



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	
1♥	–	1♠	–	1♥	–	2♦

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♥ AQ854	♥ K2	♥ AQJ5	♥ 98	♥ AQJ53	♥ 982	
♦ A954	♦ 3	♦ KJ542	♦ AQ	♦ KJ52	♦ Q64	
♣ K8	♣ AJ9432	♣ K87	♣ J95432	♣ K87	♣ Q932	
1♥	–	2♣	–	1NT	–	1NT

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 2nd 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	18-19

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