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Lesson Nine

Minimum, Invitational and Game Force Bids



OPENING HANDS

MINIMUM – 11-15 points

INVITATIONAL – (15)16-17 points

GAME FORCING – 18-19 points (or shapely)

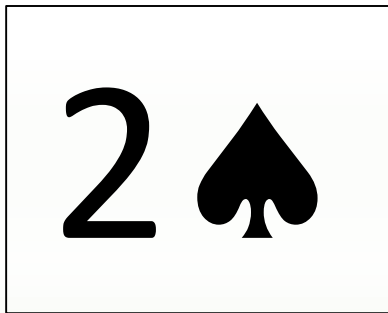
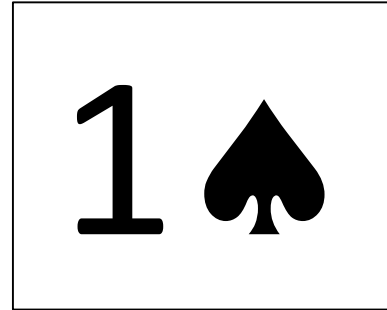
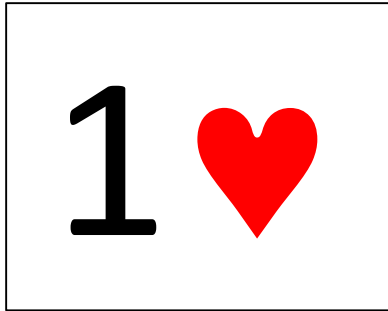


Be mindful of which type of hand you have



OPENER'S MINIMUM REBIDS = 11-15

- Support partner's suit at the 2-level



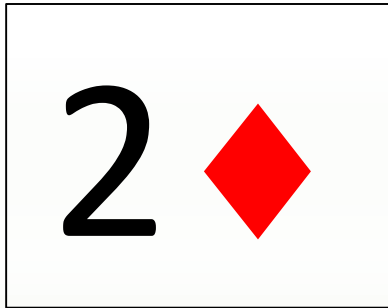
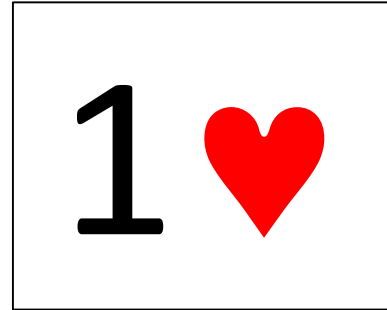
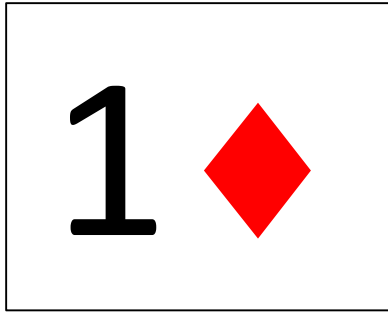
... Showing minimum hand (11-15)
with spade support

Show partner your minimum hand



OPENER'S MINIMUM REBIDS = 11-15

- Opener rebids own suit at the 2-level



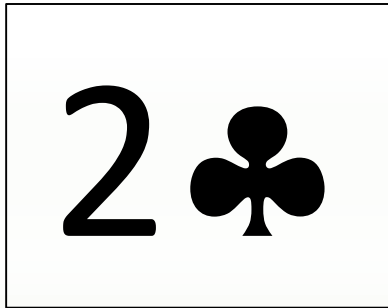
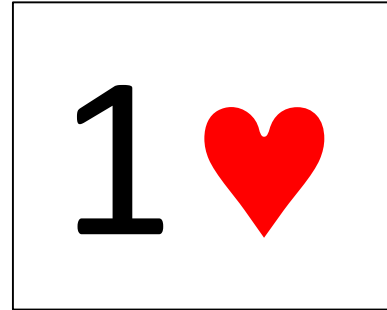
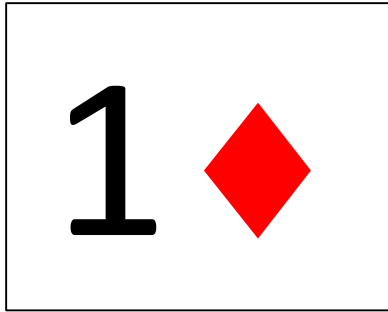
... Showing minimum hand (11-15)
with an extra diamond

