

Welcome Back!

Hope everyone had a safe and  
happy holiday!

If you did NOT get a chance to play bridge during the holiday you will be RUSTY.

This is TOTALLY normal. You will have forgotten quite a bit.

So take a moment and forgive yourself for being human and just ENJOY the experience.

All that bridge knowledge will reappear with practice.

But I will do a bit of a review of the Basics in Bridge to hopefully remind you of some things before we begin to play.

# A Bridge Review

Some of the Basics...

Opener

1 ♠

Responder

2 ♠

What does Responder have?

Opener

1 ♠

Responder

2 ♠

Responder should have 6-10 points and at least three ♠ .

Opener

1 ♠

Responder

3 ♠

What does Responder have?



Opener

1 ♠

Responder

3 ♠

Responder should have 11-12 points and four ♠ .

Opener

1♣

Responder

1♥

What does Responder have?

Opener

1♣

Responder

1♥

Responder has at least 6 HCP and at least FOUR ♥

Partner

1♣

YOU (this hand)

???

♠ KQT8

♥ 5432



♣ AKQ76

What will you respond  
if Partner opens the  
bidding 1♣ ?

Partner

1♣

YOU (this hand)

1♥

♠ KQT8

♥ 5432



♣ AKQ76

Partner

1♣

YOU (this hand)

1♥

♠ KQT8

♥ 5432



♣ AKQ76

Why 1♥? The ♠ are  
SOO much better?

What is the rule?

Partner

1♣

YOU (this hand)

1♥

♠ KQT8

♥ 5432



♣ AKQ76

Bid FOUR card suits  
UP THE LINE. That  
means bid the one  
that is next on the  
Bidding Ladder.

Partner

1♣

YOU (this hand)

1♥

♠ KQT8

♥ 5432



♣ AKQ76

Why 1♥? The ♣ are  
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What is the rule?



Partner

1♣

YOU (this hand)

1♥

♠ KQT8

♥ 5432



♣ AKQ76

Even though we have a lovely ♣ fit we are all about the MAJORS. Try to find a Major suit fit first.

Partner

1♣

YOU (this hand)

???

♠ 65432

♥ AKQJT



♣ A76

What will you respond  
if Partner opens the  
bidding 1♣ ?

Partner

1♣

YOU (this hand)

1♠

♠ 65432

♥ AKQJT



♣ A76

Partner

1♣

YOU (this hand)

1♠

♠ 65432

♥ AKQJT



♣ A76

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SOO much better?

What is the rule?

Partner

1♣

YOU (this hand)

1♠

♠ 65432

♥ AKQJT



♣ A76

With two FIVE (or six)  
card suits bid the  
**HIGHER RANKING**  
suit first!

Opener

1♣

2♥

Responder

1♥

How many points does Opener have?

Opener

1♣

2♥

Responder

1♥

Opener has from about 13  
to 16 points in their hand.

Opener

1♣

3♥

Responder

1♥

How many points does Opener have?



Opener

1♣

3♥

Responder

1♥

Opener has about 17 to 18  
points in their hand.

Opener

1♣

4♥

Responder

1♥

How many points does Opener have?

Opener

1♣

4♥

Responder

1♥

Opener has about 19 to 21  
points in their hand.

Opener

1NT

What do you need to open the bidding 1NT?

(Two things)

Opener

1NT

- 1) A BALANCED hand
- 2) 15 to 17 HCP

Opener

1NT

Just what is a BALANCED hand?

(Three things)

Opener

1NT

- 1) No void
- 2) No singleton
- 3) Only one doubleton at the very most (you do NOT need a doubleton but you can have ONE)

Opener

1NT

Responder

2NT

What does Responder have?



Opener

1NT

Responder

2NT

A balancedish hand with 8 or 9 HCP.

They DENY having a 5+ card major.

Opener

1NT

Responder

3NT

What does Responder have?

Opener

1NT

Responder

3NT

A balancedish hand with 10 to 15 HCP.

They DENY having a 5+ card major.

Opener

1NT

Responder

2♦

What does Responder have?

Opener

1NT

Responder

2♦

Responder has at least a FIVE CARD ♥ suit.

(IF you play Jacoby Transfers)

Opener

1NT

Responder

2♦

This bid is called a JACOBY TRANSFER.

Remember to ALERT this bid. Type “Hearts” in the Explain box.

Opener

1NT

Responder

2♥

What does Responder have?

Opener

1NT

Responder

2♥

Responder has at least a FIVE CARD ♠ suit.

(IF you play Jacoby Transfers)



Opener

1NT

Responder

2♥

This bid is called a JACOBY TRANSFER.

Remember to ALERT this bid. Type “Spades” in the Explain box.

Opener

Responder

1NT

2♦

???

What is Opener FORCED to bid?

Opener

Responder

1NT

2♦

2♥

Opener MUST bid this.

Opener

Responder

1NT

2♥

???

What is Opener FORCED to bid?

Opener

Responder

1NT

2♥

2♠

Opener MUST bid this.

