

Rebids by Opener

Important: When you decide to open, you should consider what your possible rebid will be.

Types of Hands for Opener

Minimum Hand ~ 12 – 14

Intermediate Hand ~ 15 – 18

Maximum Hand ~ 19+

Opener Rebidding Her Suit

Points	Suit Length	Rebid
12 – 14	6+	Two of Suit
16+	6+	Three of Suit*
18+	7+	Four of suit after partner's raise

*Why is it important for opener to jump? Partner is the smartest person in the room and it is important that opener show the value of her hand so that responder, as Captain, can determine the best contract!!!!

Notes:

1. Rebidding your suit promises an additional card ~ six in a major and depending upon *partnership agreement*, at least five in a minor!!! (I like this to show six as well!!!!)
2. Rebidding a new suit shows at least four cards in that suit!!!
3. Rebid indicates the strength of the hand!!!
4. Rebids that indicate a minimum hand may be passed!!!

Rebids by Opener to Show Minimum Hand

1. Rebid of NT at cheapest level
2. Rebid of Opener's suit at the cheapest level
3. Raising Responder's suit at the cheapest level
4. Rebid of a suit lower in rank than opening bid

Rebids by Opener to Show Intermediate Hand

1. Rebid of jump in suit (1♠ - 3♠)
2. Raising Responder's suit 2 levels
3. Reversing in a new suit (If playing 2/1, this is a *partnership agreement*!!!) First suit **MUST BE LONGER** than the second suit!!!! Shows at least 16+ HCPs and is **FORCING**!!!!
4. Rebidding 2 NT after 1-level overcall

Rebids by Opener to Force to Game

1. Rebid of Jump Shift
2. Reversing in a new suit (If playing 2/1, this is a *partnership agreement*!!!) First suit **MUST BE LONGER** than the second suit!!!! Shows at least 16+ HCPs and is **FORCING**!!!
3. Rebid of Game after Responder's 1-level bid (This is an **OBVIOUS** force to game!!!)
4. Bid 3 NT if balanced (Another **OBVIOUS** force to game!!!)

Types of Hands for Responder

Minimum Hand ~ 6 – 9

Invitational Hand ~ 10 – 12

Game Forcing ~ 13+

What if my partner (Responder) bids notrump over my opening bid?

Rebids by Opener after 1 NT Response	What bid means
Pass	Sorry Partner, I'm only minimum!!!**
New suit below opening bid	If minors, promises 4 – 4; otherwise shows opening suit at 5 and other suit at 4
Original suit at 2-level	Six cards in suit; minimum hand
2 NT	Balanced hand 18 – 19 HCPs
New suit at 3-level below opening	Unbalanced maximum bid
Original suit at 3-level	Six-card + suit and 16+ HCPs
3 NT	Balanced maximum

** Note: Playing 2/1, after a major suit opening, 1 NT is a **FORCING** bid!!!!!!

What if my partner (Responder) bids a suit? What do I do?

Rebids by Opener after a Suit Bid	What bid means
Pass	There is NO such Bid!!! <u>Any new suit by responder</u> is FORCING!!!! YOU MAY NEVER PASS!!!!
Raise of Responder's Suit	Should show 4-card support
Bid of new suit below original suit	Minimum Hand no support in Responder's suit
Original suit at 2-level	Shows six-card suit; minimum
Jump Shift	Maximum Hand and unbalanced
Raise responder's suit 2-levels	Intermediate Hand with support
Original suit at 3-level	Intermediate Hand and 6-card suit
2 NT	Balanced Hand 18 – 19 HCPs
Raise responder's suit to 4-level	Four-card support with 19+ HCPs

What are Responder's bids that Opener can pass?

Rebids by Responder	What bid means
Raise Opener's suit	Minimum Hand!! Nothing else to tell!!!
Rebidding Own Suit	Minimum Hand!! 5+ card suit

How can Responder invite Opener to game?

Rebids by Responder	What bid means
Jump in own suit	Invitational hand; 6+ card suit
2 NT to opener's rebid of 1 NT	Invitational, balanced hand
Bidding 2 NT over 2 nd suit	Invitational, balanced hand
Bidding the fourth suit**	Usually game-forcing MUST BE ALERTED ; fourth-suit forcing!! Does not promise this suit!!!

Is this all there is to Rebids? The short answer is NO!! This will, however, get you started!! Remember that you are trying to determine the BEST contract!!! That does not always mean bidding game!!! Pay attention to your partner's bids!!! They tell you a very compelling story!!!

NOTE: Don't be afraid to bid!! The worst possible thing that can happen is if you get a "bad" board!! The world will not end!! Do not be afraid to make a mistake!!! If you never make a mistake, you will not learn!!!

Let's look at some examples:

Opener's Hand	Opener's First Bid		Responder's Bid	Opener's Rebid
	HCPs	Bid		
♠ AQ10963 ♥ 76 ♦ KJ7 ♣ K10	_____	_____	1 NT*	_____
♠ K6 ♥ AKJ863 ♦ J108 ♣ A2	_____	_____	1 ♠	_____
♠ KJ ♥ K872 ♦ AJ10965 ♣ 2	_____	_____	1 NT`	_____
♠ KJ86 ♥ KQ107 ♦ K752 ♣ 2	_____	_____	1 ♠	_____
♠ AK76 ♥ KQ843 ♦ 74 ♣ A9	_____	_____	1 ♠	_____
♠ AQJ2 ♥ KQ94 ♦ AK3 ♣ 74	_____	_____	1 ♠	_____
♠ AK862 ♥ A1062 ♦ Q8 ♣ 97	_____	_____	1 NT*	_____
♠ KQ93 ♥ A2 ♦ AQJ852 ♣ 8	_____	_____	1 NT	_____
♠ A7 ♥ 1042 ♦ KQ72 ♣ KJ104	_____	_____	1 ♥	_____

*Playing 2/1: After opening bid of one of a major, a bid of 1 NT is **FORCING!!!!**