Show partner your minimum hand



OPENER'S MINIMUM REBIDS = 11-15

- Opener rebids a lower ranking suit



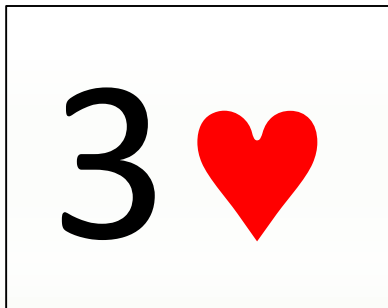
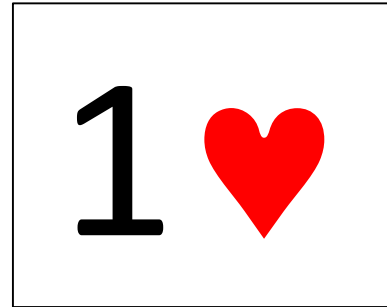
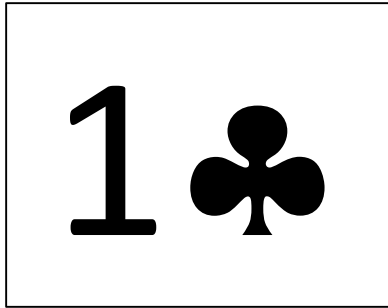
... Showing minimum hand (11-15(16)) with 5+ diamonds and 4+ clubs

Show partner your minimum hand



OPENER'S INVITATIONAL REBIDS = (15)(16-17)

- Support partner's suit at the 3-level



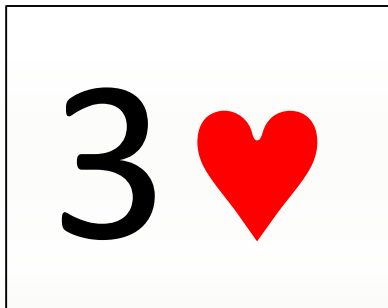
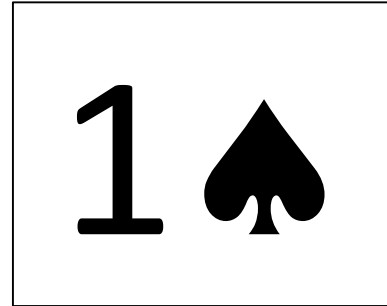
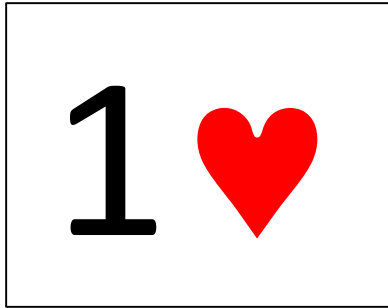
... Showing invitational hand (16-17) with heart support

Show partner your invitational hand



OPENER'S INVITATIONAL REBIDS = (15)(16-17)

- Jump in your own suit (6-card suit)



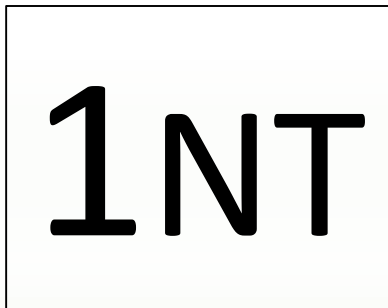
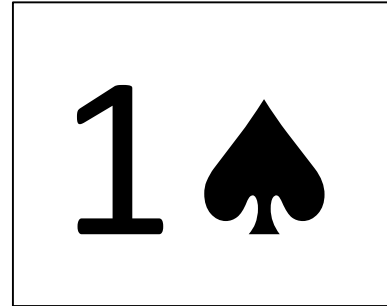
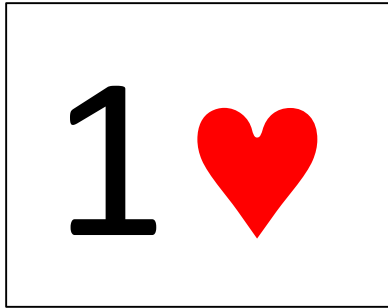
... Showing invitational hand (16-17) with 6-card heart suit

Show partner your invitational hand



OPENER'S INVITATIONAL REBIDS = (15)(16-17)

- Bid Notrumps at lowest possible level



... Showing balanced hand with 15-17 points

Show partner your invitational hand



OPENER'S INVITATIONAL REBIDS = (15)(16-17)

