

LESSON 3: STUDENT NOTES

Responder's Limit Bids

Responder has choices:

The opener's partner, the responder, needs only 6 HCP to enter the auction. Responder has 3 choices:

- Support bids of partner's suit – limit raise
- Notrump bids – limit bids
- Bid a new suit – unlimited, **forcing** for 1 round – next week's lesson

Limit bids are very useful as they are specific in strength and length.

Responder's Limit Raises

Supporting Partner's Suit Opening (4+ card support)

1♥ – 2♥	6-9	4+ support
3♥	10-12	4+ support
4♥	13+	4+ support

Responder's Limit NT Bids

1♥ – 1NT	6-9	denies 4+ support
2NT	10-12	denies 4+ support
3NT	13+	denies 4+ support

Opener's Rebid after a Limit Raise

After 1♥ – 2♥	
Pass	12-15
3♥	16-17
4♥	18-19

After 1♥ – 3♥	
Pass	12-13
4♥	14+

Opener's Rebid after a NT Limit Response

After 1♥ – 1NT		
Pass/rebid suit at min level	12-15	
New suit	12-17	Promises 5+ hearts and 4+ new suit
2NT/3♥	16-17	3♥ shows a 6+ suit
3NT/4♥	18-19	4♥ shows a 6+ suit

After 1♥ – 2NT		
Pass/rebid suit at min level	12-13	
New suit	14+	Promises 5+ hearts and 4+ new suit
3NT/4♥	14+	4♥ shows a 6+ suit