

## Rebids after a 1♣/♦ opening

### Opener's rebid after a new suit response

Once Responder has bid, thereby telling Partner they have at least 6 HCP, it is now up to Opener to describe their hand. The first priority is to find a 4-card major fit

- If Responder bids a new suit (not No Trumps) **Opener may not pass**
- With 4 cards in Responder's major suit raise that suit
  - 1♦ 1♥
  - 2♥ shows 12 – 15 HCP
  - 3♥ shows 16 – 18 HCP
  - 4♥ shows 19 – 20 HCP
- Bid No Trumps
  - 1♦ 1♥
  - 1 NT            12 - 15
  - 2 NT            16 - 18
  - 3 NT            19 +
- Bid a "higher" new suit at the 1 level if possible
  - 1♦ 1♥
  - 1♠
- With 5 Diamonds and 4 Clubs bid Clubs
- With a 6-card suit rebid that suit
  - 1♦ 1♥
  - 2♦ shows 12 – 15 HCP
  - 3♦ shows 16 – 18 HCP

### Examples of Opener's Second Bid

1♣ 1♥

♠ 10962	♠ Q863	♠ K84	♠ Q95	♠ AK3	♠ QJ3
♥ Q3	♥ KQ84	♥ AJ7	♥ K102	♥ J10	♥ KJ103
♦ AK9	♦ 107	♦ QJ10	♦ AK8	♦ K87	♦ A
♣ KJ108	♣ AK3	♣ KQJ6	♣ 10863	♣ AKJ106	♣ AQJ65

**Bid**     1 ♠                    2 ♥                    2 NT                    1 NT                    3 NT                    4 ♥

### Responder's second bid

- If Opener bids a new suit (not No Trumps) **Responder may not pass**
- With 4 cards in Opener's major suit raise that suit
  - 1♦ 1♥
  - 1♠ 2♠ shows 6 – 9 HCP
  - 3♠ shows 10 – 12 HCP
  - 4♠ shows 13 + HCP
  - 1♦ 1♥
  - 2♠ 3♠ shows 6 – 9 HCP
  - 4♠ shows 10 + HCP
  - 1♦ 1♥
  - 3♠ 4♠ shows 6 - 9 HCP

## Lesson 2e

- If Responder doesn't have support for partner they can bid a higher 4-card suit
- If Responder doesn't have support for partner and doesn't have a higher 4-card suit they can bid No Trumps  
1NT = 6 - 9  
2NT = 10 - 12  
3NT = 13+
- If Responder has a long suit (at least 6 cards) they should repeat that suit
- If Opener rebids their own suit or bids No Trump, Responder may Pass with a weak hand

### Examples of Responder's Second Bid

1♣ 1♥

1♠

♠ 10743	♠ 963	♠ 964	♠ J63	♠ 97
♥ Q1073	♥ KJ84	♥ AKJ975	♥ KQ96	♥ KQ10862
♦ K92	♦ 107	♦ 106	♦ Q108	♦ A63
♣ K10	♣ KQ3	♣ 86	♣ AQ9	♣ K2

**Bid**    2♠            1 NT            2♥            3 NT            3♥

#### NOTE:

- **a change of suit is forcing.** This means you *must* make another bid
- If either player repeats their suit, bids No Trumps, or raises Partner's suit, this is *not forcing*
- A bid of a suit you have denied eg 1♣ 1♥ 2♦ shows a **strong** 16 + HCP hand

As you can see the bidding sequence can 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