- Bid Notrumps at lowest possible level

1 ♥

1NT

2NT

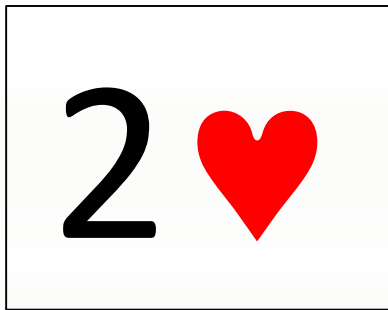
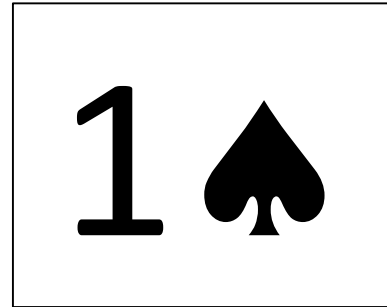
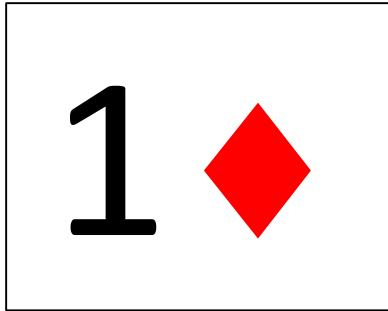
... Showing balanced hand with 16-17 points

Show partner your invitational hand



OPENER'S FORCING REBIDS = 18-19 or shapely

- Bids a higher ranking suit



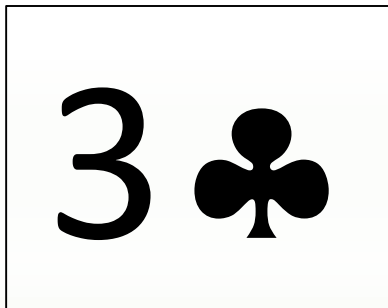
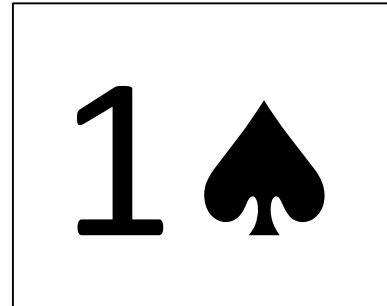
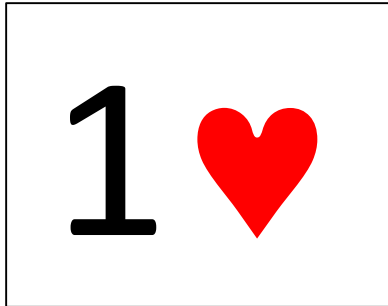
... Showing 17-19 points, forcing for one round, with 5+(4) diamonds and 4 hearts, and no spade support

Show partner your good hand



OPENER'S FORCING REBIDS = 18-19 or shapely

- Bids a new suit at the 3-level



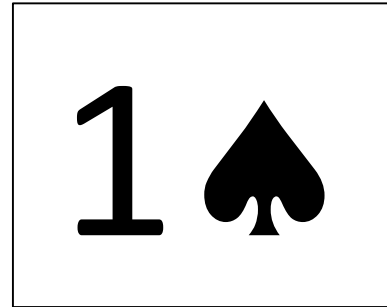
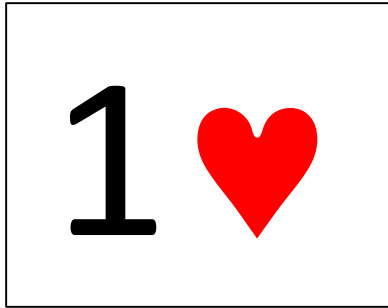
... Showing 18-19 points, GAME forcing with 5+ hearts and 4+clubs and no spade support

Show partner your Game Forcing hand



OPENER'S FORCING REBIDS = 18-19 or shapely

- Jump in Notrumps



... Showing 18-19 points, a balanced hand (at least 2 of every other suit), game forcing

Show partner your Game Forcing hand



OPENER'S FORCING REBIDS = 18-19 or shapely

- Jump in Notrumps

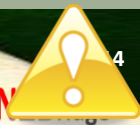
1 ♥

2 ♦

3NT

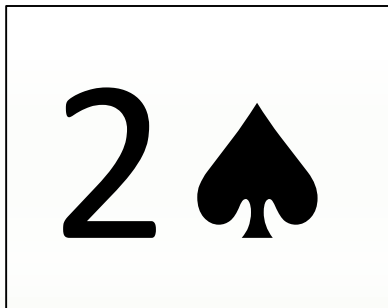
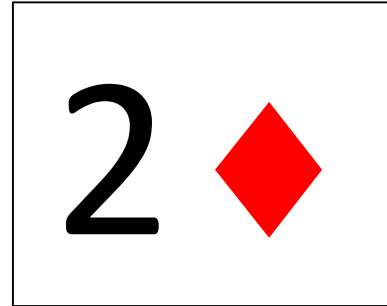
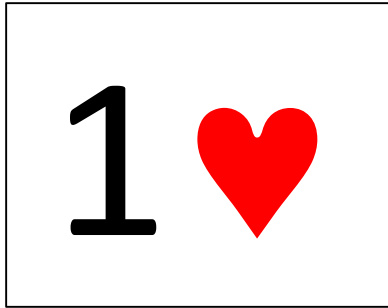
... Showing 18-19 points, a balanced hand (at least 2 of every other suit), game forcing