Opener

1NT

2♥

Responder

2♦

2NT

Now what does Responder have?

(Two things)

Opener

Responder

1NT

2♦

2♥

2NT

They have a FIVE card suit ♥ (the 2♦ bid)  
with 8 or 9 HCP (the 2NT bid)

Opener

1NT

2♥

Responder

2♦

3NT

Now what does Responder have?

(Two things)



Opener

Responder

1NT

2♦

2♥

3NT

They have a FIVE card suit ♥ (the 2♦ bid)  
with 10 to 15 HCP (the 3NT bid)

Opener

1NT

2♥

Pass

Responder

2♦

2NT

What does OPENER have?

(Two things)

Opener	Responder
1NT	2♦
2♥	2NT
Pass	

- 1) Opener has a MINIMUM  
("No Thank You!" to the game invite)
- 2) Opener has only two ♥  
("No Thank You!" to the ♥ suggestion)

Opener

1NT

2♥

3♥

Responder

2♦

2NT

What does OPENER have?

(Two things)

Opener	Responder
1NT	2♦
2♥	2NT
3♥	

- 1) Opener has a MINIMUM  
("No Thank You!" to the game invite)
- 2) Opener has at least three ♥  
("Yes please!" to the ♥ suggestion)

Opener

1NT

2♥

3NT

Responder

2♦

2NT

What does OPENER have?

(Two things)

Opener	Responder
1NT	2♦
2♥	2NT
3NT	

- 1) Opener has a MAXIMUM  
("Yes Please!" to the game invite)
- 2) Opener has only two ♥  
("No Thank You!" to the ♥ suggestion)

Opener

1NT

2♥

4♥

Responder

2♦

2NT

What does OPENER have?

(Two things)



Opener	Responder
1NT	2♦
2♥	2NT
4♥	

- 1) Opener has a MAXIMUM  
("Yes Please!" to the game invite)
- 2) Opener has at least three ♥  
("Yes please!" to the ♥ suggestion)

How many HCP points do you need  
for a 1 level overcall?

Just 10+ HCP

What else do you need in addition to  
10+ HCP?

A GOOD five+ card suit!

How many HCP points do you need for a 2 level overcall?

An opening hand -- 12+ HCP and  
with a minimum hand (12 or 13 HCP)  
have a SIX card suit!

What do we call the person  
that opens the bidding?



Opener

What do we call Opener's Partner?

Responder

What do we call the person who bids when one of the Opponents opens the bidding?

So the person that made an overcall.

They are called the “Overcaller”

Also known as the “Intervenor” –  
especially when the bid they make  
is a Take Out Double

For lots and lots of bonus points  
(because no one knows this name)  
just what do we call the Partner of  
the “Overcaller”?

They are called the “Advancer”

Opener

1♦

Overcaller

1♥

Responder

Pass

Advancer

2♥

What does ADVANCER have?



Opener

1♦

Overcaller

1♥

Responder

Pass

Advancer

2♥

Advancer has 6-10 points and at least three ♥

They DO get to count Dummy points here!

Opener

Responder

1♦

1♥

1♠

What does Opener DENY?

Opener

Responder

1♦

1♥

1♠

Opener does NOT have four ♥

They would have bid some number of ♥

Opener

Responder

1♦

1♥

1♠

What does Opener have?

Opener

Responder

1♦

1♥

1♠

Opener has four ♠

Plus a minimum hand on up to 19 HCP

Opener

Responder

1♦

1♥

1♠

Pass

What does Responder have?

Opener

Responder

1♦

1♥

1♠

Pass

Responder has a bad hand with at least three ♠

Opener

Responder

1♦

1♥

1♠

2♠

What does Responder have?



Opener

1♦

1♠

Responder

1♥

2♠

Responder has four ♠ and a GOOD 6 or 7 to 10 points

Opener

1♦

1♠

Responder

1♥

3♠

What does Responder have?

Opener

1♦

1♠

Responder

1♥

3♠

Responder has four ♠ and 11 or 12 points

Opener

Responder

1♦

1♥

1♠

4♠

What does Responder have?

Opener

1♦

1♠

Responder

1♥

4♠

Responder has four ♠ and an opening hand!

Opener

1♠

Responder

1NT

What does Responder have?

Opener

1♠

Responder

1NT

Responder has about 6 to 10 HCP with  
NO FIT for Opener's ♠

Opener

1♠

2♠

Responder

1NT

What does Opener have?



Opener

1♠

2♠

Responder

1NT

Opener has six ♠ with a MINIMUM hand  
(15 HCP at most)

Opener

1♠

3♠

Responder

1NT

What does Opener have?

Opener

1♠

3♠

Responder

1NT

Opener has six ♠ with about 16-18 HCP  
(Some play 15 with a REALLY GOOD suit)

Opener

1♠

2♦

Responder

1NT

What does Opener have?

Opener

1♠

2♦

Responder

1NT

Opener has an UNBALANCED hand with five ♠ and four ♦ .