One No Trump Forcing

A Helpful Convention

The Basics

- One no trump forcing is a convention used to help define certain hands, by the responder.
- Playing this convention. When the opening bidder – in first or second seat – opens one of a major suit.
- The next player passes.
- A bid of 1 no trump by the responder is shows
 5 to 12 points and is forcing on the opener for one round.

One No Trump Forcing: 1st or 2nd Seat

North East South West
 1 \(\psi\)/ \(\phi\) pass 1 nt Pass

One No Trump is Forcing: Opening Bidder Must Bid Again

One No Trump Forcing: 3rd or 4th Seat

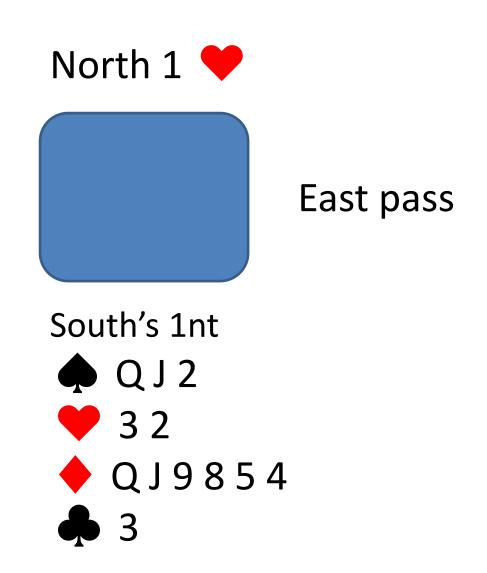
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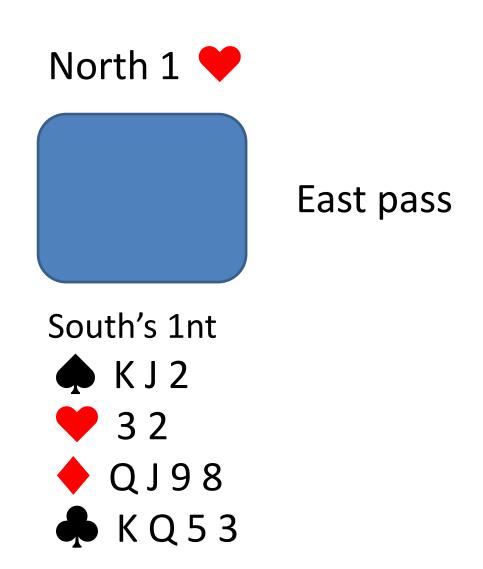
One No Trump is **Not Forcing**: Opening Bidder May Pass. Partner has a standard 1 no trump response

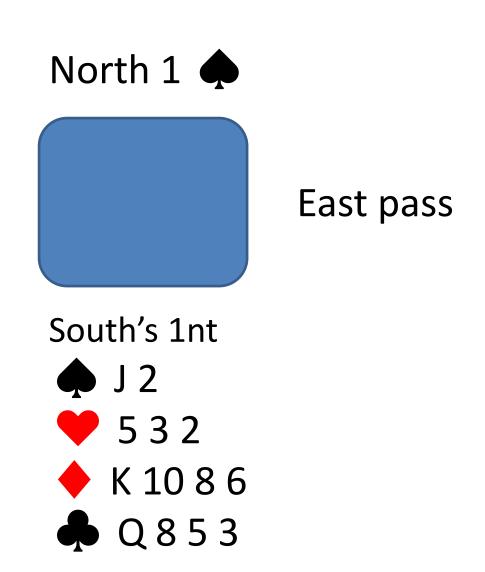
When partner opens a minor suit, 1 no trump forcing does not apply. Partner has a standard 1 no trump response.