Show partner your Game Forcing hand



OPENER'S REBIDS AFTER A 2-LEVEL RESPONSE

- Reverse by opener = 15+ points



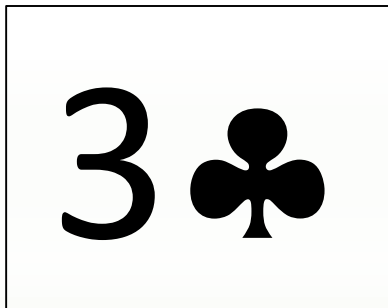
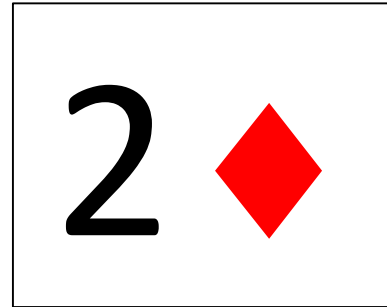
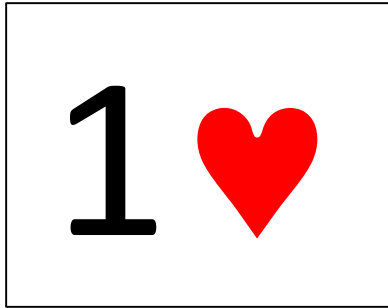
... Showing 15+points, 5+ hearts
and 4+ spades, game forcing

Show partner your Game Forcing hand



OPENER'S REBIDS AFTER A 2-LEVEL RESPONSE

- Bid a new suit at the 3-level



... Showing 15+points, 5-card heart suit
and 4+ clubs, game forcing

Show partner your Game Forcing hand



OPENER'S REBIDS AFTER A 2-LEVEL RESPONSE

- Jump in your own suit (6-card suit)

1 ♥

2 ♦

3 ♥

... Showing 15+points, 6-card heart suit,
game forcing

Show partner your Game Forcing hand



OPENER'S REBIDS AFTER A 2-LEVEL RESPONSE

- Bid Notrumps (at any level)

1 ♥

2 ♦

2NT

... Showing 15+points, game forcing

Show partner your Game Forcing hand



OPENER'S REBIDS AFTER A 2-LEVEL RESPONSE

- Bid a new suit at the 2-level

1 ♥

2 ♣

2 ♦

... Showing 12+points, forcing for one round to at least 2 ♥

Show partner your Game Forcing hand



RESPONDING HANDS

MINIMUM – 6-9 points

INVITATIONAL – 10-12 points

GAME FORCING – 13+ points



Be mindful of which type of hand you have



RESPONDER'S MINIMUM SECOND BID = 6-9

- Show preference for one of partner's suits

1 ♣

1 ♥

2 ♣

/

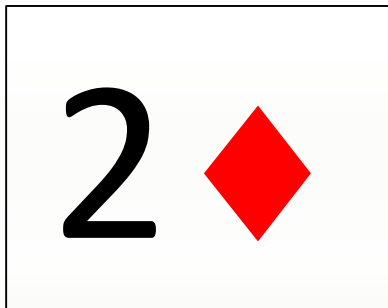
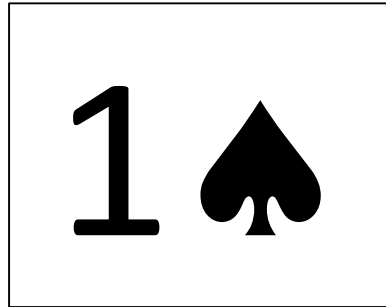
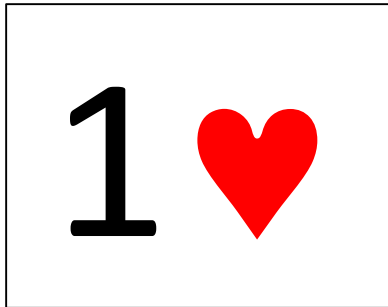
... Showing
minimum hand
with less than a 6-
card heart suit

