

Responding to 1♥/♠ without support

Without support, and at least 6 HCP, bid a higher 4 + card suit if possible

- At the 1 level you show 6+ points
- At the 2 level you show 10+ points (and an unbalanced hand)

Otherwise bid No Trump

Definition of a Balanced Hand

A balanced hand has no voids, no singletons, and at the most one doubleton

Responder's Limit NT Bids

1♥/♠	1 NT	6 – 9	denies 3 card support
	2 NT	10 – 12	denies 3 card support
	3 NT	13 +	denies 3 card support

Opener's Rebid after a Limit NT Response

1♥/♠	1 NT		
Pass		12 – 15	
Rebid suit at min level		12 – 15	shows 6+♥/♠
New Suit		12 – 15	shows 5♥/♠ & 4 of new suit
2 NT/3♥/♠		16 – 18	3♥/♠ shows 6+ suit
3 NT/4♥/♠		19 – 20	4♥/♠ shows 6+ suit

1♥/♠	2 NT		
Pass		12 – 14	
Rebid suit at min level		12 – 14	shows 6+♥/♠
New Suit		15 +	shows 5♥/♠ and 4 of new suit
3NT/4♥/♠		15 +	4♥/♠ shows 6+ suit

Opener's Rebid after a new suit response

1♥ 1♠

Opener has four options

- With a 6 card heart suit and not four spades
 - bid 2♥ with 12 – 15
 - bid 3♥ with 16 – 18
 - bid 4♥ with 19 +
- With 5 hearts and 4 card spade support
 - bid 2♠ with 12 – 15
 - bid 3♠ with 16 – 18
 - bid 4♠ with 19 +
- With 5 hearts and a balanced hand
 - bid 1 NT with 12 – 15
 - bid 2 NT with 16 – 18
 - bid 3 NT with 19 +
- With 5 hearts and an unbalanced hand
 - bid second suit at 2 level with 12 – 15
 - bid second suit at 3 level with 16 – 20

1♥ 2♣/♦

The bidding sequence can now 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