# Is It Forcing?

#### 30 Minute Mini Lesson

#### The Idea of a Forcing Bid

- In bridge bidding, some bids are limited they have a top and bottom point range.
  - Usually when you bid no trump.
  - Bidding a suit you or your partner have previously bid.
- Other bids are unlimited they may have a bottom point count but they are unlimited at the top. These bids are usually forcing.
  - Forcing to game
  - Forcing one round

# Forcing-to Game-Bids By Opener

- Strong 2 🔶 (22+ points)
- A jump rebid of 2 no trump (18 or 19)
   Opener 1 ... Responder 1 ... Opener 2 nt.
- A jump rebid in a new suit (Jump Shift) 18-21 points.
  - Opener 1 🧡 ... Responder 1 🔶 ... Opener 3 🔶 .
- A cue bid of an opponent's suit (18+ points) north east south west

   pass
   pass
   1

#### Forcing-to Game-Bids By Responder

- If you play 2 over 1 Game Force, any 2 level, non-jump bid. (1 ... 2 )
- If you play the Jacoby 2 no trump convention, a bid of 2 no trump over a major suit opening.
- A new suit followed by a jump in the opener's suit.

Opener 1

2 🔶

Responder



#### Forcing-to Game-Bids By Responder

 A Jump bid in a new suit after opener rebids 1 no trump.

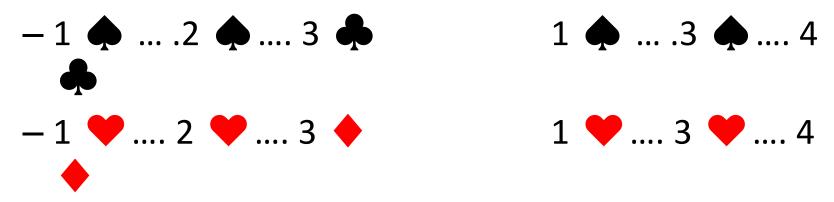
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3 🛡

Responder Opener 1 🔶 1 nt

### 1 Round Force, By Opener

- These bids are forcing for one round of bidding, but not necessarily to game.
- A two-level bid of a suit of a higher rank than the opening suit. (reverse)
- A new suit after partner has raised your suit.



## 1 Round Force, By Responder

 Any <u>non-jump</u> new suit at any level, by a non passed responder.

Opener Responder

1 🗭

Opener



1 🧡

Responder

1 🔶

1 🏟

### 1 Round Force, By Responder

 Any <u>non-jump</u> new suit at any level, by a non passed responder.

Opener Responder

1 **\*** 2 **•** 2 **\*** 2 **•** 

If responder has previously passed, opener may pass a new suit.

### 1 Round Force, By Responder

A new suit after partner has raised your suit.
 Opener
 1
 2
 2

Opener 1 🔶 2 🔶 Responder 1 2 **(** 

# Invitational Bids by Opener

- These bids are not forcing, but invitational. Partner is encouraged to bid, but may pass.
- With silent opponents, opener raises after responder has supported opener's suit.

2 🛡

Opener Responder

1 🛡

3

# Invitational Bids by Opener

- Opener makes a jump raise of responder's suit
- Opener Responder
- 1 ♦ 1 ♥ 3 ♥
- Opener jump-raises her own suit.

Opener Responder

3

1

## Invitational Bids by Opener

• A raise of responder's 1 no trump bid.

Opener Responder

1 **♦** 1 nt

2 nt

### Invitational Bids by Responder

• A jump raise of opener's suit. (Limit raise)

Opener Responder



- So called "drop dead" bids. Partner should absolutely pass.
- A rebid your own suit after a 1 no trump response.

Opener Responder

1 🧡 1 nt

2

• A game bid after you have made a limited response.

Opener Responder

- 1 🔶 1 nt
- 3 nt.

• A game bid after you have made a limited response.

Opener Responder

#### 1 🔶 2 🔶

3 nt.

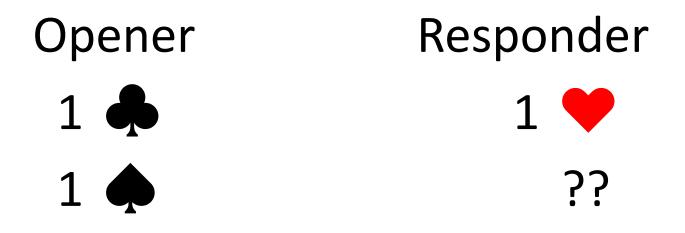
• Works the same way with a minor suit.

Opener Responder



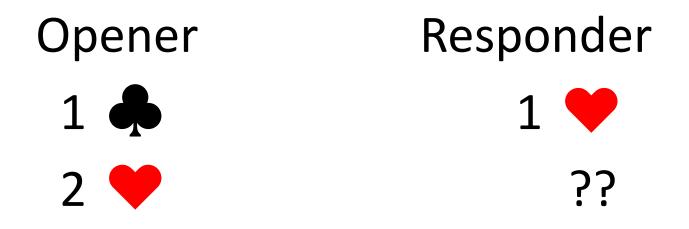


# Forcing or Non-Forcing (1)



#### Forcing or Non-Forcing (2) Responder Opener 1 1 🖤 2 2 🔶 ??

# Forcing or Non-Forcing (3)



# Forcing or Non-Forcing (4)



# Forcing or Non-Forcing (5)