Show partner your minimum hand



RESPONDER'S MINIMUM SECOND BID = 6-9

- Show preference for one of partner's suits



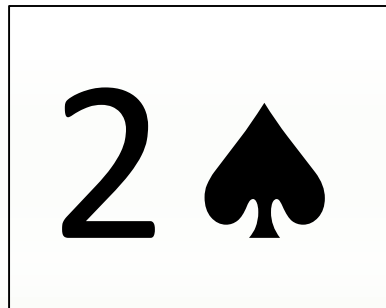
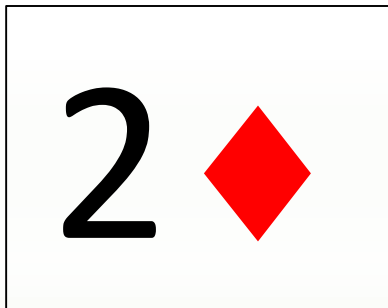
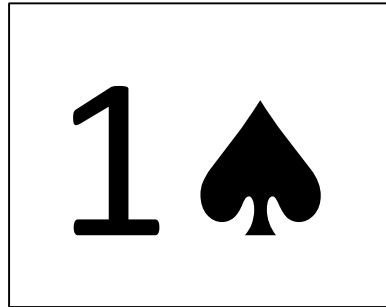
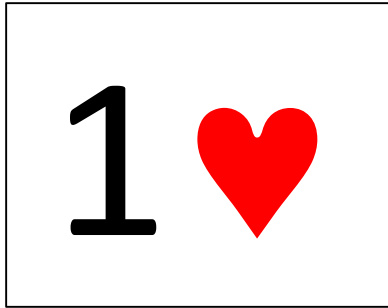
... Showing minimum hand with heart preference (might only have a doubleton)

Show partner your minimum hand



RESPONDER'S MINIMUM SECOND BID = 6-9

- Rebid your own suit at the 2-level



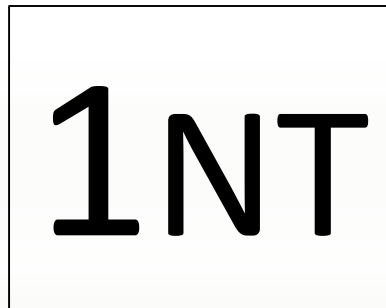
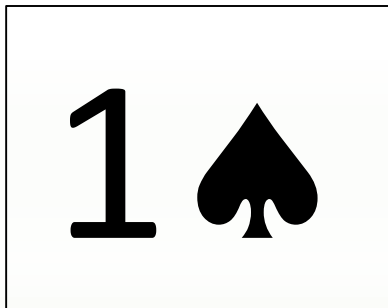
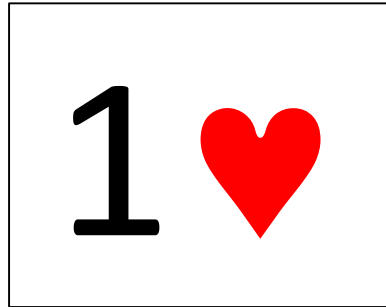
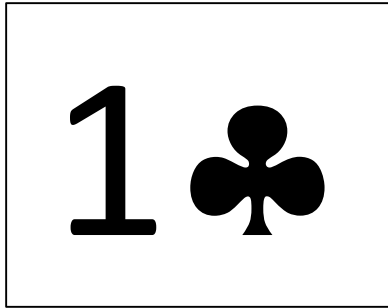
... Showing
minimum hand
with 6-card spade
suit

Show partner your minimum hand



RESPONDER'S MINIMUM SECOND BID = 6-9

- Bid 1NT if available



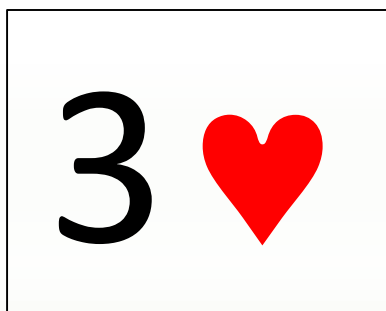
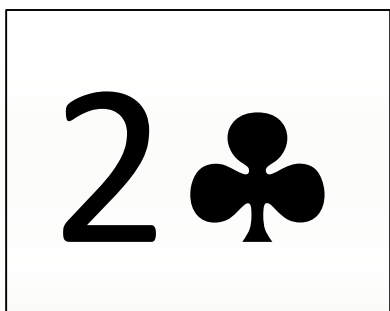
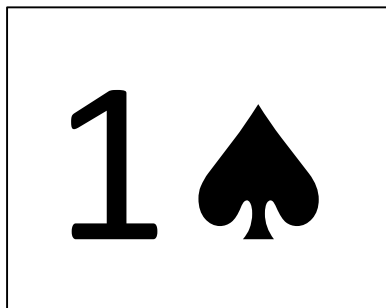
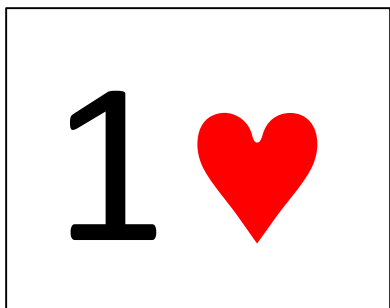
... Showing 6-9 points, with 4-card heart suit and no support for clubs or spades