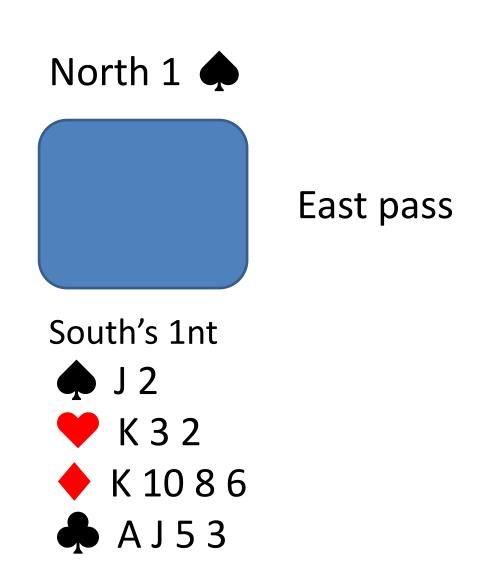
One No Trump Forcing Hands

- When partner opens 1 , bid the forcing 1 no trump with the following:
 - 1. 5 to 12 points
 - 2. No 4 card major suit you can bid at the 1 level.
 - 3. With a long minor suit and you cannot bid at the two level. With this hand, you have no more than two cards in partner's major.
 - 4. You have a 3 card limit raise in partner's major suit.
 - 5. You have a weak hand (5-8 points) and weak support for partner's major. You want to be sure partner will stop at the two level.
 - 6. You have a normal 2 nt bid (11-12 balanced)



