li> <li>▲ KJ107</li> </ul>
HCP DP TP	12 <u>3</u> 15	13 <u>5</u> 18	16 <u>1</u> 17	12 <u>1</u> 13	12 <u>0</u> 12	15 <u>5</u> * 20
Bid	Pass	4 🗸	3 🔻	4 🗸	Pass	4 💘

\* a singleton Ace is worth 4 HCP and equals a void when played therefore + 5 SP