Show partner your minimum hand



RESPONDER'S INVITATIONAL SECOND BID = 10-12

- Raise opener's suit to the 3-level



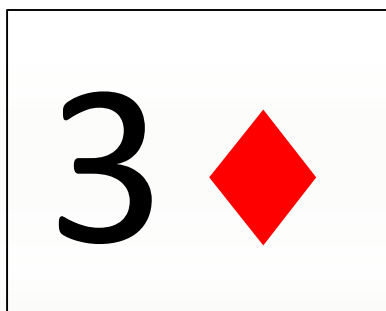
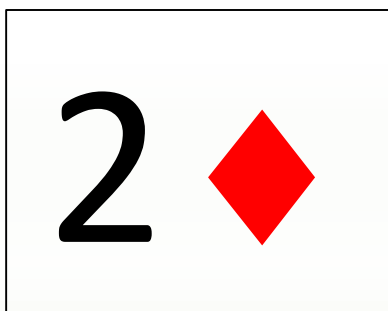
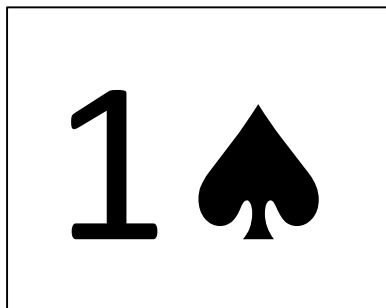
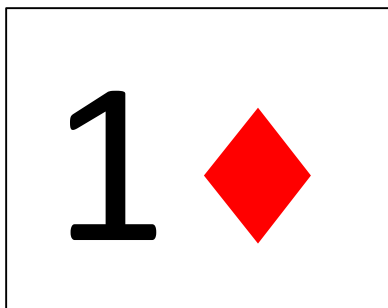
... Showing
invitational hand
with 3-card
support for hearts

Show partner your invitational hand



RESPONDER'S INVITATIONAL SECOND BID = 10-12

- Raise opener's suit to the 3-level



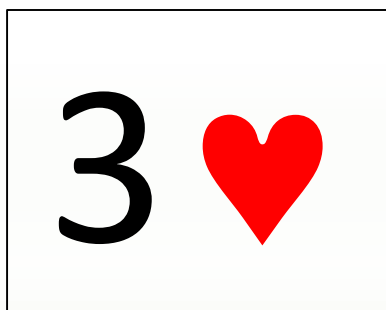
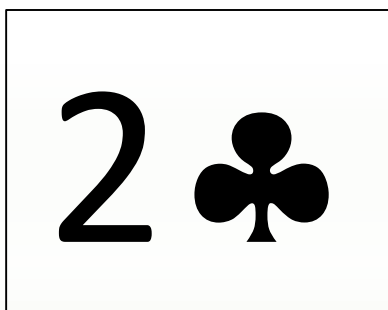
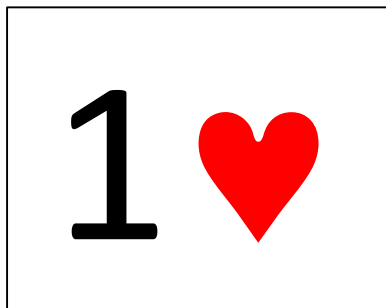
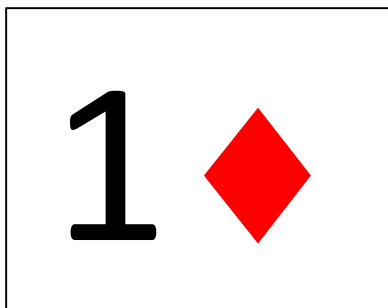
... Showing
invitational hand
with 3-card
support for
diamonds

