Rebids after a 1♣/♦ opening

Opener's rebid after a new suit response

Once Responder has bid, thereby telling Partner they have at least 6 HCP, it is now up to Opener to describe their hand. The first priority is to find a 4-card major fit

- If Responder bids a new suit (not No Trumps) Opener may not pass
- With 4 cards in Responder's major suit raise that suit

Bid No Trumps

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1 • 1 • 1 12 - 15 2 NT 16 - 18 3 NT 19 +
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Bid a "higher" new suit at the 1 level if possible

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1 ↑ 1 ♥ 1 ♦
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- With 5 Diamonds and 4 Clubs bid Clubs
- With a 6-card suit rebid that suit

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1 ◆ 1 ♥
2 ◆ shows 12 – 15 HCP
3 ◆ shows 16 – 18 HCP
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Examples of Opener's Second Bid

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1♣ 1♥
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	▲ 10962♥ Q3◆ AK9♣ KJ108	▲ Q863♥ KQ84◆ 107▲ AK3	★ K84♥ AJ7◆ QJ10♣ KQJ6	♠ Q95♥ K102◆ AK8♣ 10863	▲ AK3♥ J10◆ K87♣ AKJ106	♣ QJ3♥ KJ103◆ A♣ AQJ65
Bid	1 🛦	2 🔻	2 NT	1 NT	3 NT	4 🔻

Responder's second bid

- If Opener bids a new suit (not No Trumps) Responder may not pass
- With 4 cards in Opener's major suit raise that suit

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1 ◆ 1 ▼
1 ★ 2 ★ shows 6 - 9 HCP
3 ★ shows 10 - 12 HCP
4 ★ shows 13 + HCP
1 ◆ 1 ▼
2 ★ 3 ★ shows 6 - 9 HCP
4 ★ shows 10 + HCP
1 ◆ 1 ▼
3 ★ 4 ★ shows 6 - 9 HCP
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Lesson 2e

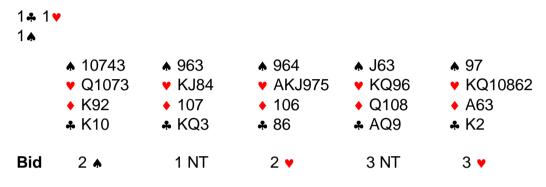
- If Responder doesn't have support for partner they can bid a higher 4-card suit
- If Responder doesn't have support for partner and doesn't have a higher 4-card suit they can bid No Trumps

$$1NT = 6 - 9$$

 $2NT = 10 - 12$
 $3NT = 13 +$

- If Responder has a long suit (at least 6 cards) they should repeat that suit
- If Opener rebids their own suit or bids No Trump, Responder may Pass with a weak hand

Examples of Responder's Second Bid



NOTE:

- a change of suit is forcing. This means you must make another bid
- If either player repeats their suit, bids No Trumps, or raises Partner's suit, this is not forcing
- A bid of a suit you have denied eq 1♣ 1♥ 2♦ shows a strong 16 + HCP hand

As you can see the bidding sequence can get rather complicated. For a more detailed look at responses and rebids please purchase my book Standard American – A basic system, cost \$15.00 (postage included) from Bridge Direction, P O Box 331, Heidelberg West, Victoria, Australia, 3081