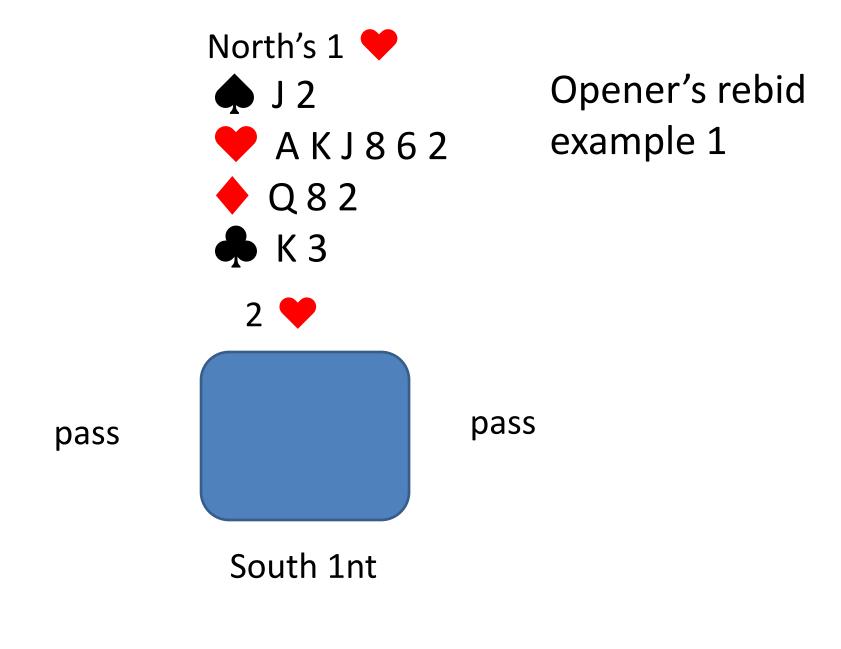


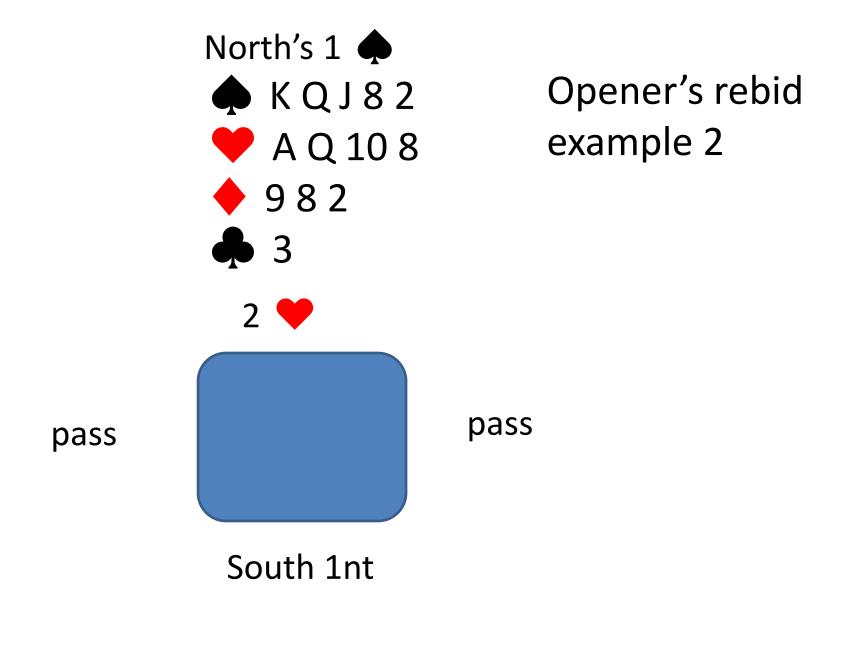


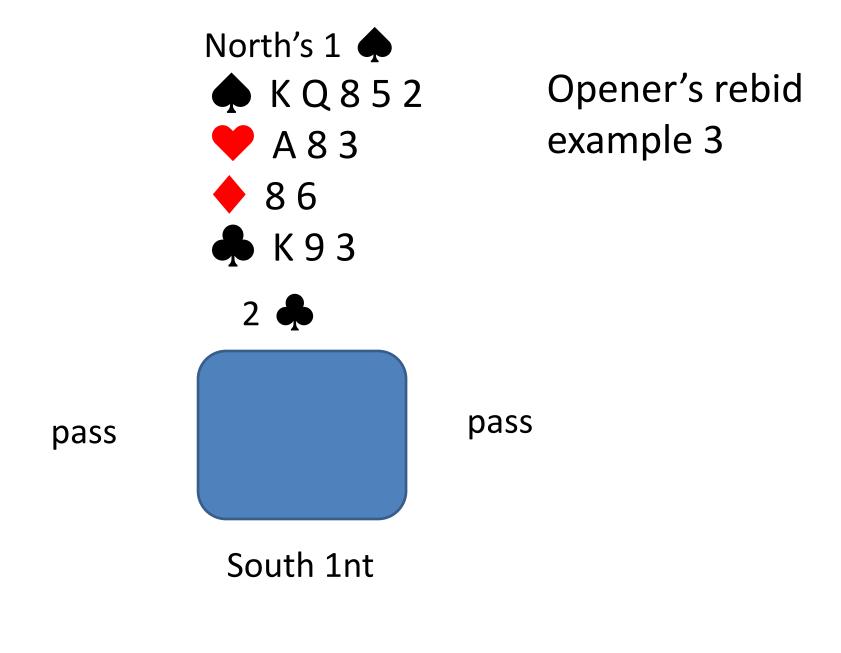


Opening Bidder's Second Bid

- With 12-15 points
 - a) Rebid your major with 6 cards.
 - b) Bid 2 hearts (if you opened 1 spade and you have 4 hearts).
 - c) Bid two of your longer minor. (This bid promises 3+ cards.