Show partner your invitational hand



RESPONDER'S INVITATIONAL SECOND BID = 10-12

- Rebid your own suit (6-card) at the 3-level



... Showing
invitational hand
with 6-card heart
suit

Show partner your invitational hand



RESPONDER'S INVITATIONAL SECOND BID = 10-12

- Bid 2NT

1 ♦

1 ♥

2 ♣

2NT

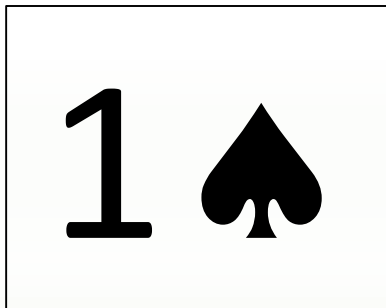
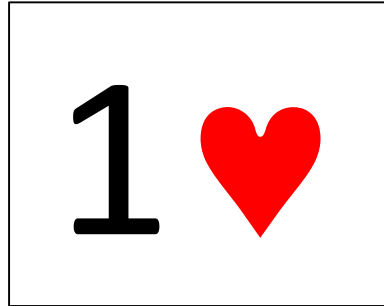
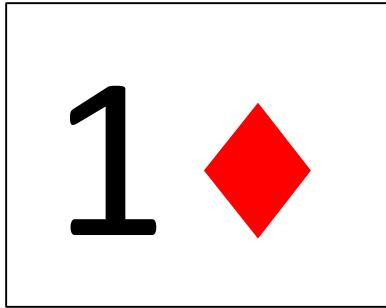
... Showing a
balanced(ish)
hand with 10-12
points and
promises a spade
hold

Show partner your invitational hand



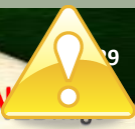
RESPONDER'S INVITATIONAL SECOND BID = 10-12

- Bid 2NT



... Showing a
balanced hand
with 10-12 points
and promises a
club hold

Show partner your invitational hand



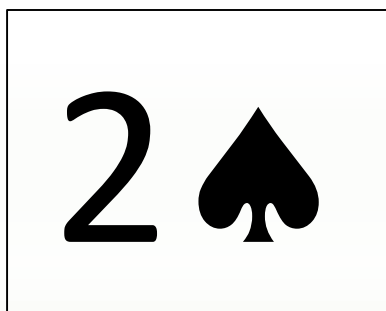
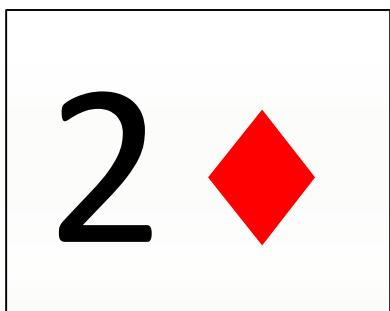
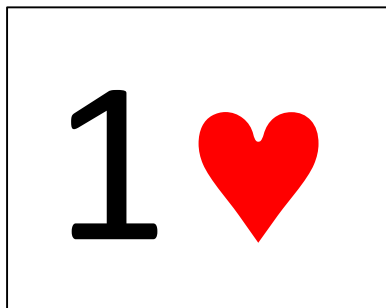
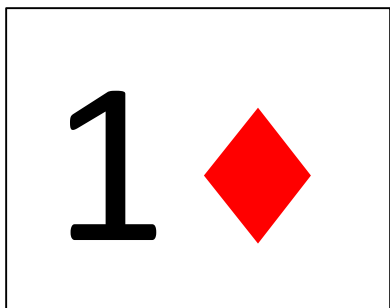
RESPONDER'S INVITATIONAL SECOND BID

Remember that your hand can become invitational with only 7-8 points if opener has shown you an invitational type hand (16-17 points)



RESPONDER'S FORCING SECOND BID = 13+

- Reverse Bid – rebid a higher ranked suit



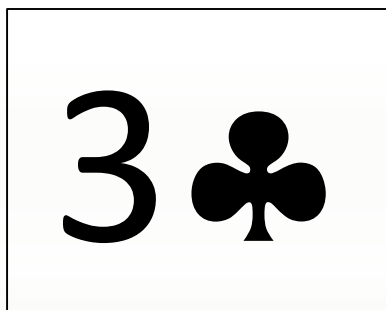
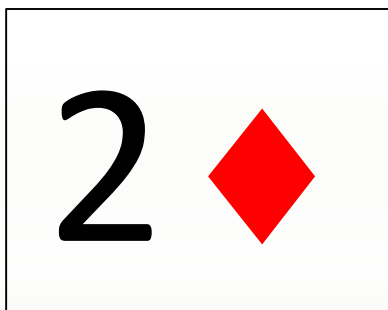
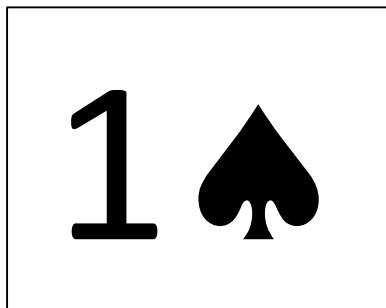
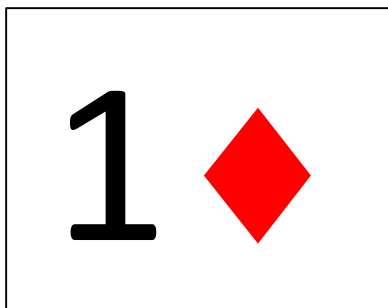
... Showing
13+points, 5-card
heart suit and 4-
card spade suit

