

Responder's Rebids

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Opener's Bid – Responder's Bid
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Choice of suit or NT

- Give preference to one of partner's suits – Major suit if possible
- Bid NT with no fit and strength in the unbid suit(s) (see example below)
- Rebid own 6+ card suit

Choice of level

- After opener's rebid, responder **should** now indicate their actual strength.
- If you bid 1NT, or support at the 2-level, after you have bid other suits:-

You **still show 6-9** 1♣ – 1♥
 1♠ – 1NT = 6-9

- If you bid 2NT or support at the 3-level, after you have bid other suit(s):-

You **still show 10-12** 1♣ – 1♥
 1♠ – 3♠ = 10-12

- If you bid game after you have changed suit:-

You **now show 13+** 1♣ – 1♥
 1♠ – 3NT = 13+

The 4th Bid of the Auction

Opener's Rebid showed	Responder Rebid	
12-15	pass or 1NT or suit preference	6-9
	invite	10-12
	bid Game	13+
16-17	pass or suit preference	6-7
	bid Game	8-9+
18-19	bid Game	6-13
	think Slam	14+

Play of the Hand: Ruffing in Dummy

Extra Tricks by Using Dummy's Trumps

- When playing a suit contract, declarer may be able to use the power of the trump suit to trump losers in the dummy.
- Whenever dummy has a shortage in a side suit, try and score extra tricks by ruffing with dummy's trumps.
- You need to do this before drawing trumps.

Example – A Grand Slam

Contract: 7♠ Lead: ♣Q

<i>Dummy</i>	<i>Declarer</i>
♠ J643	♠ AKQ102
♥ 5	♥ A32
♦ AQ87	♦ K42
♣ K432	♣ A9

- You have 11 sure tricks – this is a scary contract – you need 2 more tricks.
- Thankfully dummy has a shortage in the heart side suit. So plan to ruff the two small hearts with trumps in dummy.
- Declarer needs to do this while there are still trumps in dummy.
- Declarer should win the first trick with ♣A, play ♥A and ruff the small heart with dummy's ♠3. Back to hand with a trump and now ruff the ♥2 with dummy's ♠J.
- Declarer now draws the opponents' trumps.
- Declarer can count 5 spade tricks, 2 small heart ruffs in the dummy, 3 top diamonds, the ♥A and 2 top clubs.
- **This makes 13 tricks – Hallelujah!**