



## LESSON 4

# Responder's New Suit Bids

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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
- Bid & change suit at 2-level                      10+                      4+ suit (**don't jump**)
- Bid 1NT    6-9                      denies a 4+ card suit at the 1-level

### Examples

<i>Opener</i>		<i>Responder</i>		<i>Opener</i>		<i>Responder</i>		<i>Opener</i>		<i>Responder</i>
♠ 95		♠ J8764		♠ 8		♠ AK54		♠ 8		♠ A43
♥ AQ854		♥ K2		♥ AQJ5		♥ 9876		♥ AQJ53		♥ 98
♦ A954		♦ KQJ32		♦ KJ542		♦ AQ3		♦ KJ52		♦ AQ643
♣ K8		♣ 6		♣ K87		♣ 54		♣ K87		♣ Q32
<b>1♥</b>	–	<b>1♠</b>		<b>1♦</b>	–	<b>1♥</b>		<b>1♥</b>	–	<b>2♦</b>

<i>Opener</i>		<i>Responder</i>		<i>Opener</i>		<i>Responder</i>		<i>Opener</i>		<i>Responder</i>
♠ 85		♠ AK43		♠ 8		♠ J76		♠ 8		♠ A43
♥ AQ854		♥ K2		♥ AQJ5		♥ 98		♥ AQJ53		♥ 982
♦ A954		♦ 3		♦ KJ542		♦ AQ		♦ KJ52		♦ Q64
♣ K8		♣ AJ9432		♣ K87		♣ J95432		♣ K87		♣ Q932
<b>1♥</b>	–	<b>2♣</b>		<b>1♦</b>	–	<b>1NT</b>		<b>1♥</b>	–	<b>1NT</b>

## Opener's Rebids after a New Suit Response

- Support partner's suit                      4+ in that suit
- Bid NT    balanced
- Bid a new suit                                  4+ in the 2<sup>nd</sup> suit
- Rebid long 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
4♠	18-19	4-card support	game raise

## Opener Bids a New Suit – shows an unbalanced hand

After 1♥ – 1♠	
2 new suit	12-17
3 new suit	19-19

## Opener Rebids Own Suit – shows an unbalanced hand

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

## Opener Bids Notrumps – shows a balanced hand

After 1♥ – 1♠	
1NT	15-17
2NT	18-19

After 1♥ – 2♣	
2NT	15-17
3NT	18-19

There will be more on balanced hands next lesson