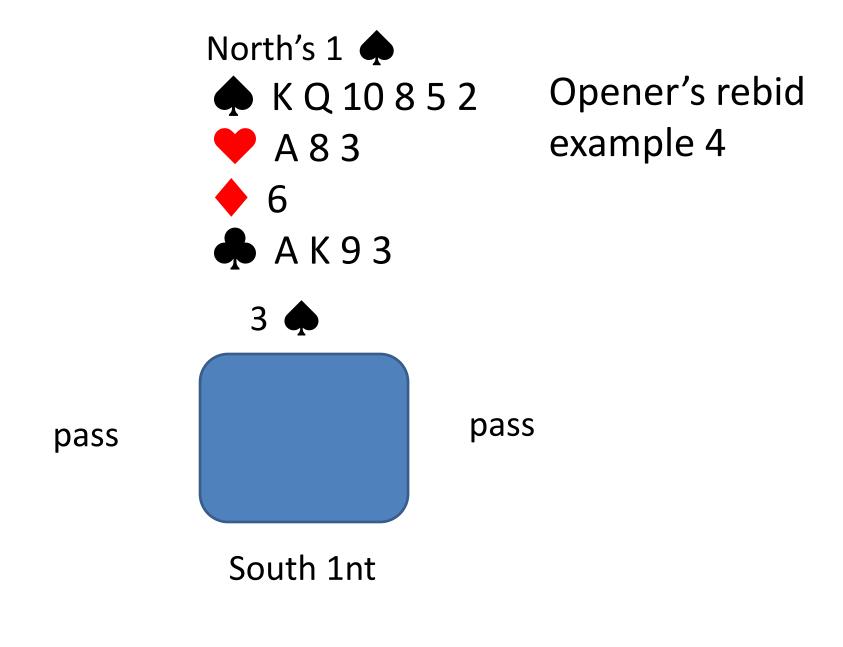


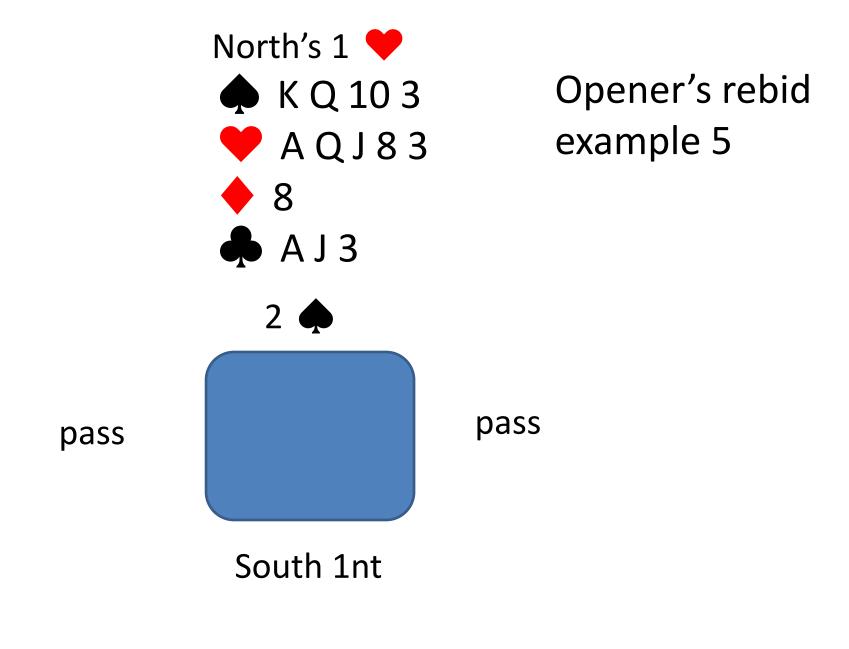


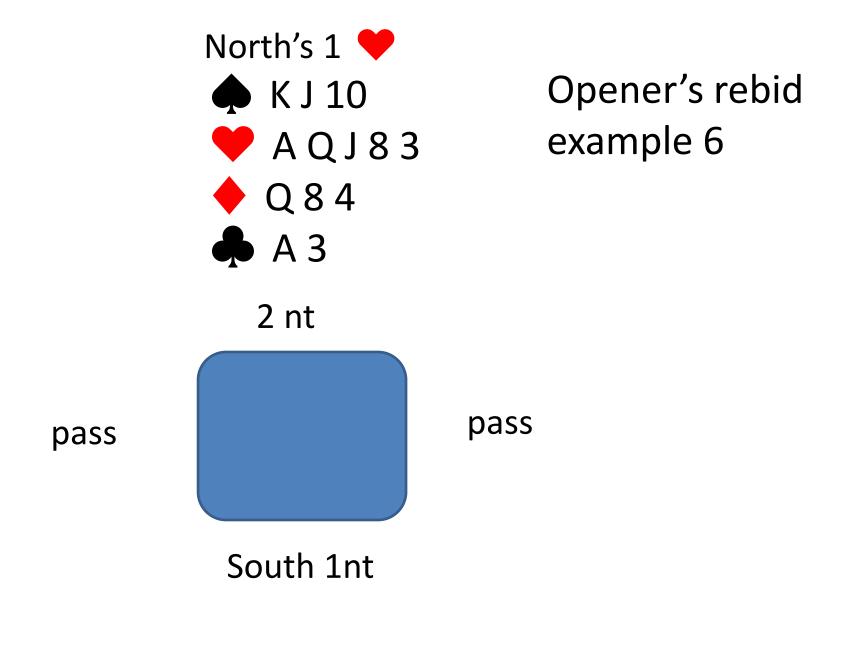


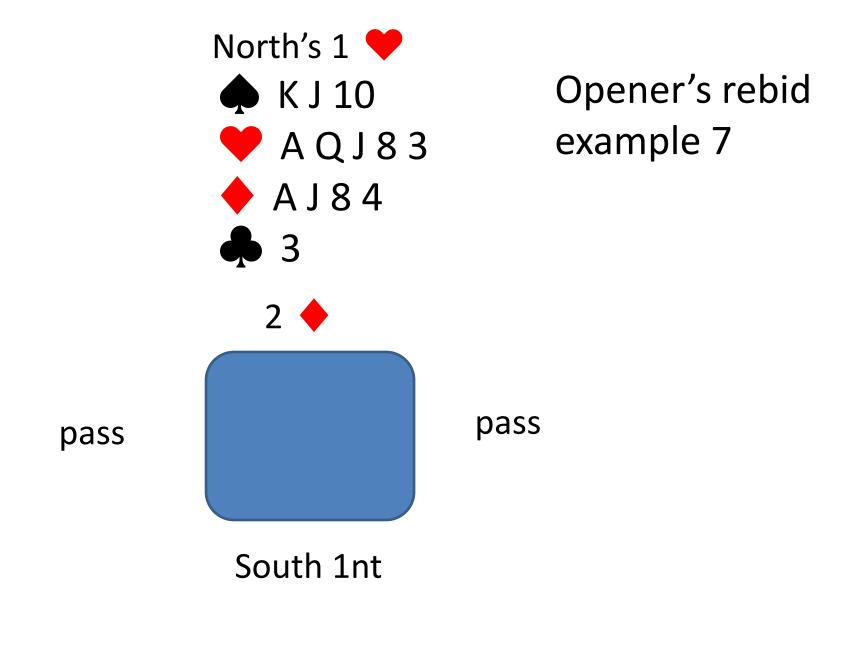
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- With 16-18 points
 - a) Rebid 3 of your major with a strong 6-card suit.
 - b) Raise to 2 no trump with a balanced hand.
 - c) Make a reverse to 2 spades (if you opened 1 heart and you have 4 spades). This is forcing on responder.
 - d) Bid 2 of your longer minor with all other hands.









Opening Bidder's Second Bid

- With 19-21 point.
 - a) Raise to 3 no trump with a balanced hand.
 - b) Bid game in your opening suit with 6 or 7 cards in the suit.
 - c) Make a reverse to 2 spades (if you opened 1 heart and you have 4 spades). This is forcing on responder.
 - d) Make a jump shift to 3 of a new suit. This promises 4 cards and is forcing on the responder.

