

Accepting An Invitation



When Partner Makes an Invitation

You Partner

1 ♣

1 ♠

1 nt

2nt

- Partner is inviting you to bid 3 no trump or pass. What should you be thinking about?

After Partner's Invitation

- You might be thinking:
 - Partner has 10 to 12 hcps.
 - 4 spades, not five (no nmf)
- This shouldn't be your first thought. Partner knows you know this from the bidding.
- Your thoughts should not be on partner's hand, but on your own hand.

What Should You Be Thinking

- You've put your hand in a box:
 - Relatively balanced
 - Between 12 and 14 (maybe 15) points
 - Where, within that box, would you place your hand?
 - Top? Or Bottom?
- You need to judge how the hands are fitting together.
- Sometimes more art than science.

Is Your Hand a Good Hand?

1 ♣....1 ♠...1nt....2nt

Hand 1

♠ 4 3 2

♥ K J 7

♦ K J 5

♣ K Q 4 3

A bad 13

Hand 2

♠ Q 10 2

♥ A J 10 9

♦ 5 2

♣ A Q 10 7

A good 13

One More Example

Hand 3

♠ Q 2

♥ A J 10 9

♦ 5 2

♣ A Q 10 7 5

A really
good 13

Here's Another Invitation

You	Partner
1nt	2 ♦
2 ♥	3 ♥

Hand 4
♠ K J 7
♥ 9 3
♦ A Q J 4
♣ A J 5 3

decline

Hand 5
♠ K J
♥ 9 3 2
♦ A Q J 4
♣ A J 10 9

Probably
accept

Hand 6
♠ K 2
♥ Q 9 3
♦ A Q J 4
♣ A 10 9 5

Accept!!!

Here's Another Invitation

You	Partner
1nt	2♦
2♥	2nt

Hand 7
♠ K Q 7
♥ 9 3
♦ A Q J 4
♣ A 10 7 5

decline

Hand 8
♠ K 9 7
♥ Q 9
♦ A Q J 4
♣ A 10 9 5

Probably
accept

Hand 9
♠ Q 10 2
♥ K 10
♦ A Q J 4
♣ A 10 9 5

Accept!!!

What Should You be Thinking About?

- Count points for sure. Where in the box does your hand sit? But, that's not all.
- How does your hand fit with what you know of partner's hand?
- Consider this bidding, playing 2/1.

you

partner

1 ♥

1nt

2 ♣

3 ♥

Should You Pass or Go On?

Hand 10

♠ K J 7
♥ A J 9 7 3
♦ K 6
♣ J 9 5

Hand 11

♠ K J 7
♥ A J 10 7 3
♦ K 6
♣ J 10 9

Hand 12

♠ K Q J 7
♥ A J 10 9 3
♦ 6
♣ Q 10 9

Hand 13

♠ 8 7
♥ A K J 9 7
♦ 6
♣ K Q 10 9 5

Are HCPs in Your Long Suits?

- Suppose you have a side suit
 - A K Q 10
- Or you have 3 side suits that look like this
 - A 8 3 K 7 5 Q 3 2

Consider These Two Hands

Hand 14

♠ 7

♥ A Q J 10 7 3

♦ K 6

♣ A 10 9 5

Hand 15

♠ 7 3

♥ A Q J 10 7

♦ K 6 3

♣ A 9 5

Consider Distribution and Quacks

- If you have 4-3-3-3 distribution, you should deduct a point from the hand.
- If you have 2 more quacks than aces and kings, deduct a point.

Consider These Two Hands

Hand 16

♠ Q 7 5

♥ A J 7 5

♦ Q J 6

♣ K J 5

14

points

Hand 17

♠ 7 5

♥ A K 10 7

♦ K Q 10 9

♣ Q 10 9

14

points +

Consider These Two Hands

Hand 18

♠ K J 5

♥ K Q 7 3

♦ Q J 6

♣ A 10 5

16

points

Hand 19

♠ 10 9 8

♥ A K 10 7

♦ K Q J 9

♣ K 10

16 points +