Show partner your game forcing hand



RESPONDER'S FORCING SECOND BID = 13+

- Bid a new suit at the 3-level



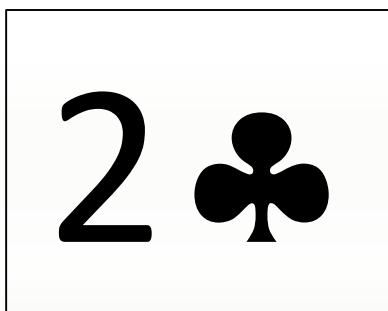
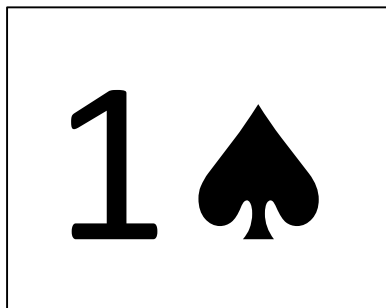
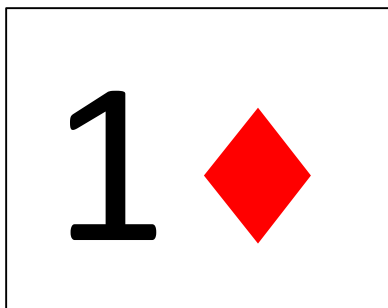
... Showing
13+points, 5-card
spade suit and 4+
clubs

Show partner your game forcing hand



RESPONDER'S FORCING SECOND BID = 13+

- Bid the fourth suit



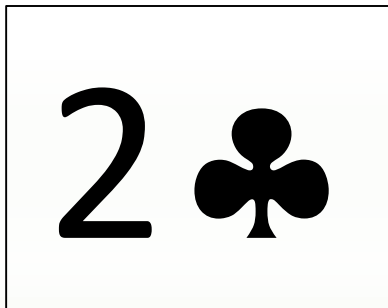
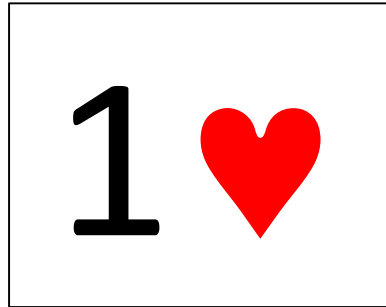
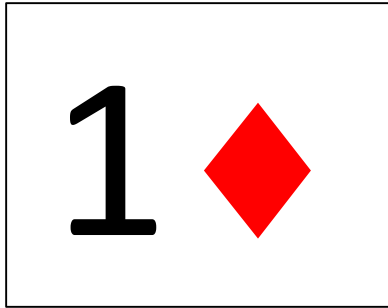
... Showing
13+points, 5-card
spade suit and 4+
hearts

Show partner your game forcing hand



RESPONDER'S FORCING SECOND BID = 13+

- Bid the fourth suit



... Showing
13+points, 5-card
spade suit and 4-
card heart suit

Show partner your game forcing hand



RESPONDER'S STRONG SECOND BID = 13+

- Bid your own suit then Notrumps

1 ♦

1 ♠

2 ♣

3NT

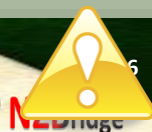
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13+points, 4+-
card spade suit
and promises a
heart hold

Show partner your game forcing hand



RESPONDER'S FORCING SECOND BID

Remember that your hand can become game forcing with only 9+ points if opener has shown you an invitational type hand (16-17 points)



SUMMARY

- Rebids at the **2-level** are minimum
- Rebids at the **3-level** (of a suit already bid by either partner) are invitational
- A new suit at the **3-level** is invitational

Be mindful of what type of hand you have



SUMMARY

- A **reverse bid** by opener is forcing for one round
- A **reverse bid** by responder is game forcing

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SUMMARY

- 1NT rebid by opener is invitational and a jump in NT is game forcing
- 1NT rebid by responder is minimum (6-9 points)
- 2NT rebid by responder is invitational (10-12 points)

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