

STAMFORD BRIDGE CLUB

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REVERSE BIDDING

Revision

We talked about

- Simple preference
- Strength needed for a 'reverse'
- Low reverses and high reverses
- Important tenets

Simple preference

Responder, if weak and with 2/2 in opener's suits, will prefer opener's first bid suit

1♠ P 1NT P

2♥ P

Responder bids 2♠ with the same number of spades and hearts

Strength for a 'reverse' bid

If opener 'reverses', responder has to show this simple preference at the **three** level, so opener has to be that much stronger than a minimum bid to justify the 'reverse'- at least 16/17 points

Low and high reverses

If opener's second bid* is at the two level it is a low reverse;

If the rebid is at the three level it is a high reverse:

1♠ P 2♥ P

3♣ is a high reverse. Responder still needs to show preference at the three level.

**fitting the conditions on the previous slide*

Important tenets

If your partner shows some strength (e.g. by a bid at the 2 level, or by a 'reverse'), bid your own hand, not his.

A new suit bid at the three level is unconditionally forcing: partner **MUST** bid again.